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NO MORE TIMBER GRANTS ISSUED.

Information that May Alter Many Plans.

There Are no Chances for Securing Berths to Cut Cordwood or Saw or Cabin Logs, So Don't Abilly.

The jig is up apparently for many who were fondly hoping that if all else failed they could go out and cut logs and cordwood, for sale at Dawson prices. The look of blank amazement on the faces of hundreds of applicants returning from the office of the Timber Commissioner led the Nugget man to make a personal investigation. In an interview with that gentleman it was learned that instructions from Ottawa had been received forbidding the granting of any more permits, licenses or timber berths. This effectively putting a stop to all thoughts of lumbering, unless one is already in on the ground floor. More than this, all cutting on the Klondike and Indian rivers, even by those with permits, must stop immediately by order of the timber agent himself. His object in this action, as stated by himself, is to protect the miner. If he allowed the promiscuous cutting of timber on those rivers everything would soon be floated down and the already difficult problem of timber for mines would become ten times more difficult.

Explaining the action of the authorities in shutting down on timber permits and licenses, Mr. Willison stated that if all the men were given licenses who have already applied for the same, the ground taken would be double that of the entire timber area of the district. Applications for permits to cut from 150 to 500 cords of wood have been made by at least 2,500 people, while 1,200 more have applied for timber berths of from 1 to 5 miles in extent. Mr. Willison has occupied his present position but a few days and is much exercised over the number of refusals he must needs make every hour and almost every minute. "I thought it was a good rush," said he; but it has developed into a veritable timber rush. Twenty more saw mills must be here within two months and sixty more this year, by the terms of their grants."

This question was put by the Nugget man: "You profess to be desirous of preventing a monopoly of this timber by companies buying up the holdings of men securing grants. Now, are you not actually favoring a monopoly when you turn over to the few men now in possession the supplying of Dawson with fuel and timber without fear of competition from those outside the ring?"

Mr. Willison's answer was a question: "Would you, in my place, give everyone I have told you of permission to cut promiscuously over the country?"

A Six-Mile Reserve.

In an interview with Major Walsh Wednesday night it was learned that no timber berths will be granted from this on within a radius of six miles of Dawson. The Major's reason is to prevent anything like a corner in fuel or house logs. He remarks that there will undoubtedly be lots of poor people here who will be unable to pay fancy prices for their necessities, and that this six miles is open for them. The wisdom of this regulation is apparent to all. While six miles may appear a long ways now, on the snow and ice of winter it is not really so.

Dominion Day.

Yesterday was celebrated by the Canadians in a patriotic manner. All the British flags there were in the city waved in the breeze all day long. In the evening the Dominion Club gave a banquet at the Regina Cafe, in honor of Dominion Day, at which all the government officials were honored guests. On July 1, 1864, by special act of the British Parliament, Canada was allowed to organize a separate government of the United States. Ever since then July 1st has been a day of celebration. An account of the banquet will appear in our next issue.

Accidental Shooting.

On May 25th, at head of Windy Arm, Fred Whitehead, Jr. of Keene, N. H., while out hunting in company with A. P. White, of Houghton, Mass., was killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver. He was leaning over to start a rock rolling down the hill, and his revolver dropped from his hamper and the hammer struck the rock, sending a bullet through his heart. He was buried under the auspices of the Masons.

Only a Fake.

The street rumor that men were being arrested for shooting moose and bringing in the meat is pronounced at police headquarters a canard out of whole cloth. No man has ever been arrested in this district for the foregoing offense. Indeed, the police declare that, owing to the food situation the closed season prescribed by the game laws of the Dominion have not yet been enforced here.

First Parties to Arrive from Teslin.

S. W. Kirvan, of Soo, Mich., representing the News of that place, arrived in the city this week, having come in over the Stikkeen route. He is a member of the Dr. Rogers and Everett party. Mr. Kirvan was unfortunate enough to lose his outfit and a clothing bag containing \$500 in cash by a wreck on Teslin river. He and

all others who tackled that trail are not much stuck on it. Packing from the Stikkeen to Lake Teslin was 40 cents a pound. About 1,500 people are yet on the route, and they will be lucky if they all get in before tea forms. The Hootalinqua is said to be a remarkably fine stream to run, being free of bars, rocks or rapids.

COURT NEWS.

What Transpired Before the Two Justices the Past Week.

The week has seen several important cases before Justices Stearns and Harper. T. Connelly was charged with intent to defraud in that he did use certain fraudulent dice in some saloon of the city. Case carried up.

John Poe was charged with wanting to use an axe on a companion's anatomy. Case carried up.

Justice was meted out to Charles Staples who for the next six months will labor with his hands instead of his head. It appears that some months ago Mrs. A. R. Crane engaged the said Staples to pack, haul and boat her outfit over the passes and down to Dawson. He proved to be quite a competent and obliging fellow and the lady left him in charge at the lakes and proceeded ahead with just her baggage. She arrived at Dawson and so did Staples after the lapse of a few weeks. Imagine the lady's chagrin when he told her the outfit was wrecked in Thirty-mile river and everything lost. The lady was skeptical but unlike many of her sex in like circumstances she did nothing but proceeded to saw wood on the jump. Perseverance was at last rewarded and she soon found that in some mysterious manner some of her goods had reached Dawson. She called in and soon recovered every article supposed to be lying on the cold damp bottom of Thirty-mile. Mr. Staples will be given ample time to ponder over the problem of who next to defraud a determined lady who persists in disbelieving his statements of fact.

Of petty drunks there have been about forty the past week. It only costs an ounce to get drunk and the police are disposed to regard the offense lightly when not coupled with any aggravating circumstances. Indeed in many cases the intoxicated individual is simply taken to the station for his own good and to see that his gold sack is properly cared for.

Several charges of petty theft were made during the week which upon investigation proved to be nothing but the usual partnership disputes over property being divided up. A serious charge of misappropriation has been introduced against F. Dawson by O. W. Jackson. It appears that Dawson was a "lay" man on claim No. 9 above discovery on Bonanza, the property of Mrs. J. J. Healey. It is charged that he has misappropriated \$100 in gold dust and the case comes up before Justice Harper at 2 o'clock Saturday.

A case of infraction of the customs laws comes up before Justice Stearns Saturday. O. W. Winstead is accused of making a false entry of his goods and of having quantities of whiskey concealed all through the sacks.

Messrs. Schwartz and Ward are in trouble for using crooked dice. Their cases will come up later.

Judge McGuire will try O. Schafer for assault upon a partner.

Two Scows Wrecked.

Thirty-mile river has added another to its already long list of victims. On Wednesday, June 24th, two large scows heavily loaded with outfits and general merchandise, were wrecked on Casey's rock, about nine miles from the head of Thirty-mile.

From F. M. Trounce, of Seattle, who saw the wreck, the particulars were learned. The scows were in charge of H. A. Stewart, of the Stewart Bros., who made a successful trip into Dawson last fall. Mr. Stewart went out over the ice and was returning with 30 tons of merchandise, with the intention of engaging in a general trading business. The banks were strewn with great quantities of wreckage, and little, if any of the cargo of the scows was secured.

An outfit belonging to Miss Della Kelly, of Seattle, was on the scows. Miss Kelly came from Bennett on the Steamer Willie Irving and has not yet learned if any of her outfit is saved.

Murder On Stikkeen River.

On April 13th, Jos. C. Claus was arrested on the trail between Lake Teslin and Glenora for the murder of Henry Swans and Richard Knight, all of Vancouver. When they left Vancouver in February, the three were companions. While on the Stikkeen river Claus shot one of the men and killed the other with an axe and buried the bodies in a crack in the ice. Taking horse and outfit and the valuables of his companions he proceeded on till he was arrested. He was tried at Telegraph Creek and sentenced to be hung. He admitted the killing, but set up the plea of self-defense. The fact that he had \$500 belonging to the men on his person was evidence to the contrary.

Hello, Mike.

Mike Kelly of Seattle, Fred Berner, of Auburn Wash., and Mrs. L. V. Vincent, of Chicago, arrived Wednesday night. All the old-timers know Mike, who has made three trips into the country, and a story told by one of his friends aptly illustrates this fact. From the time the party started from Dyer it was "Hello, Mike" from nearly everyone they met, and Mike always had a pleasant word for reply. When the

party landed at McCormick's old trading post, above Flag Fingers, they found a party of five asleep near by, and Mike, with his customary thoughtfulness, cautioned his friends to go "aisy." Hearing that voice which none can mistake, one of the sleepers suddenly raised up and after rubbing his eyes, exclaimed: "Well, I'll be d— if there ain't Mike Kelly!" "Well, Kelly," remarked one of Mike's companions, "I firmly believe if you were to walk through a grave yard some corpse would rise out of its everlasting sleep and cry: 'I'll bet an ounce that's Mike Kelly!'"

STORIES OF CAMP AND TRAIL.

A good story is going the rounds on Frank P. Slavin, the ex-pugilist who gained fame last winter as a stamper. One night this week a party of 11 miners came together at the mouth of Eureka creek on their way back to Dawson. Slavin, who had been showing an elderly gentleman around the different creeks, undertook to lead the party back to Dawson by the shortest and most direct route. All the men knew that Slavin had traveled the hills frequently and consequently were well pleased at the prospect of having so experienced a guide.

At 6:30 that evening the entire party headed by Slavin, started on the return trip. Now, as everyone knows who has followed or attempted to follow the divide between upper Bonanza and Indian river, it is a very easy proposition to lose one's bearings, particularly where there is no trail, as is the case in a number of long stretches of country. The fact of the matter is that the men who succeed in crossing without getting tangled up as to their whereabouts are in the minority. And thus it happened that Slavin came to grief.

The reputation of the ex-fistic artist as a stamper is certainly well deserved. Up and down the hills he traveled like a greyhound, the remainder of the party following, every man almost on a dog trot for fear of losing their guide.

At length after some five hours of this sort of thing an unpleasant conviction began forcing itself upon the minds of some of Slavin's followers. Objects appeared on their road that seemed decidedly familiar. Several of the party were willing to swear they had seen these things before and at a very recent date. In particular a huge granite boulder attracted their attention as it was a decidedly conspicuous object. They marked the boulder and without saying anything to the leader pushed on after him. An hour later the boulder was again in sight. That was the first straw that broke the camel's back.

The men all stopped and Slavin's elderly companion, who was bringing up the rear, yelled out: "I say, Frank, the next time you strike this bloody, damned boulder, you'd better stake it."

At this point the party divided. Part of the men took a course across the mountains and the next morning at 4:30 struck Sulphur creek about 30 miles from the original starting point. After a day's rest they started up the creek and came on over to Dawson. They report that at last accounts Slavin and his party were still swinging around the circle.

Church Notes.

Public religious services will be held Sunday, June 23d, in the new hospital building on government reserve, in rear of Episcopal Church, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Father Judge will hold services on Sunday, in temporary quarters, south of St. Mary's Hospital.

The Presbyterians will hold regular Sunday services at the usual hours, 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., in the new hospital building.

Usual Sunday services will occur in St. Paul's Church. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Rev. J. J. Larsen, superintendent of the M. E. Mission of Alaska, arrived in Dawson this week, and has arranged to hold services in Pioneer Hall to-morrow. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Scandinavian services will be held at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. Evening service at 8 o'clock.

Should Publish the Law.

The public is ignorant of the laws and rulings in force in this country. The population is made up from every quarter of the globe (except China and Japan), and none, even the old timers, know just what the law is. Would it not be wise for the administration, through the heads of each department, to state in concise form the laws and orders bearing upon the subjects most concerning the mass of the people? The columns of the newspapers are the best mediums through which to make these things known.

A Good Sale.

Cap. Alice sold his quarter interest in No. 12 Eldorado this week for \$22,500. He immediately took 15 or 20 men and proceeded to his claim on Bonanza, No. 5 above, and will put the whole force to development work.

Horse Feed Scarce.

The feed supply for horses is becoming an important problem in Dawson. Horses are arriving every day without feed, and many are now being fed on flour. Of the hundreds of idle men here some of them can make good money hunting up hay to cut for the winter.

The steamer W. K. Morwin will leave for Michikiluk Monday, July 14th, at 7 p. m. See display ad for fare, etc.

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ALL STAKED AND STAKED AGAIN.

That's What the "Nugget" Man Found On Big Creek.

No Discovery Made, Yet the Creek is Staked From Mouth to Source, and in Both Directions From Two Prospect Holes.

A representative of the Nugget has just returned from a trip across the divide covering the more important creeks entering the Indian river. Prospectors are swarming over the hills and creeks in that district by the hundreds and if there is any undiscovered gold in that part of the country, the possibilities are that it will come to light during the present season.

Last week a stamper occurred on what has been called Big Creek, which comes into Indian river about eight miles below Eureka. There are three different parties working on the creek for a discovery, but thus far no gold of any value has as yet been brought to light. Notwithstanding this fact, as soon as it became known that holes were being sunk, parties of stakers began swarming over the creek. The first stakes were driven about 2 miles from the mouth, at the point where the first prospect hole was being sunk. From this hole the creek is staked a distance of nearly twenty miles. About ten miles from the mouth Messrs. J. D. McKee, A. M. Ross, M. E. Olesen and R. H. Strafford are sinking the second hole. From here the creek is staked in both directions. The result of this confusion will be, undoubtedly, that all of the present staking will be invalidated. It is stated by men who are at work on the creek that as many as fifteen and twenty claims were staked by the same person. The real prospectors who are sinking the creek in a business-like way are much incensed at this and declare their intentions to invoke the strong arm of the law to prevent any record being made of claims thus staked.

Eureka Creek is giving evidence of good value. Claims formerly offered at an insignificant figure are now held at \$4,000 and \$5,000, notwithstanding the present downward tendency in the market. On No. 12 above, on the left fork, a nugget, weighing 110 was recently found, and pans netting up to 15 cents are common.

A large amount of work will be done on Sulphur and Dominion during the approaching fall and winter. These creeks being established themselves as being far above the average as gold producers. Large offers have been made for some of the better known claims on Sulphur, though few have been prospected enough as yet to determine their value definitely. On several claims where holes have been sunk, good colors can be picked off the dump. It is a difficult matter at the present time to get supplies into Dominion and Sulphur, owing to the distance from Dawson. A few pack trains are being taken over, but for the most part the men who are there will come into town when grub is scarce and remain until winter. The natural sled route from Dawson to Sulphur is via Haunker. This route is comparatively short and but few hills of any consequence occur.

The War Situation.

Up to the time of going to press there is no news about the war between America and Spain any later than our last issue, except the landing of some troops by the United States at Guantanamo, and the drawing in of the line of vessels around Santiago de Cuba. The blockade of Havana is still vigilantly held and it is confidently believed that the Don's last day in Cuba is not far distant. It is hoped here that the decisive engagement of the war has already taken place, though in this distant place we are not yet aware of it.

Quite a Clean-up.

R. J. Gandolfo, a pioneer in nearly every placer or quartz mining camp in the country, and who arrived on the 19th with 15,000 pounds of candles, oranges, lemons, etc., brought the first bananas, cucumbers and ripe tomatoes to Dawson. The bananas brought \$1.00 and the cucumbers \$5.00 each, and at \$5.00 a pound the tomatoes were snapped up as soon as placed on sale.

At wholesale the oranges brought \$40.00 and the lemons \$75.00 per box.

Mr. Gandolfo's far-sightedness in bringing in to the country the luxuries so much in demand will enable him to make a greater clean-up than many a man who has devoted his attention to mining the past winter.

A Fine Cafe.

Ever since Dawson was founded, and until this summer, the restaurant question has been a serious one. Now, however, the list is well represented, from the cheap lunch counter to the finest of cafes. Recognizing the urgent need of a first-class eating house, where any taste could be satisfied, and where parties and banquets could be held, Mr. F. C. Healy fitted up elegant quarters just north of the N. A. T. & C. Co.'s store and last week opened the Regina Club Cafe. It has been popular from the start. With nice tables and chairs, clean linen and dishes, and the best the market affords, to say nothing of having the best chef in the city, the Regina Club Cafe receives the patronage of all those in the city who are particular about their cuisine. The favor in which it is held is best proven by the fact that the Dominion Club selected it for holding their banquet Friday evening.

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ANENT SUNDAY CLOSING.

Our article in last issue on the Sunday closing of everything has met with general approval, and again with very strong disfavor. Some who criticize it misconstrue the article. We do not oppose Sunday closing of saloons, and the action of the administration in closing them from 12 o'clock Saturday night till 12 o'clock Sunday night has our warmest commendation. Every saloon man we have approached favors it. It was the order advancing it to 2 a. m. Monday that called for objection, and we contend yet that Sunday closing has been carried too far. Exceptions must be and have been made. Certain houses dispensing what the people must have have been excepted, as well as some not dealing in absolute necessities, and that is why we pointed to the closing down of sawmills as one act of injustice, for lumber just now is in great demand. Four months in twelve is a very short run, and then to have that cut one-seventh makes quite an item in the output. We believe the administration has not carefully considered the situation; that they are prejudiced, or have allowed personal inclinations to get the better of public policy. That there is some prejudice cannot be denied, from what has occurred at certain houses. We are not arguing for one set of men, but for the people, looking at the matter fairly and squarely from the people's standpoint, and hope with the people that orders will be so modified as to be fair to all. Pleasures can be dispensed with, and yet they should be fairly treated. Sunday closing should be Sunday closing, and to a specific end. But the people would like to know just "where they are at."

CONDITION OF THE STREETS.

Dawson is unfortunate in her streets. Teams and wagons have appeared this summer and things are in worse condition than ever before. Ladies can be seen at the north end of town, where there are no sidewalks, who actually have to stop once in a while at some convenient pool and wash the clinging mud from their footwear. Mud, mud, everywhere, and were it not for the eternal frost beneath, it would be bottomless. As it is, the hubs of the wheels gauge the depths of the mud and the axletrees drag as they did in Chicago in the early days. The summer season is short and a few loads of sawdust would soon make the main street clean and passable. The government draws the handsome rental of not less than \$30,000 per year from the property holders, and some of this should be spent along the streets, from whence it is collected. Private parties have done considerable, but it is expensive and a public improvement falls heavily on one man when he undertakes to fix up the street in front of his place of business. If you hire a team it costs you \$10 per hour and it can't pull half a load nor go very far either. In all the cities we have heretofore known there has always been some one responsible for the condition of the streets. If indeed it is nobody's business then someone should make it his business. We are yet to have several weeks of summer and fall weather and we hope something will be done at once.

The ruling that a bona fide discovery must be made on a creek and the same certified to by the mine inspector before location can be made is a good one. It will save many a useless stampede. There are numerous creeks lined with stakes from source to mouth on which a color has never been found, or hardly sought for. Of course it brought revenue to the government, but it shut off prospecting and discouraged development. The new order will stimulate genuine prospecting.

The reservation by Major Walsh of the timber within a radius of six miles of the city for the general public—those with free miner's licenses—is an order that meets with the most hearty approval of the general public. In this country where monopolies are sought after in order that large sums can be made the expense of those who must have what has been cornered in order to exist, the knowledge that wood cannot be cornered will relieve many a mind.

It must be understood that this paper is not necessarily in accord with all sentiment expressed in communications. Our columns are open to the discussion of important questions, and whether the views of correspondents coincide with those of THE NUGGET or not, any communication bearing on matters of public interest will be given space.

We have received several communications on important matters, which we shall be much pleased to publish at the proper time. Just now our columns are taken up with other matter, and besides the time is hardly ripe for the agitation of the questions handled by our correspondents.

Our semi-weekly paper meets with the approval and hearty support of the people of Dawson. When our additional plant arrives from up the river and we get our daily established, then will Dawson have the finishing touches of a metropolitan city.

HINTS TO NEWCOMERS.

A Few Suggestions that May Prove of Value to the Uninitiated.

There never was a city in the whole wide West one-half the size of Dawson or with one-half the people arriving hourly as are here seen without some kind of a bureau of information, or some place where a stranger could find out "where he was at," so to speak. Boats come in and boats go out with their cargo of human freight, and no one a whit the wiser. Thousands of newcomers have sold out their outfits without leaving their boats and then pushed off in the current for the lower country or St. Michaels. They have seen absolutely nothing of the country or its products, but with their enthusiasm cooled down to zero, and their minds a perfect blank, as far as information is concerned, are prepared to say anything of Dawson and its people.

But there are others who are really desirous of knowing the worst or the best and who have no means at hand. Outside newspaper accounts are hardly a fit guide now. An old-timer suggests to the Newcomer man the following as good information for the newcomer:

- First. Remember that winter sets in in September.
- Second. Floating ice from the upper rivers makes the Yukon decidedly dangerous from then until early in November, especially after October 15th. Severe cold and storms can be looked for at this time.
- Third. December is the best winter month to travel in. After the 10th the weather is uniform.
- Fourth. To put in the winter in a tent is at the risk of your life. A cabin at some point of refuge should be provided at once.
- Fifth. It is impossible at this time of the year to carry enough food on one's back to enable one to get beyond the already discovered country. After the first snow and freeze-up, with the aid of a couple or more of good dogs, you can take with you a three or four months' supply, and can therefore reach some very promising territory. You will probably arrive there ahead of the men who are now laboriously poking up rivers and scaling mountains with packs on their backs.
- Sixth. The sixteen-inch ordinary Yukon sled is better than those of wider tread. Don't try to use eighteen-inch snow-shoes on a sixteen-inch trail. The narrow Indian snowshoes are best.
- Seventh. Don't think you can wear the rubber foot-wear you have brought with you when the weather becomes good and cold. Moccasins are a necessity.
- Eighth. Don't think that because you have been out ten or twenty miles and found stakes on every hand you have demonstrated the old-time to be in possession of the whole earth and the fullness thereof. There are some corners yet which he has overlooked and which will be shown up the coming winter by energetic men.

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WHAT STRANGE THINGS DO HAPPEN.

If You Don't "Stand In" You Can't Prospect.

A Few Questions and Answers Relative to Some of the Peculiar Conditions Existing in and Around Dawson.

The city of Dawson is full of strangers and the air for two weeks past has been full of unanswered questions and wonderings concerning the why and the wherefore of certain doings by the various commissioners and others in authority at this place. Among other things it was being asserted by many of the streets that valuable ground on the Klondike and its tributaries was being held from entry by prospectors who would spend their time in vain around here as they were being refused permission to record on ground unstraked and not held for the Crown. Then there was the story of hundreds of gallons of whiskey brought in under the proper signature of the lieutenant governor, passed by the various police posts from the summit to Selkirk and now withheld from sale by the Yukon commissioner himself.

Then there were vague wonderings at the sudden removal of Sergeant Richards from the marshaling of this place. It was said that without any charges being made he was given but six hours to leave by first steamer for the distant post of Tagish.

Again, there was the strange action of the authorities some time ago in collecting a \$2000 license from each and every saloon man then in business. Suddenly it is learned that no license is necessary and saloons spring up on every hand like mushrooms in a night.

These and other vain questions the Nugget man caught in the air and proceeded on Wednesday evening to set at rest by an interview with Major Walsh, the gentleman in supreme control of all things pertaining to this section. The following questions were then propounded:

Q.—Major Walsh, is there any conflict of authority between the two forces of the N. W. M. P. now occupying this city?

A.—"Not that I am aware of."

Q.—"Then why was a \$2000 license collected by one branch of the administration and afterwards remitted by yourself?"

A.—"I remitted no saloon license at all. I simply told the men that had I been here one week earlier it would not have been collected under the authority of the lieutenant governor, whose powers in this matter were superseded by myself on my appointment as Commissioner of the Yukon."

Q.—"Then in collecting this license money the lieutenant governor exceeded his authority?"

A.—"It would appear so. The licensing power lies in myself."

Q.—Major, will you tell the Nugget why certain lots of liquors in Dawson are held up by the police?"

A.—"The whiskey in question came in without a proper permit."

Q.—"Then how did it get by the police at the summit, at Bennett, at Tagish, at Hootah, at Big and Little Salmon and at Selkirk?"

The major here explained that previous to his appointment a permit to bring in whiskey was good coming from the lieutenant governor, but that now it must issue from himself. The police at the various posts mentioned had erred in honoring the lieutenant governor's permit. He further stated that this matter had now been referred to Ottawa and he would not release the whiskey by a permit over his own signature until heard from there.

In the matter of the deposing of Sergeant Richards the Major was more reticent. The commissioner would give no reason for the deposing of his subordinate, though some very pertinent questions were put and answered.

Q.—"Was the sergeant removed for licensing the Klondike Louisiana Lottery Co. for \$50 per month?"

A.—"I had no knowledge of his doing this. He had no power to grant license nor grant anything without referring to his superior."

Q.—"Was not his removal to a distant post in the nature of a degradation; and was not six hours notice to be prepared to depart a somewhat summary proceeding?"

The Major smilingly replied that the why and the wherefore of administrative matters was not for the general public, but that six hours was ample time for a policeman to report elsewhere.

In the matter of placer grounds withheld from entry the Major explained at some length that it laid with Gold Commissioner Fawcett. It appears that the Commissioner can, at his option, give to any man or any party of men the exclusive privilege of prospecting on the Klondike and its tributaries. The time limit is fixed by himself and during this time the district so set apart cannot be prospected, staked nor recorded, even though a miner hold a stack of licenses as thick as a family Bible. The Major admitted that this most astonishing state of affairs did not meet with his approval at all that while Mr. Fawcett could be trusted not to transcend the permit power, it was a power liable to immense abuses.

Dangerous Thirty-Mile.

C. P. Dain and J. H. Woolery, who arrived Tuesday morning, report thirty-mile river a regular graveyard for boats. At the time they left the foot of Lake LeBarge eight scows accompanied them; five went to pieces on the treacherous rocks. Two other scows, heavily loaded with provisions, were also sunk although part of the cargo was saved. In the many accidents which have happened it is a pleasure to note that there has been no great loss of life, only one drowning being reported so far. The

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A horrible story of suffering and death of a party of two unfortunates is brought in by the Merwin passengers. An Indian told some of them on March 8 that the body of a white man...

On March 15 the Alice's crew filled with water, destroying about a quarter of the provisions of the passengers. The Merwin started out with herself and barge loaded down with provisions...

The Stoneman Stranded. On its trip up the river the steamer Merwin passed the Gov. Stoneman which was 200 feet from water, where she had been left by receding ice and water...

Seattle No. 1 Sails for St. Michaels. On Wednesday evening, June 30th, the Seattle No. 1, owned by the Seattle Yukon Transportation Co., sailed for St. Michaels...

New Steamboats for Dawson. The steambot arrivals from down the river have not so far kept up to the expectations of many who knew of the plans of boat building outside...

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An Open Letter.

To the Miners and Prospectors of the N. W. T.: Allow me to remind everyone interested in the welfare of the territory of the urgent necessity of co-operating for the purpose of securing a liberal form of government...

First and most important is the need for local government. Then comes a removal of the burdens and taxes on a miners industry in the shape of royalties and reservation of every ten claims...

Also the price of the miner's right reduced to a reasonable figure and such right to give every miner full permission to cut and raft timbers either on his own claim or any government ground in the N. W. T.

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Frank J. Dunleavy. R. J. Brown, of Owasso, Mich., arrived in the city Wednesday. Wesley Young, of Seattle, formerly with the Great Northern Railway, arrived one day last week...

Charles H. Harris, traffic manager of the Seattle Yukon Transportation Co., is in the city arrived in time to see the Seattle No. 1, the first of the fleet to reach Dawson, leave for St. Michaels with a full list of passengers...

Jack Collins, of Portland, has located claims on Moods and on the left foot of Big Creek. Mr. Collins went over the ice last winter, drawing his own hand sled. He enjoys the inevitable distinction of having carried the largest pack over the Dyea summit that has yet been recorded...

LOCAL BREVITIES

Meals of \$1.50 seem to be the go now at most of the hotels and restaurants. The N. A. T. Co. And increasing business calls for larger quarters, so a 30 x 30 extension is well under way...

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