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## RECEIVED BY WIRE STILL IN THE RING.

### Cronje And The Boers Had Not Surrendered.

SO FAR AS WAS KNOWN IN LONDON ON FEBRUARY 24.

### Boers Are Concentrating Their Forces In The Vicinity of Kimberley.

### Buller Drives The Boers Half Way Back To Ladysmith—Twelve Thousand of The Transvaalers Left To Oppose The Relief of That Town—Wires Are Down And Reports Conflicting—Six Thousand Boers Withdrawn To Help Cronje.

Skagway, March 2.—Newspapers received here today on the steamer Cottage City and containing dispatches from London, dated Feb. 24, do not confirm the report of the surrender of Gen. Cronje. Neither has any corroboration been received that the relief of Ladysmith has been accomplished. It is believed, according to the Associated Press, dispatches, that the statement of Cronje's surrender was given out to relieve the tension of public opinion.

At 5 o'clock on the morning of the 24th no information had been received at the war office from Gen. Roberts for three days and hence the presumption remains that up to that date Cronje had not surrendered.

The Boers are concentrating their available forces to the north of Kimberley, but whether for defensive or offensive operations is a matter of conjecture.

#### Boers Retire Before Buller.

London, Feb. 24, via Skagway, March 2.—On Feb. 22 the Boers retired from in front of Gen. Buller to a point half way between Colenso and Ladysmith, where, at last reports they still occupied the trenches. Of the 18,000 Boer troops which have been opposing Buller's advance it is believed that one third have

been withdrawn to the assistance of Cronje, leaving only 12,000 men to resist the further operations of Buller's army. It is thought that the Boers are making a final show in order to cover a retreat of the main body of their troops from Ladysmith.

#### Conflicting Reports.

London, Feb. 24, via Skagway, March 2.—The News publishes a dispatch from Capetown stating that the wires are down and that war reports are conflicting.

#### Sunday Night Concert.

The concert to be given next Sunday evening at the Orpheum by the Symphonic orchestra, under the baton of the well known conductor, Mr. William Gerbracht, and the management of Messrs. Zimmerman and Radcliffe, promises to be one of great merit. In looking over the program we find among other gems the "Torchlight Dance," by Meyerbeer, and the "Descriptive Piece, American Battle Scenes," pretentious numbers which would do credit to any eastern symphony orchestra, and no doubt will be highly appreciated here. Also the prison scene and miserere, which took so well in the first concert, aside from this, there is the great duet between Azirena (Miss Lorne) and Mauricio (Mr. Zimmerman), Mrs. Leroy Tozier in solos and Miss Blossom in another duet with Zimmerman. In fact the whole program is one that will commend itself to every true lover of music. Messrs. Zimmerman and Radcliffe desire to give only the very best and Mr. Zimmerman's connection with all the principal conductors and orchestras in the east are a guarantee that all promises made in regard to these concerts will be fulfilled. The house will be comfortable and in perfect order; there will be no objectionable features, no bar and no smoking. The doors will open at 8 p. m., concert commencing at 9 p. m. sharp.

#### A Fire Alarm.

An alarm of fire to which the department promptly responded, was rung in at 3 o'clock this afternoon. A defective flue in a cabin on Fourth street, occupied by the Josephine Sisters, occasioned the blaze. No damage.

#### Grant of Water Right.

Yesterday the mining recorder issued to Ellen Acklen and C. George Johanson a grant for five years, to divert and use 600 inches of water to be taken three quarters of a mile from the mouth of a Thomas gulch, entering the Klondike river on the right limit about a half of a mile above the Acklen farm.

Said water to be used for mining purposes on the placer claims located on said Acklen farm.

#### Corriveau Convicted, Smith Acquitted.

Ike Corriveau was convicted last evening in the territorial court of the crime of retaining stolen goods in his possession. As stated in yesterday's Daily Nugget, the property in question consisted of a marquise ring, set with 35 diamonds, and a diamond stud, which had been stolen from the pawnshop of Uncle Hoffman, on the 25th of last May. The prisoner did not deny possession of the goods, but set forth in defense that he had no knowledge of them being stolen. Corriveau will be sentenced during the coming week.

This morning, the case of the Queen vs. Celia F. Smith was concluded by an instruction to the jury from Justice Dugas ordering the former to return a verdict of not guilty. The prisoner was accused of passing forged bank notes. The alleged crime was committed at Dawson, November 18th, 1899, when the defendant succeeded in exchanging two bogus twenty dollar bills and a worthless ten dollar bill. The parties on whom the bills were passed were David J. Jenkins, Mr. Bittelo, and Maggie Waluka. The prosecution was unable to establish that the three bills produced in court were the same ones, which the defendant had circulated. Justice Dugas, before ordering the jury to return a verdict of acquittal, severely censured the police officers for failing to mark the bills before they left the possession of the prosecuting witnesses.

This afternoon the case of the Queen vs. Aurora Mack is on trial. The prisoner is charged with perjury, committed in making false returns to the officer who collects the royalty.

#### K. of P. Social Club.

Last night at the McDonald hall, a number of members of the Knights of Pythias order met and organized a K. of P. Social Club. The following officers were elected: President, Capt. D. B. Olsen; vice-president, Leroy Tozier; secretary, F. W. Clayton; treasurer, N. A. Fuller. Resolutions of condolence were passed on the death of Brother Scott Lindsay. The report of the committee appointed to investigate the case of Brother F. W. Starnes, who is sick at St. Mary's hospital, was read and adopted. An effort will be made to organize under charter a regular Knights of Pythias lodge in Dawson. The members contemplate giving a dance or entertainment in the near future.

#### Butler Hotel Guests.

Duncan Stewart, 27 Eldorado; Capt. Fisher, of Eldorado; John Murray of Eldorado; Q. Fish, of Eldorado; J. D. Fish, of Eldorado; Gus Chevelier Hunker; Paul H. Eckleman, Bonanza; W. A. Schumacher, Bonanza; J. D. Barns, 21 below, Eldorado; T. Lee, Eldorado; S. Tansy, Last Chance; G. Miller, Gold Bottom; H. M. Davis, Dominion; D. Murphy, Sulphur; F. M. Housh, Gold Run; Jas. Jones, Concession Hill; Cas. Anderson, Gold Hill; Fred Thoenner, world pedestrian, started June 10, 1894, returned June 5, 18, landed in Rampart, May, 1897; Louis Teatherstone, Portland; Chas. Larsen, Seattle; Fred Snider, Monte Cristo Hill; Jas. Emmett Matthews, Dawson.

Shoff's Cough-Balsam; sure cure.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

## EXCITING ENCOUNTER.

### Between Bert Ford And The Colorado Kid.

#### THE CONTEST WAS A DRAW.

#### The Kid Sprained His Hand And Fought a Fast Fight.

#### The Preliminary Events Were Interesting—A Large Crowd Witnessed The Evening's Sport—Go With Black Prince Will be Deferred.

Last night witnessed the best entertainment ever given at Ford's gymnasium. The house was packed with an enthusiastic audience and the different contestants were cheered repeatedly for their clever and clean cut work. The program of the evening was to have included several wrestling bouts, but owing to the intensely exciting contest between Ford and the Colorado Kid (Agee), wrestling would have appeared too tame for the crowd and consequently that part of the entertainment was cut out.

Promptly at 9 o'clock Mr. Crowley, the referee chosen by the club for the evening, entered the ring and introduced Sinclair and Agee, who were matched for a four-round go for points. Agee is a brother of the Colorado Kid and shows some of his points, but lacks training. This was a clever exhibition, Sinclair showing from first to last to advantage and outpointing his man. The colored boy was distressed quickly, breathing heavily, while Sinclair remained cool and strong.

Following this was as clever an exhibition as could be desired anywhere, the participants, Perkins the Australian, and Phil Smith, doing some very clever work. Both men struck the true professional gait and evidenced their knowledge of the game at every point. The Australian has fought more than one battle and no one in this part of the country has any use for him as an opponent. He outweighs Smith some 20 pounds, but that was his only advantage last night.

After this Bert Ford and the Colorado Kid entered the ring for a 10 round go. This was the event of the evening and the occasion of the packed house. At the call of time the colored boy started in immediately with fast and clever work, landing strong on Ford repeatedly until the onlookers expected at the end

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## Whose Baby?



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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1900

### MOVING NORTHWARD.

The star of empire has slightly altered its proverbial western course and is evidencing decided tendencies to move in a northerly direction. In thus departing from all historic and well established precedents, the aforesaid star has simply made a virtue out of a necessity and turned northward to avoid being pushed into the Pacific ocean.

Fifty years ago, that portion of the United States lying west of the Mississippi valley was practically unknown. The vast prairie lands, now the source of a large portion of the world's grain supply, were given over entirely to the pasturage of immense herds of buffalo and served as hunting grounds for Indians.

What the next fifty years will witness in the development of this northern country is problematic. Unquestionably there are vast natural resources in the basin of the Yukon which are as yet unknown and which in time will be opened up and developed.

The area of territory known to carry gold in greater or less quantities, is practically unlimited, and it is but fair to presume that as increased economy in operation is attained there will be a constantly growing area of ground worked.

There are manifold and important problems yet to be worked out in this Yukon country. But underlying them all is the fact that a practically unlimited stretch of territory is known to be gold bearing and upon that basis we build the prophesy that year after year will see an increased stream of population and capital pouring into this country looking for employment and investment.

There must be some place for the surplus population of the crowded centers of civilization to escape. There are also adventurous spirits who find no pleasure in the humdrum incident to ordinary life and such as these are the pioneers who will gradually turn the valley of the Yukon into a country fit for the abode of civilized man. To our way of thinking the Yukon country, in point of development and growth in commercial importance, is yet in its swaddling clothes.

According to the police census of Dawson taken last summer, we are informed that 996 British subjects were found in the city out of a total population of 4445. With the number who necessarily could not be located we think it would be safe to say that there are not less than 1500 British subjects who would be eligible to exercise the voting franchise in case an election for the purpose of choosing local members for the Yukon council should be called. We quite agree with the opinion which has been expressed that a system of registration would be quite as effective

a method of ascertaining the approximate number of voters at the present time, as the more expensive plan of taking a new census. We hope that needless delay in this matter will not ensue.

Business in town is feeling the quickening impulse of renewed activity. Roadhouse owners and miners who purpose working during the approaching summer season are beginning to buy heavily in order to get their goods on to the creeks before the sort weather sets in and the trails become untraversable. Money is thus being thrown into circulation and a general improvement all along the line is noticeable.

Nome miners evidently have no love for the law authorizing the location of claims by power of attorney. It now costs \$25 to place a power of attorney on record at Nome and claims can not be recorded under such papers until the papers themselves have first been recorded. If an inextricable tangle does not result at Nome this summer it will be something extremely remarkable.

Inasmuch as the the News has had so many occasions to complain about the government telegraph service, we suggest to our contemporary the advisability of resorting to the heliograph system. This would save government changes and probably give our contemporary just as effective a telegraphic service as it now has.

### Petitions Pigeon-Holed.

Four o'clock yesterday afternoon was the time for the regular meeting of the Yukon council; but a quorum of members was not present, and the meeting was deferred. The Yukon council is expected to take consideration yesterday of the petition of British subjects asking for representative government. Two petitions had been prepared by the citizens' committee, and had been submitted, to the council; and the latter had been asked to endorse one or the other, and forward the memorial meeting their approval to Ottawa. The failure to hold a session yesterday will have the effect of delaying the people's petition at Ottawa.

The following are copies of the memorials or petitions, presented to the Yukon council for their endorsement:

To His Excellency, the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, in Council:

The petition of the undersigned, a committee appointed by the British subjects of the Territory, in mass meeting assembled, humbly sheweth:

First—An act of the parliament of Canada has been passed entitled "An act to amend the Yukon territory act," and being chapter 11 of the statutes of 1899.

Second—Subsections 3, 4 and 5 of section 1, of said act, have not yet been declared in force as in said act provided.

Third—On the 12th day of February, 1900, a large and representative meeting of the British subjects of the Yukon territory was called in McDonald hall, in Dawson, in the Yukon territory, and your petitioners were appointed a committee thereof to request that the said subsections of said act might be forthwith put in force in the Yukon territory.

Fourth—The said committee, your petitioners, have waited upon the commissioner and council of the Yukon territory, in committee assembled, and requested them to endorse this petition.

Fifth—There is a strong and unanimous feeling of the people of the territory that the said subsections of said section should be put in force at once.

Sixth—Your petitioners are of the unanimous opinion that the population

of the Yukon territory entitled to vote under the provisions of said act is not less than 3000 voters.

Seventh—The population of the Yukon territory, as shown by the different censuses taken by the Northwest Mounted Police is not less than 20,000.

Eighth—The wealth produced in the Yukon territory and the revenues paid by the citizens of the said territory amply entitle the citizens of the Yukon territory at least to the representation provided in said subsection.

Ninth—Reported gold discoveries in the territory of Alaska have caused a large emigration of the citizens of the Yukon territory, and in the opinion of your petitioners it would allay the unrest and discontent indicated by said emigration, if said subsections were put in force forthwith.

Tenth—That in the opinion of your petitioners it would be desirable to have the said election under said subsections take place before the opening of navigation on the Yukon river, in the spring of 1900, and before the breaking up of the winter traveling in the said territory.

Therefore, your petitioners pray that your excellency in council shall order that said subsections of said section of said act be declared in force forthwith.

And your petitioners will ever pray.  
Dated at Dawson, this 28th day of February, A. D. 1900.

(Signed)  
DONALD M'GREGOR,  
Chairman,  
THOMAS M'MULLEN,  
ALEX M'DONALD,  
C. M. WOODWORTH,  
A. D. WILLIAMS,  
JAS. STURGEON,  
JOSEPH A CLARK, Secretary.

Alternative petition:  
To His Excellency, the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, in Council:

The petition of the undersigned, a committee appointed by the British subjects of the Yukon territory in mass meeting assembled:

Your petitioners hereby petition and request that you do by order in council, have subsections 3, 4 and 5, of section 1 of the "Act to amend the Yukon territory act," being chapter 11 of the statutes of Canada, declared in force at once. And your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated at Dawson, Y. T., this 28th day of February, A. D. 1900.

Signed as former one):

### AN EXCITING ENCOUNTER.

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of the round to see Ford go down and out.

In the second round Ford did the work and landed easily on Agee, both in the face and stomach, making him gasp for wind and show marked signs of distress. In this round Agee attempted La Blanche's famous pivot blow, swinging with terrific force, but misjudging his distance.

The third and fourth rounds were Ford's, Agee getting weaker, but Ford losing his steam in wild swings.

In the fifth the Colorado Kid caught Ford twice with terrific force on the head with the pivot swing dazing his man, but not getting the blow in low enough, failed to put his man out. It was learned after the go that in this round Agee broke or sprained one of the bones of his hand, which will probably put him out of the match which was arranged to occur at the Palace Grand between him and the Black Prince. After this round both men were weak, but Ford showing the greater strength, not sufficient, however, to put his man out, which he could have done at any time if he had the steam.

The balance of the go was a general mix up with long clinches to gain wind

and neither able to do severe damage. At the end of the 10th the referee declared the go a draw, and Dr. Good was called to dress the Colorado Kid's hand.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

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Any person or persons living in any of the cabins or tents or in any way occupying any of the surface ground of Placer Mining Claim No. 5 above the creek on Bonanza Creek are hereby notified to vacate same at once, as the owners intend immediate work preparatory to operating said ground.  
JNO J. HEALY,  
Superintendent of Mines.

### Public Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ellen Acklen and Charles George Johnson have purchased from the government the 76 3/4 acres known as the Acklen ground, and that therefore they are entitled to all the surface rights thereon.

All persons who have squatted there are hereby notified that they must settle with the above named proprietors of the ground before the 1st day of April, 1900, for any part of the ground occupied by them on the lines of the agreement entered into by the said proprietors with the Government, communication of which agreement can be had either at the Crown Timber Office or at the office of S. M. Graff, Agent, Room "D" A. C. Co's Bldg.

Squatters failing to settle with the said proprietors before the said date will render themselves liable to ejectment.  
Dawson, 17th of February, 1900,  
(Signed) F. X. GUSSELIN,  
Crown Timber & Land Agent.

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Editor Daily Nugget: While it has not been delegated to me to be a member either of the Yukon council or of the committee of citizens appointed to confer with the council, yet I am a loyal subject of my queen, and as such I have abiding faith in my country and in my countrymen, and it gave me much pleasure to read in your paper of recent date the account of the manner in which the council received the committee and of the harmony and unity of feeling which prevailed at that short conference. This seeming unity of feeling as regards matters of vast importance to every man, Briton or alien, in the Yukon district has only served to increase my confidence in my countrymen whom I meet here in the far away vale of the Yukon.

I firmly believe that our officers who are administering affairs here are doing so from a conscientious standpoint; but as they are not the law makers it is certainly not to be laid to them that conditions, inssofar as the mining industry is concerned are as they are. They realize probably more readily than the balance of us the fact that the present laws are driving the one great industry of the country to the very brink of destruction, but until existing laws are remedied they are powerless to divert the tide from the course it is now flowing. It is the fact that the officials are cognizant of the existing evils that gives me confidence in the belief that they will give to their fellow countrymen and fellow citizens all the assistance at their command in praying the government at Ottawa to speedily extend relief in the shape of mining regulations that will mitigate the present existing conditions and which will enable our country to once more attain to a state of prosperity and expansion.

An erroneous impression prevails to some extent here—and I blush to say that many Canadians entertain it—that there is a low, undercurrent feud, so to speak between our officers and citizens. To the man of ordinary common sense who pauses for a moment's thought, the idea must present itself as a ridiculous one. Were it not for the citizen the official would not be here. The one is necessary to the other. Their interests are identical, and the moment the dark cloud of adversity begins to hover over the citizen, that same moment is the government which is represented by the official injured. When that dark cloud extends all over a district as is now the case in the Yukon, the government not only feels the effect but it is materially crippled in that it loses not only from a financial point, but also in the loyalty and respect of its citizens and subjects. This is why I assert, therefore, that the governmental and industrial interests are identical. They go hand in hand and must ascend or descend together.

In view of existing conditions the time is full ripe in which by concert of action on the part of officials and citizens, to ask for redress of grievances and oppressive laws at the hands of the government. Let a plain, simple statement of conditions as they exist, and a plain, simple statement of desired regulations be drawn, not necessarily by the citizens' committee, not necessarily by the Yukon council, but by both as Canadians and as residents of the Yukon district, and let such documents be forwarded to Ottawa so that the lawmakers there may be convinced by indisputable documentary evidence that the people here know just what they want and that they are a unit in asking it.

The public meeting held nearly three weeks ago was the first step in the path leading from the wilderness, and the joint meeting of the citizens' committee and Yukon council Tuesday night was another mighty stride in the same direction. The burden has been taken up; let there be no faltering until the matter is laid before the government, and let it be presented there as the united voice of our good queen's subjects now in the Yukon.

CANADIAN.

#### Here's a Scheme.

"I have a chamber of horrors at my lodgings," said a man about town, who takes great pride in his fantastically decorated apartments, "that has proved a tremendous hit with all callers. To be absolutely accurate, it is a cabinet rather than a chamber and consists primarily of an old cupboard. The history of the collection it contains is somewhat peculiar, although it is not the history with which it is generally accredited. One day when I was prowling around the place I ran across a lot of old rubbish in the closet. It was such debris as old shoes, hats, broken crockery and so on, and I was about to chuck it out when I had an inspiration. I thereupon cleaned up the cupboard and arranged this plunder neatly on the shelves, each article bearing a label. For instance, a broken hatchet was inscribed, 'Weapon used by Li Yen, the notorious Chinese highbinder, in the commission of eleven murders.' A rusty tin cup was ticketed as 'the cup from which Mrs. Deborah Simkins poisoned her husband and six children.' Visitors were cautioned to beware of the arsenic which still adhered to the bottom. One of my old razors, spoiled by chiropodistic exploits, figure as 'the celebrated suicide razor with which seven men have taken their lives.' Then followed a detailed list of the victims. Several innocent sections of clothesline courted fame as various hangman's nooses, and a tin platter was put in the collection as the plate from which a certain notorious murderer devoured his last meal. One of my year before last's shoes was labeled, 'Shoe worn by Jack the Ripper and left in the room of his last victim,' and a discarded four in hand did duty as a 'necktie taken from the corpse of Billy the Kid, the celebrated Apache desperado.' These are merely a few samples. The outfit included a little of everything from cigar stamps to tin cans, and occasionally I would pick up some picturesque addition on the street. Altogether the cabinet has proved the most attractive feature of my establishment, and I have noticed that it exerts an extraordinary fascination upon lady visitors. A number of little parties have been organized especially to see it, and everybody goes away delightfully thrilled. The scheme is something I would recommend to anybody on the lookout for pleasing novelties."

#### Pen Pictures of the War.

Julian Ralph, writing for the London Daily Mail, says: "Let me describe the top of one small hill in the Belmont engagement, the one in storming which the brave Grenadiers suffered part of their fearfully heavy loss. On this kopje the Boer commander had compelled the poorer men of his command to live for weeks. I took it that these were men of the servant and laborer class. Their dead, whose untidy and neglected bodies I saw seated as the British bullets, and bayonets found them, confirmed this theory, for they were poorly clad; unshaven, unclean and hungry looking. I knew when I saw such men among the dead, the wounded and the prisoners how it could be that white men could misuse the white flag and mock the sacred purpose of the Geneva cross.

"The food, the dirt and the extraordinary protrusion of cartridges and cartridge wrappings were all mixed together, but the earth and disorder were not so offensive as the grimy beastly condition of the dead.

"If could write steadily for a week (and if there were no such strict cen-

sorship as fetters me) I could not exhaust the list of peculiarities, eccentricities, anomalies and novelties of this war waged against us by an undisciplined force of rebels who are soldiers by instinct and farmers or cattle raisers for livelihood. But I could not in all that week state a more astonishing fact than that at some of these battles the better class Boers have come to battle in their carriages like gentlemen driving to the Derby at home, and, having done their best, have retired the same way, leaving their vassals to cover their retreat."

From the Ladysmith correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle comes a grim touch of besieged misery. "Dishevelled women are peering out of their dens in the rocks and holes in the sand. They crawl into the evening light, shaking the dirt from their petticoats and the sand from their back hair. They rub the children's faces round with the tails of their gowns. They tempt scraps of flames to take the chill off the yellow water for the children's tea. After sundown a steady Scotch drizzle settles down upon us."

#### Gladstone and the Transvaal.

The Toronto Globe thus editorially defends "the grand old man:" "A curious opinion is held by a good many people that Gladstone's action after Majuba is the cause of the present Boer war. The Boer war is caused, first, by the desire to redress the grievances of the Uitlanders, and, secondly, by the necessity of maintaining British supremacy in South Africa, menaced by the gigantic military preparations of the Transvaal. To blame Gladstone for these things is to say that he ought to have foreseen the discovery of gold in the Transvaal. Without that discovery there would have been no Uitlanders, and, therefore, no grievances, and without that discovery the Boers would not have had the means to purchase the munitions of war and to hire military experts. An equally erroneous opinion is that the war is due to the contempt which the Boers felt for British power, based upon Gladstone's withdrawal after Majuba. Had the Boers despised Great Britain they would not have made the tremendous preparations of which the effect is now seen. They evidently had a very high opinion of the resources of their opponent, and made their arrangements accordingly. What they probably did count upon was to take Great Britain by surprise by the magnitude of their own military resources, and in this they have partly succeeded, although the danger of Great Britain being driven out of South Africa may now be regarded as past, and the worst that can happen is a tedious prolongation of the war. What Gladstone had to do with this condition of affairs it would puzzle his most rabid enemy to say."

#### Rapid Mail Transit.

By the mail which reached Dawson on the 24th of February, E. J. White of the Nugget, received papers printed on February 21, just 22 days previous, from his former home at Gainesville on the Florida peninsula. The papers came from the southeast corner of the United States diagonally across to the northwest corner, Seattle, and on to Dawson, via Skagway, and the long trip over the ice in 22 days. The time has been, and within the memory of many persons now living, when a period of six months or more would have elapsed before mail would cover that distance and route.

#### Gold Commissioner's Court.

The trial of the action of Servini vs. Irvine, which effects the boundary lines of the bench claim on the left limit, opposite No. 10 Last Chance, was completed yesterday. Commissioner Senkler reserved his decision.

Today the case of R. M. Crawford and C. F. Treat vs. James E. Fairbairn is being tried. This suit involves the titles to Nos. 53 and 54 Eldorado.

H. B. Clark has filed a protest against Israel Cohen and J. W. Hartney. The plaintiff alleges that on November 20th, 1899, he relocated the

hillside claim on the left limit opposite No. 26 Gold Run, and filed his application for a grant on November 23d, 1899. That on February 28, 1900, he called at the office of the recorder to secure the grant, and was informed that affidavits of representation had been filed and a renewal grant issued to defendants. The plaintiff avers that the affidavits of representation, made by John Lyons as affiant and by J. W. Hartney and George Taylor as witnesses, are untrue both as to the time when the work was commenced and the amount of work done; and the plaintiff prays that the renewal grant to defendants be cancelled and that a relocation grant be issued to him.

#### Weather Report.

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## ESTIMATE PROBABLY TRUE.

From 800 to 1,000 Persons Between Dawson and Kaltag.

Dawson Will Suffer Less From Their Absence Than Will They From Hardships and Disappointments.

The statement of McRae and Nagel, who recently arrived from Nome to the effect that they met 800 on the river traveling toward the new gold fields is probably the most accurate of all statements relative to the number en route. Those men had good opportunity to see and keep their account of pilgrims, and their account harmonizes with estimates made by conservative people in Dawson. Even 800 is a much larger number than was last fall believed would undertake the journey over the ice; in fact bets for which there were no takers were freely offered as late as Christmas that not to exceed 400 people from Dawson would attempt the journey. But the number has already exceeded the predictions even of the most visionary. McRae and Nagel met 800. The two men lay over a number of days on which they were not on the trail, and it is conservative to estimate that 200 passed unseen by them. But as the number reported gone from Circle, Eagle Jack Wade and other points along the route, it is likely that fully 200 of the 1000 started from points below Dawson, leaving 800 having started from this city. It is no exaggeration to say that for each person who has started and will start from Dawson over the ice, three will go with the opening of navigation. The majority of these will go on the regular steamers, but hundreds of them will go on scows. Already many scows, frozen in the ice up the river have been sold by their original owners to persons who will utilize them for the trip down the river as soon as it is safe to start on the long trip.

By the above process of figuring, which can not be successfully contradicted, it is apparent that by the time navigation shall have been open a very short time between 3000 and 4000 people will have left Dawson for Nome within the preceding six months. Just what effect this exodus will have on Dawson is a matter for speculation; but it must not be forgotten that there is an ingress to this place as well as an egress, and the places of many who leave by the down river route will be filled by arrivals from the up river.

Another thing, and one which those who remain in Dawson will not be called upon to seriously consider is: What effect will this exodus from Dawson have in store for the people who are a part and parcel of that exodus? Will Nome be able to employ and support one-fifth or one-tenth of the people who will have landed there by the first of July? This latter is a question to which careful consideration should be given by the many hundreds who contemplate going there not only from Dawson but from all outside points—people who will be practically penniless when they step from the gang plank to Nome's much mooted beach.

The Nugget does not take to itself credit for the possession of any of the accomplishments of a prophet, but it ventures the prediction that the United States government will be called upon to send relief boats to Nome next fall on which to carry back to civilization thousands of people who will be found in a condition similar to certain persons of whom we read in biblical lore—without purse or scrip.

### Filing Information.

The cold weather during the present winter has been favorable to the industry of mining. A year ago the season was so mild that many properties could not be developed on account of the surplus of water. In a few instances, water has occasioned the closing of

mines this year; but such cases have been exceptional.

All of the principal creeks are undergoing thorough development. Mining machinery is in general use on the rich claims. By reason of the favorable weather and the extensive use of machinery, claim owners have been enabled to pile out enormous quantities of dirt; and the output next spring will greatly exceed that of last season.

The returns of the cleanup from Gold Run, Sulphur, Dominion, Huaker, Eldorado and Bonanza, will be surprising. Property holders on these creeks are now considering the possibility of a shortage of water for sluicing purposes; and many of them are providing against such an emergency by obtaining from the mining recorder grants for unappropriated water. On Gold Hill, many plans are being projected to secure enough water for the spring sluicing. E. B. Newman, who owns a claim in the second tier, left limit, opposite No. 7 below discovery on Bonanza, will dig a ditch a half of a mile long, to the rear of his property. Thus he proposes to drain the surface of the ground, through which the ditch will pass, of seepage water; and estimates that in this manner, he will be enabled to obtain 60 inches of water for sluicing purposes. If claim owners on Gold Hill have sufficient water, the cleanup of this vicinity will compare favorably with that of any portion of the Yukon district.

Eureka creek, which, until this winter, had not given much promise, now shows some paying properties. On No. 11, in which the Shriber Brothers are interested, thirty cent dirt is reported to have been found. The gravel on this particular claim is about 17 feet below the surface. Messrs. Walkingshaw, Luhman, Schroeder, Parsons and A. J. Smith are operating on No. 14 above the right fork. They report good pay; and their property is so shallow that they expect to ground sluice next summer. On several of the pups, tributary to this creek, good prospects have been secured. Some little work has been done during the winter on a few of the Eureka hillsides and benches; but nothing of any consequence has been found on this class of claims. The distance which separates Eureka from Dawson, the depot for supplies, has materially retarded the development of the former.

Considerable work is being done on Quartz creek, particularly on the hillside and bench properties on the right limit. From the mouth of Canon creek to opposite No. 37 below Readford's discovery, good pay has been found on the hillsides and benches. One disadvantage is the great depth to which the miners are required to sink in order to reach gravel; some of the shafts are over 100 feet deep. Below No. 37, the creek claims down as far as No. 47 are producing fair pay dirt.

### A Popular Resort.

The new Dominion club rooms are doing an excellent business these days both at the front of the house and in the room dedicated to the fickle goddess Fortune. Sam Bonnisseid, the popular manager, makes every possible effort to conduct the establishment in a manner to commend the patronage of the best class of people.

### Letter of Thanks.

Dawson, March 1st, 1900.

Editor Daily Nugget.

Dear Sir: I beg to state in behalf of Mr. Probst, the injured fireman, that he wishes to thank the citizens of Dawson, and his many friends, including the boys of the fire department, who so willingly assisted in getting up the benefit given for him, and I consider that Mr. Tennant is entitled to the credit of arranging for the entertainment.

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