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WILL BE FAVORABLY REPRESENTED.

Major Walsh Declares Sympathy for Miners' Grievances.

Thinks a Telegraph Line Will Be Established—Other Important Matters to Receive Attention—The Commissioner Departs.

Major Walsh accompanied by his private secretary left Dawson for Ottawa on last Thursday evening. The major goes to Ottawa to present to the government his report covering the administration of affairs in the Yukon district during the past year.

Therewas that the administrator intended leaving on the Irving, had been circulated pretty generally over the town and when the time arrived for the boat to depart a great crowd had assembled at the dock.

The fact that the boat did not leave until three hours after her scheduled time failed to lessen the public interest in the affair; and when at 10 o'clock the whistle finally announced the departure, fully as many people were at the dock as had been at the time originally announced.

Many of Major Walsh's intimate friends were present to say farewell and wish him a pleasant trip and safe return home.

Before his departure the major was seen by a Nugget representative and his opinion of existing conditions is set forth in the following interview:

"Well major I understand you have finally made up your mind to leave Dawson City this evening, and I thought I would like to hear from you the impressions you have formed with regard to the country and anything else you may have to say."

The major replied that he had enjoyed his stay in Dawson more than he could have expected, then he said:

"During my stay at the Big Salmon river last winter on my way into the district, I spent a great deal of time interviewing people who were on their way out to the coast with regard to the mining interests and all the other necessities and interests of the Yukon country and in that way I was able to come here pretty well informed on these subjects, and since my arrival here, have lost no opportunity to come in contact with miners and the public generally to learn all I could with regard to the country and its prospects.

"I believe that the Klondike has a great future before it, and that the mining industries and other enterprises will be stable here for many years to come."

"There can be no question that the Klondike is one of the greatest gold countries the world has ever seen. The transportation problem, which was the most serious one when I first arrived here, has been to a great extent solved by the successful navigation of the Yukon and Lewis rivers by small steamers. A great deal, however, will still have to be done in the direction of obtaining increased transportation facilities. A telegraph line is one of the crying needs of the country. As to the royalty and other matters which have come so frequently before me for consideration, I may say that I have always sympathized with a number of the complaints made by the mining population and can only repeat my assurance that everything that has come under my notice will be favorably represented to the government at Ottawa, and I am confident that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government only needs to be certain of the existence of a grievance, to take prompt steps to adjust or remove it.

"It is my purpose on my trip up the river to complete my work in the Yukon by examining the posts which have been thrown out at various points under my direction and to obtain information to enable me to make my final report to the government. Like everyone else who has come to this country, I have been greatly impressed by the law-abiding disposition of the people and the comparative absence of crime. This is something to be greatly admired and appreciated.

"I have received nothing but kindness and courtesies from everyone with whom I have been brought in contact, and will always retain pleasant and grateful memories of my stay here as commissioner."

After an informal chat the interview

terminated and the reporter bade good-bye to the commissioner.

A Plain Statement.

For some time past, rumors have been current in town that parties outside of the Nugget office have been responsible for articles that have appeared in the paper, and for the general policy it has pursued. Prominently connected with these rumors has been the name of Mr. Pellitier of the Mining Exchange. In justice to ourselves and to the gentleman in question we desire to say that all such rumors are absolutely without foundation. Mr. Pellitier has no connection whatever with the Nugget, is not and never has been responsible for anything that has ever appeared in its columns and has absolutely nothing to do with framing or directing its policy. When outside assistance is required in publishing the Nugget the same is paid for at the usual rates. The undersigned alone are responsible for its policy.

(Signed) E. C. ALLEN, Bus. Mgr.
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How it Works.

The effect of the explosion of the "wood monopoly" bomb in the camp of the enemy can be best illustrated by the relation of an individual instance of the result. Before the publication of the article in question Mr. Ben Levy, of the British American Trading Company, sent his partner to the office of the timber agent to secure a permit to cut their winter's wood. The permit was refused on the grounds that a berth had been issued to Messrs. Smith & Co. and others covering the case in hand, and which would be rendered valueless if all were allowed to cut their own wood, and unless there were some buyers. After the publication of the "monopoly" article in this paper the timber agent was again approached on the same subject. The required permit could not be given too quickly.

The foregoing is simply given to show that it lies with the timber office to nullify the effects of the monopoly grant. If the interested people of Dawson will simply bring enough pressure to bear upon the timber agent he can render the monopoly practically null, and void by granting the same privileges to all.

The Ora Returns.

The trim little steamer Ora of the B. L. & K. N. Co. came into port at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Contrary to general expectation she did not have on board the new officials who are now enroute for Dawson. It is reported that they are at some point on the river waiting transportation to Dawson. From purser H. G. Freese it was learned that twenty-seven sacks of mail which had been brought as far as the White Horse Rapids on the steamer Josie Closset. The Closset was wrecked while being brought through the White Horse. She struck three times on the passage through and sank just below the rapids. The mail was uninjured but nearly all the freight was seriously damaged. Her perishable freight which was saved came down on the Ora. All told the Ora brought between fifteen and twenty tons of freight, mostly whisky. There was also a large consignment of fruits, vegetables and other perishable goods.

There were fourteen passengers aboard as follows: Mr. Stoddard, David Kay, Mr. Heilpin, M. A. Cohen, F. M. Bair, L. E. Miller, G. Armstrong, S. W. Crum, J. G. Cornforth, J. F. Murphy, H. A. Smith, Sergeant of Police in charge of mail, Mr. McCulley, J. G. Brackett and Mr. Russell, inspector of steamboats for Yukon district.

Easewell to Dr. Young.

The farwell social given in honor of Dr. Young, pastor of the Presbyterian church was a success in every sense of the term. More than 200 people were in attendance though contrary to the established order of such affairs the masculine sex predominated. This must be attributed, of course, to the comparative scarcity of ladies in Dawson.

A most instructive and enjoyable time was spent by all who attended. It was the unanimous feeling that Dr. Young's departure means a great loss to the city. Nevertheless all who were present joined in wishing him a hearty Godspeed in his new field of labor.

In his address, Dr. Young spoke of the wonderful growth of this city, and of the people he has met here. Adding that he was leaving them with sorrow, but happy in the fact that they were in the good care of Rev. Mr. Grant.

A well arranged program was rendered, each number of which was received with appropriate and well-deserved applause. After the program a dainty luncheon was served by the ladies who spared no pains in making the social a success.

The program was as follows: Instrumental duet, Messrs. Lee and Chisholm; Song, by Mr. Long; Recitation, by Mrs. Alice O'Neil; Song, by Mr. Lee, followed by Goodwin brothers quartette; Song, by Mr. Erhart; "True to Her Majesty," song, by Mrs. Davison; Farewell address, by Dr. Young; Instrumental Trio, by Messrs. Chisholm, Lee and Long; Song, by Mr. Chisholm; Address, on behalf of the non-church going people of Dawson who have known and loved Dr. Young, by Mr. Foster; Duet, by Mr. Fawcett and Mrs. Davison; Song, by Mr. Hayward; Duet, by Lee brothers; Recitation, by Mrs. O'Neil.

The program was ended by the audience singing one verse each of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and "God Save the Queen."

Could Not Refund the Passage Money.

Shultz is a very unfortunate man. The birth of a little girl ten months ago in one of Dawson's cabins had left Mrs. Shultz in very poor health and last winter the family had to be assisted by contributions. They named the little one Klondike Dawson Shultz and the child was considered the heroine of the hour and quite a quantity of nuggets were turned over to her benefit. However Mrs. Shultz got no better

and this summer the cabin was sold and \$300 paid to the N. A. T. & T. Co. for transportation for the little one and the mother to Seattle. The balance of the money for the cabin, some \$700, was given to the wife by the husband, he having no doubt of obtaining enough work in Dawson to maintain himself.

Mrs. Shultz died on her way down the river and was buried on the bank. The child and personal effects of the deceased were turned over to the United States commissioner at the mouth of the Yukon. Shultz has just received word and is crazy to go down and mark the grave and take possession of the child. He has asked the manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co. to refund him part of the fare seeing that the company had only carried his wife a part of the distance to Seattle, but it was refused on the grounds that "they didn't want to take her in the first place" and now couldn't return.

LOCAL BREWITIES.

Staff Sergeant Bates has been detailed exclusively to the hospital work of the force for which he has peculiar qualifications and in which line he had considerable experience.

The winter draws on apace. The ever increasing darkness of the midnight hours and the constant chill in the night air should warn those without cabins that the time is short for them to prepare.

Reid, the man who shot "Soapy" Smith in Skagway, is dead. In the exchange of bullets it will be remembered that "Soapy" Smith, the famous confidence man and all round crook, was shot dead and Reid severely wounded. Reid died at Skagway July 20.

Emil Jonson left his home in Wisconsin last December for the Klondike. He arrived in Dawson July 20. June 29 his wife decided to follow and wrote a letter advising him to that effect. She got here Wednesday, ahead of the letter, and now Jonson is the most surprised man in the country.

J. W. Rogers, of Ramabury, California, formerly owner of the Wedge mine, out of which he took \$100,000 in five months and finally disposed of at a round figure, has made several investments on French Hill. It is reported that in three weeks he has taken out of the claim east of and next to discovery, about \$15,000.

The cooler weather of the last week has lessened the number of dysentery cases in town by about half. Men who have spent the last two or three weeks in bed are now to be seen walking the streets. Their appearance is not particularly indicative of robust health, but a man is something like a horse in that if he can be gotten on his feet he is half cured.

The secretary of the miner's committee informs us that he has official sanction for the statement that any person in Dawson is able to obtain at Mr. Willison's office a permit to cut or to have cut 10 double cords of firewood for his own use; also that logs, not to exceed the size necessary for a double cord, all such wood being subject to the crown dues of 50 cents per cord of firewood and 1 cent per foot for the logs.

Lane street has been improved beyond recognition. Slabs and sawdust have made it the best street in Dawson. Its entire length, from the river to the hill it has been transformed into an impassable morass to a complete thoroughfare. Judge Winton wants the slabs and sawdust (slabs are worth 25 cents each) and the teamsters did the rest. The users of the road hope that the shadow of the judge may never grow less.

West Dawson is taking metropolitan strides. From this side of the river can be seen a large number of cabins going up, and within a few days has been erected the largest tent in the district. The West Dawsonites have dubbed it the "circular" from its resemblance to those canvas structures used by the army. The first church services in the town will be conducted there by the Rev. Dickie.

Outside papers are full of interviews with returning Klondikers and some of these interviews are given by men well known in Dawson. They are decidedly uncomplimentary to some of the officials here, and some of them are given on a great transcendent railroad in the States some distant point will acquire an unsavory reputation. The result is a visit from what, in railroad circles, is called "a snelling committee." There may be something of this kind in Dawson yet.

What is the timber office going to do about the "fugitive money" in the question of the hour? If we had a miner's association such as is organized in our local columns, such things would not be done. If a body of 12 men good and true stood up and said "we represent the people and will fight for their rights," there would be no Dominion muddles, nor any of the thousand and one unjust impositions upon us. Officials having the decision of important matters would be told "you do such and such a wrong at your peril."

At 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a boy named Babcock was playing Indian in a birch bark canoe, at the landing place for steamers, when he fell overboard. Two men in a boat were passing down the river at the time, when one of them immediately jumped overboard and rescued the boy, who was none the worse for his bath. Before the man's name could be learned his partner pulled round and took him on board, proceeding down the river, while the rescuer was busy changing his wet garments, no doubt conscious of having rendered a good service.

Died at the Barracks.

Constable Harry Dundas of the N. W. M. P. died Friday morning. Typhoid fever laid him low and he will be buried on Saturday with military ceremonies. Dundas came in with the first force of police a year ago in June and would have gone out this summer had he lived. He formerly belonged to troop "G" at Fort Saskatchewan and when stricken with his fatal illness was stationed at Stewart post. He was quite popular with his fellows and the boys in uniform will see that his remains are interred with every rite which could be desired even by his own people. During his illness the boys paid him every attention possible, staying up with him night and day.

Judge McGuire Will Leave.

Judge McGuire, who has so ably and satisfactorily administered the affairs of the upper court in Dawson, intends leaving on the first boat which will go down the river. The judge consented to accept the Dawson appointment for one year only, and as the term for which he agreed to act has now expired, he returns to resume his former position in the bench.

As this is the regular time for the long vacation, no court will be held in Dawson after Judge McGuire's departure, until his successor arrives. The best wishes of Dawson's citizens will go with the judge when he leaves us.

A MISADVENTURE ON CUBAN WATERS

How Yankee Sailors Landed Two Prizes of War.

In Spite of a Run of Hard Luck They Brought the Captured Schooners Into Port—A Fortnight of Varied Experiences.

KEY WEST, Fla., July 18.—The schooner Three Bells and the sloop Pilgrim, captured by the gunboat Dixie near Manzanillo on July 6th, have arrived here under prize crews, consisting of Lieut. S. M. Blount and Gunner's mate J. K. Hatton, with four marines each. Marryat never imagined a more grotesque tale of marine misadventure than was experienced by these men in bringing their spoils to port.

Both prizes were under the British flag bound from Kingston, Jamaica, for Manzanillo, with food supplies. On the Three Bells were Capt. E. J. Harding, an Englishman, and a crew of five and three Jamaican negroes. The pilgrim carried a Dutch captain and four seamen of the same class. The captures were effected without difficulty and Blount and Hatton, neither of whom had ever been at Key West, began the journey there. Captain Harding was much depressed over the capture and drank heavily until Lieut. Blount stopped his liquor.

On the evening of July 9th, when about six miles south of Key Romano, Capt. Harding suddenly leaped overboard. The Pilgrim put out a small boat and caught him, but he struggled desperately and capsized the boat. One of the marines held him up on the overturned boat and he was taken on board the Pilgrim but he was dead when they reached the deck. He was buried at sea.

This dismal duty was hardly completed when they sighted two small schooners, near Key Romano. The prizes were evidently recognized by the strangers as expected blockade runners from Jamaica, for one of the schooners put out a small boat to pilot them in. As it approached Lieut. Blount was running up an American flag to the forepeak, but he had some difficulty in breaking it out so that the small boat was within ten yards of the schooner before the two men who were aboard it were aware that they were running near the enemy. Both occupants of the boat plunged into the sea. Whether or not they reached shore is an open question.

Lieut. Blount and his men went on and captured the nearest schooner which proved to be the Conception. The other ran off into shoal water and escaped. The Conception was well loaded with wine, fish and other provisions. They took her in tow and then began a chapter of misfortunes. Violent tropical squalls burst upon them the same day and continued almost incessantly until last night. They had no charts aboard and only a map of the world, torn from a twenty-five cent guidebook, to help them as they floundered about in these three little vessels, none much bigger than a cat boat.

In the course of the day the wind and waves had played havoc with the Conception and the little boats staggered along until Wednesday morning, when a storm of unusual violence fell upon them off Cape Antonio.

Unable to make any progress and expecting almost momentarily to founder, a body of Spanish riflemen on shore opened fire. The only arms on the two prizes were the weapons of the marines, the revolvers, so no attempt was made to return the fire. Just before nightfall fifteen of the Spanish riflemen pushed off in a small boat toward the Three Bells and drew as close as 200 or 400 yards, pouring a violent fire at the schooner's men. The bullets whistled all around, striking the sails and striking the schooner and sloop. One bullet passed through the cabin within two feet of Lieut. Blount. There was a little negro boy at the wheel of the Three Bells, but in spite of the flying rifle balls, he never desisted his post. In fact, all the negroes showed spirit and sided with the Americans. Fortunately for the straggled bound men night drove the Spaniards back to the shore and early the next morning the wind changed and carried the two prizes on.

Physicians Must Cease Practicing.

Doctors Chambers, Green, Merryman and Leiser were summoned before Justice Starnes on Wednesday for practicing medicine in the North West Territory contrary to law. The gentlemen are from the United States and regular graduates and practitioners. The territorial law in force at this place provides that it shall be an offense to practice without registration, or even to assume a title, abbreviation, suffix or alias, which might lead one to suppose they were physicians or surgeons. The doctors pleaded not guilty, but made little or no defense, simply desiring to see on what grounds they could be convicted. They soon saw. The case went over until Thursday and the charge was withdrawn against Dr. Chambers, he having withdrawn some time ago, and pulled down his sign. Dr. Green was fined \$25, it having been proved that he had not a sign. The other two gentlemen were fined \$1 and costs.

Mass Meeting of Miners.

There was a mass meeting of the miners called Friday night to hear the report of Messrs. Landerville and Livernash, two of the three commissioners appointed by the miners last fall to go to Ottawa and endeavor to effect a change in the mining laws which even at that early date were decided to be an injury to the country and to the miners. Dr. Wills, the third commissioner, has remained at Ottawa to watch later developments.

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HANDS OFF, EUROPE!

The same paper that brings the news of the surrender of Santiago de Cuba contains a telegram purporting to explain the attitude to be assumed by the European powers when terms of peace between the United States and Spain shall be negotiated. Germany seems to be the leading spirit and from that government a statement is said to have issued to the effect that a status quo will have to be arranged under which American sovereignty shall not succeed that of Spain.

It will be a most remarkable and in fact a most unlikely thing if in her settlement with Spain, America permits any interference on the part of Germany or any other foreign power. It is high time that European nations come to realize the fact that the United States has outgrown her swaddling clothes and has become a power among powers. Particularly at this time any hint of outside interference would be most vigorously resented. The spirit of patriotism that has so long lain dormant in the states is now fully awakened. All creeds, sects and parties have been welded into one compact whole, standing with united front for home and country. In short the war spirit is thoroughly aroused and any administration that yields or truckles to foreign influence will be absolutely certain of disgrace and defeat the first opportunity that is presented the people to vote.

Again, the attitude recently assumed by Great Britain must be taken into consideration. Her sympathy with the United States has been openly shown during the entire progress of the war. She refused in the very beginning to enter into a coalition of the powers by which the war was to be stopped, and it is but fair to assume that she will deprecate any attempt on the part of continental Europe to interfere in framing the peace conditions.

The present war is no Graeco-Turkish affair to be undertaken or shut-off at a nod from Europe. The contest will continue until Spain sues for peace on terms satisfactory to the people of the United States. And she will receive far more generous treatment in the final settlement if suggestions from outside sources fail to be forthcoming.

A PREMIUM ON PERJURY.

We fail to recall any law or regulation that has ever been more unanimously condemned by the people affected than the royalty on the gold output of the Yukon district. So entirely bereft of friends is this travesty on justice that even among the men sent to collect the tax it scarcely numbers an apologist. In previous issues we have shown what we know to be some of the effects of this iniquitous piece of legislation. We know that it has driven men out of the country and unless repealed will drive many more in the same manner. We know that it is hindering the development of a district, the resources of which have not and cannot be estimated. It is clogging the wheels of industry, has thrown

a blight upon business, and threatens now to go down in history as a repetition of that act of folly on the part of the old woman who in her greed killed the hen that laid the golden egg.

But in addition to all this the royalty tax is a bid to all claim owners to become perjurers.

The great majority of men now in the Yukon valley are by nature and training law abiding. They render obedience to law almost without thought, because in so doing they are acting up both to their instincts and education. But when a law becomes oppressive and burdensome and in the judgment of the men affected is entirely without justification it is almost certain to be evaded when opportunity offers.

Men, though they may be conscientious naturally, can easily find excuses for themselves in seeking evasion of a regulation they deem unjust. The royalty tax is generally regarded as a most high handed abuse of the governmental prerogative. We doubt very seriously if a single man has paid the royalty who did not do so under the firm conviction that he was contributing to the government's coffers what by every rule of justice and equity was his own personal property.

The Nugget has not stood for will it stand as the champion of the law breaker. This paper believes in rendering strict compliance to law and obedience to constituted authority. But we are firmly convinced that in so far as the royalty is concerned a great many will prefer risking forfeiture of their claims rather than hand over what they consider rightfully their own.

The royalty tax cannot be successfully defended. We believe it was imposed through ignorance of the real conditions or through a short sightedness that will prove a serious blow to the best interests of the country. If the country is to be successfully developed the royalty must be taken off. It is a bugaboo to capital and a standing bid to claim owners to become perjurers.

A CHANGE OF PROCEDURE.

The ideal government and the most nearly perfect is undoubtedly an absolute government by one man. It requires however that this one man should be perfectly honest and capable. Human experience, covering volumes of history, has shown us that this perfection and honesty is seldom attainable, and when succeeded by imperfection and dishonesty there is no limit to the suffering and injustice entailed upon humanity. Therefore the aggregate wisdom of the world has given our courts constitutional limitations and checks which are quite often exasperating in their effects. As a pretty fair illustration of how it works, the attention of the reader can be called to the courts of Dawson. In the good old times all crimes and offenses excepting possibly the taking of human life, were settled summarily by our police. Equity was the law under which most cases were tried. The informal trials of our constabulary became a terror to evil doers, for a defense on technicalities was never allowed. "Did you or did you not do this thing and was it right to do it?" appeared to be the vital principle of such trials, and it is astonishing the rapidity with which cases could be disposed of, and the deep satisfaction it gave to the general public. Appeals were not allowed and a congested docket was unknown.

The uncovering of a billion-dollar wealth and the influx of a large population compelled a change in our courts. The good Judge McGuire is here as a representative of possibly a higher civilization and more perfect administration of justice, yet it is with a feeling of almost regret that the old timer views the cutting down of the powers of our former judges and the substitution of a higher plane. The powers of the police become more and more of the municipal kind—the simple arrest of drunks, the preservation of the peace, the collection of tolls and the patrolling of the streets which must in the end result in the deterioration of the personnel of the force.

Yet after all it cannot be gained that the substitution of formal procedure

for informal administration of justice is wise—in fact is the result of accumulated wisdom of centuries. It throws around the individual certain safeguards, and extends to the accused a form of protection. The only regrettable feature is that the guilty accused is able to avail himself of the protection designed for the protection of the innocent.

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SOME GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

The Result of Six Months' Investigation Set Forth for Our Readers.

Mr. J. W. Ryder Explains Some of the Peculiar Features of the Yukon Valley—The Country is Rich and Only Requires Favorable Legislation to Insure Development.

DAWSON CITY, N. W. T., August 4, 1898. I give below the particular results of six months' careful and continuous investigation of the mineral resources and geological conditions of this district. These results, while by no means conclusive and in many cases unsatisfactory to me, will serve to give a general idea of the conditions under which gold is found here.

The most remarkable and to my mind the only peculiar feature of the section that has come under my observation (a section comprising the country from Dyea to Dawson, from Haines Mission to Ft. Selkirk, up the Stewart to McQuestion and the entire developed ground of the Klondike and Indian River districts), is the existence of a remarkably well-defined bench or ancient water-level. This old river channel ranges from about 200 feet above the present water-level at Lake LeBarge, where it is first observed, to approximately 200 feet at Dawson, and follows nearly the line of the present streams. In many places it is almost, and even entirely obliterated, but in general is remarkably well-preserved.

That the old benches are the result of water rather than glacial action, is now generally conceded, and is shown conclusively by the presence on their tops throughout their entire length of carefully assorted deposits of gravel, boulders and sand, rather than the miscellaneous mass of easily distinguished glacial drift. These ancient gravel beds, or the wash-down from them with its naturally attendant concentrating action, are the auriferous strata of the entire Yukon belt.

Geologically they belong to the Paleozoic age but to exactly what period I have so far been unable to determine. A full appreciation of the part these old streams played in the deposition of gold must be had in order to prospect here intelligently.

Only certain sections of these deposits have so far proven phenomenally rich. The most noticeable is, of course, the Eldorado and Bonanza creek section of the Klondike. Here, as everywhere in the Yukon belt, it will be noted that with a few local exceptions, glaciers have played practically no part in the formation of placer deposits—no glacial drift is found, nor have I seen any bedrock marked by the distinctive glacial scorings. The recent remarkable discoveries on French Hill, above Eldorado, where they wash out \$1,000 per day to the rocker, and on Skookum, above Bonanza, have proven conclusively that the old benches are fully as rich as the creek diggings, and that the richness of the deposits on Eldorado and Bonanza is entirely dependent upon the proximity of the ancient channel, is further shown by the fact that whenever they intersect and for a certain distance below, the creek claims are rich, and that nuggets weighing as high as \$15 and \$20 are frequently found in the creek claims below lying on a false bed-rock of frozen muck and drift, and entirely separate from any gravel or wash—thus proving conclusively that they must have come down singly from the rich benches above.

Having determined that the old channel is the true primary gold conductor, it by all means behooves the prospector to follow it and carefully explore any small streams found cutting it, and by all means to examine any long, low ridges or hogbacks, running at right angles across any of these old channels, that could have acted as a natural riffle.

When one realizes that the old Eldorado channel was much wider and of correspondingly greater length it can readily be seen what a field this opens to the prospector. It is by no means probable that the phenomenal richness of this particular section will be maintained throughout the entire length of all these old streams, but until they have been thoroughly explored their possibilities can only be guessed at.

Few people, even mining men have any conception of what "pay dirt" on the Klondike last year meant. None of the ground is what could be termed "shallow diggings." Nearly all had to be drifted out at an expense of at least four times the cost of sinking in solid rock in the lode claims of the Rocky mountains. With provisions at from 50c to \$1.50 per pound at mine, wood \$40 per cord and wages \$15 per day it would be difficult to find anywhere else on earth dirt that could pay the Crown a ten per cent. royalty on the gross output and still net the owners as in some cases from a quarter to a half a million in a single season.

The era of high prices is however past. This season's influx of fortune hunters has sent wages down from \$1.50 to 75c, and \$1.00 per hour. The completion of tramways and railways over the passes with their connecting lines of lake and river steamers, have made possible freight contracts at 7c. from Dyea to Dawson. Prices on all supplies have dropped fifty per cent., making possible the profitable working of ground that was formerly unworked.

On Stewart river alone there are thousands of acres of old benches that will run from 10c to \$4.00 per yard, conveniently situated for hydraulicking and with comparatively little "stripping" to be done. On my recent trip up that river I took considerable pains to investigate this feature, sunk three holes to bed rock with the above results. Under more favorable mining regulations giving some security of

title of longer leases and an increased acreage, I know of no more promising field for capital. It is almost an established fact that some of the tributaries of this river cut the old Eldorado channel and with 5000 men prospecting every creek and gulch, it is not surprising that we hear every day rumors of fresh strikes. The bedrock formation differs somewhat from that of the Klondike, being chiefly the massive gneiss of the Laurentian while that of the Klondike is principally the chloritic schists, dioritic and serpentine of the Huronian, a somewhat later formation. Much of this serpentine is the so-called "altered slate" bedrock of the Klondike and is accompanied here as elsewhere by its natural attendant—bone asbestos. A remarkable feature of the entire district is that it seems comparatively undisturbed by volcanic action. Except at the White Horse and Five Fingers where basalt and some of the conglomerates appear I have noticed no formations older than the hornblende gneiss of the Montebian. The lack of volcanic action with its attendant fissuring accounts for the small number of well defined quartz veins appearing and it is more than possible that the concentrate and amalgamates from the innumerable low-grade sulphide "wash veins" of the imperfectly mixed diorite may have furnished the placer gold of the district and the great long sought "mother lode" never be found.

Yours Respectfully,
J. WILLIAMS RYDER, M. E.

A Short But True Story.

Milley Lane started from Seattle last spring. We will call her Milley Lane because that is not her name; we cannot advertise these people. She is a pretty faced girl of German antecedents and of good reputation. The party she came in with was well fixed and had several ladies among their number. Milley was quite popular and proved herself adaptable and industrious. All went well as a marriage bell until thirty miles from Dawson. A rock—a rock—outside all lost—a wet shivering crowd on the bank with no provisions and hardly enough clothes on their backs to protect them from mosquitoes. Plying passers-by bring this girl of 18 summers to Dawson. With clothes all dragged and shabby and without a change of raiment she sought work for three long days. Pocket book and stomach empty, and employment refused, on the evening of the third day Milley found herself on the bank of the river with two courses open to her. She could either jump into the river or go to board with one of the madams in Dawson's Whitechapel. Long was the matter debated in her mind, but at last a youthful love of life triumphed. Within an hour the girl was seen bathed and dressed in satins and laces, her beauty enhanced by handsome apparel and the hair-dresser's art. Traff acquaintances were shocked, and when spoken to, the girl broke completely down and dissolved in tears. This is all true, happened last week and hardly forms an incident of one chapter of Dawson's history.

GOLD NO LEGAL TENDER.

Judge McGuire Decides an Important Case, Which is of Interest.

The case of Hebb & Healy has been decided on its merits by Judge McGuire, who took occasion to remark during the case that if the point was ever brought up he would have to decide that gold-dust was not a legal tender. The case in hand, however, did not depend upon the tender of a price at all. It appears that in the first place Monahan owned the claim over which the controversy arose. Monahan secured Hebb to go out and superintend the working of the mine, and as an inducement offered him the privilege of buying the mine at a stipulated price, if he wished to. Hebb went to work with some men, and after a while Monahan sold the claim to Captain Healy. When the wash-up came Hebb decided that the claim was a good one and would be a desirable possession, so he tendered the new owner the price stipulated by Monahan earlier in the season and was refused.

The judge held that an offer to sell at a certain price could not be construed into an option good for a stipulated period of time. An offer to sell was only good until withdrawn. By selling his claim to Healy Monahan had practically withdrawn his offer to sell to Hebb. It was then the judge suggested that even had the offer to sell been a written option, it would still have to rule that in tendering a bag of gold-dust Hebb had made no legal tender.

The Irving Departs.

Steamer Willie Irving arrived in port on Wednesday night and sailed for White Horse rapids on Thursday at 7 p. m. The Irving made a quick trip from White Horse but brought no mail and few passengers. Capt. Barrington was taken sick on the down trip and at last reports was confined to his bed with an attack of typhoid fever. The public generally will join with the Nigger in expressing the hope that the Captain's illness will be of short duration. His brother Sydney took Capt. Barrington's place on the Irving's present up river trip.

Cheap at the Price.

Water melons from the warm and sunny south—south from here any how—are for sale in Dawson. Think of a measly 10-cent water melon, carried a couple of thousand miles and shaken up like a patent churn and then offered for sale. In the United States, the land of water melons and warships, the melon would be prosecuted as a public nuisance—a threat to the general health. Not so in Dawson. Twenty-five dollars in good Eldorado dust was paid for that water melon by some one to whom its green curves evoked the recollection of the days when nuggets were not so plentiful but water melons were.

A GOOD PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

A Miners' Association for the Abatement of Existing Ills.

A Plan Outlined Whereby a Stand Could be Taken for the Rights of the Miners—Intelligent Co-operation is Required.

The feeling that the miners must organize and present a solid front to resist oppressive legislation and still more oppressive interpretation of those laws, is growing fast. The Nigger has taken the trouble to have a plan of organization outlined. It is indebted for the following largely to Mr. Frank Dunleavy, of Johannesburg, Africa. It is not absolutely necessary that the plan given should be followed word for word, but it is necessary that something should be done on these lines at once. The intelligent discussion of our needs is all that will be required to evolve a plan from the sketch given which will secure to the district a wiser and more liberal government.

Preamble—Whereas the mining laws of the Yukon district of the Northwest Territory are unsatisfactory to the miners, having been framed by a government entirely ignorant of existing local conditions on the Yukon, climate and otherwise; and which have worked and are working great injustice, hardships and oppression not only on the miners but on the whole community; and whereas the patience of the miners and residents in the district is sorely tried, in that petitions to Ottawa setting forth the grievances of the miners have been ignored or at least no action taken thereon; therefore it has been found imperative that the miners at once organize themselves into an association of miners.

Objects—The objects of the association shall be to provide for the welfare of the mining community and attend to the interests of its members and the mining industry.

It shall enlighten the government as to the needs of the district.

It shall endeavor to protect the miners from any further injustice of legislation; and,

It shall take steps to remove already existing burdens imposed in the shape of "the reservation for the crown of alternate blocks of ten claims" and also the "ten per cent. royalty" which is unanimously decided to be a tax on industry; and,

It shall proceed at once to see that competent administration immediately replaces incompetence.

It shall also assist in bringing about local government so that miners shall be able to legislate for their own wants.

It shall become an authentic source of correct information concerning the country, so that mining laws for the future shall be framed from intelligent knowledge;

It shall investigate any matter that is reported to it as being detrimental to the miners, as a body, or the mining industry;

It shall extend its protection to any member or other person who justifiably resists official rapacity—the case being first thoroughly investigated and charges proven true; and,

It shall proceed at once to erect suitable headquarters—buildings and equip the same for the purpose of the association.

It shall see that all properties are properly secured to the miners by deeds of trust;

It shall, for the protection of its members be registered under the "Friendly Societies" act; and,

It shall assume such other responsibilities as may be imposed upon it by its members from time to time.

The Name.—The name shall be "The Miners' Association of the Yukon District of the North West Territory."

Its Headquarters would, probably be in Dawson City.

Funds could be raised by enrolling members who would pay the sum of \$10 per year, and in return receive a certificate of membership which would entitle them to the protection of the association.

Government.—Until the organization shall be thoroughly perfected it should be governed by a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and a committee. The committee already in existence is a good one for the purpose, and it is suggested that they proceed along lines similar to the foregoing. It would be wise to secure the assistance of a competent organizer who could also be utilized in the capacity of a secretary.

Upon the perfecting of the organization, the committee could be indorsed, added to, or improved in other ways by election or members, and should then hold office for one year or until their successors are elected in the same way. A provision could be made so that continued absence from committee meetings would act as a forfeiture and someone substituted with more time for the affairs of the association.

The details of the association can be worked out by the committee and presented for adoption to a meeting of members.

Persons Eligible.—Any male person should be eligible for membership who is engaged in mining operations—excepting government servants. Provision could be made for honorable membership; but it might be wise to make exceptions.

Elections.—It would, probably, be best that elections should take place in summer when miners have more leisure than at any other time of the year.

It is altogether probable that within a few days our friends up the gulch may have a proposition like the above presented to them in person. The miners' committee already in existence has about secured a site for a miners' association, and has taken other steps towards the amelioration of existing conditions. The foregoing is submitted to them as well as to individual miners.

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IMPROVEMENTS AT HEADQUARTERS.

The Police are Arranging for the Winter Season.

How Dawson's Prisoners Are Guarded—The Ratio of Crime is Small but Has Grown Since the Rush Began.

The extension and improvement of the barracks of the N. W. M. P. has become an urgent necessity. Whoever designed those barracks could have had no idea in the world of the sudden growth of Dawson, nor of her present metropolitan area. The buildings, intended for court, post-office and jail have long been outgrown. Months ago the post-office was removed up-town to a hired building. Judge McGuire now holds his court in the Pioneer hall, which has to be hired for the occasion. The Nugget man was accompanied through the guard house on Wednesday by the courteous inspector Harper and found it as badly congested as the other departments. Eight cells and four of them occupied by the four Indians condemned to death for the murder of Billy Meehan. Two crazy men, one very sick murderer, one woman prisoner, and some six other men to be provided for, while the list of casual prisoners sometimes number as many more in a night. It should be mentioned that the woman is provided with a private room outside the guard house and is therefore much more comfortable than the male prisoners.

It is needless to remark that the police have been making hurried preparations for larger jail quarters. A building was designed on the left side of the entrance to the quadrangle. The work was hastened as much as possible, and it was at one time thought that when completed it could be used for a while as a post-office. Before the roof is put on the building is proved to be even too small for the required jail, and an addition will be put on at once, making it in all 70 feet long and to have 20 cells. The post-office must go elsewhere until their own proposed building is completed.

The increase in crime in Dawson is something which distresses the old-timers. They have been used to seeing gold-dust and other valuables left around wherever it was most convenient to drop it, and theft was almost unknown. With the advent of civilization have come thieves and rogues and the police are preparing to house them.

The first cell visited was filled with gold-dust. The Canadian Bank of Commerce deposits there pending the completion of their own strong building. Inspector Harper mentioned the fact that anyone wishing safe deposit can leave their gold with the police and it will be guarded in this cell. The next cell was occupied by a crazy man named Howe, from No. 36 Eldorado. Wm. Henry Guerval who is to be tried for insanity also, was being allowed to drop it, and theft was almost unknown. With the advent of civilization have come thieves and rogues and the police are preparing to house them.

The sick prisoner named Henderson. He is the man who killed his partner on Marsh lake, last year. He is down here for trial, but has been very sick ever since he arrived. J. C. Doe occupies another cell and is to be tried at the proper time for the theft of \$1,300.

On the opposite side of the buildings are the condemned cells occupied by the Harpers, Joe Jim, Frank and Dawson Nantuck. A guard patrols past their open cells all day and all night and no communication is allowed between them.

The balance of the prisoners are being worked in what is often termed a "chain gang" though there are absolutely no chains used unless prisoners are shown to be very dangerous. The men just now are loading a wagon with gravel from the beach and unloading it in the rectangle, a much needed improvement.

Mrs. Moore, the only female prisoner, is to be tried for the theft of \$600 in gold dust from the cabin on No. 13 Eldorado. She was employed up there all last winter as housekeeper.

STORIES OF CAMP AND TRAIL.

A Race with a Snow-Slide.

The little windy arm of Tagish lake is enclosed on both sides by lofty mountains. From this fact the narrow stretch of water derives its name, for the mountains rise so abruptly and are so near each other that they form a continuous flue through which a wind is blowing constantly.

On a certain morning last May three young men might have been seen climbing one of these lofty mountains. They were in pursuit of the wild sheep which are found in numbers among the crags and hills.

The sides of the mountain were still pretty well snow-covered, though, from the effects of the warm spring sun, immense masses of snow were daily sliding down the more abrupt slopes. Without thought of this, however, the young men continued the ascent, until they stood on a shelving rock fully 3,000 feet above the water beneath them. To their left, and extending up and down the mountain side was a narrow canyon filled to the top with snow. A stiff crust was still on the surface, which had been packed hard by repeated slides from above. Across the canyon there was a sharp crag behind which the young men concluded they would be very apt to locate the coveted game. The steep angle, however, at which the canyon rose caused them to debate the matter some time before, finally deciding to attempt a crossing. At length they concluded that two should remain where they were, and the third should make the effort to cross the canyon and reach the crag. Phil Johnson, for that was the name of the lad who, it had been agreed should attempt the crossing, started immediately on his trip.

The heels of his heavy shoes were shod with spikes and by using his rifle, stock downward, as an Alpinestick, he managed to keep his footing. His companions remained where he had left them, watching his progress.

Slowly but surely he made his way over the

glistering snow. Each step must be carefully taken lest his foot slip and he go flying down the snow-filled canyon. When he had covered about half the distance across he suddenly stopped. Far above him there sounded an ominous roar, like distant thunder. His friends also heard it and understood at once its meaning. "Hurricane!" they shouted, "a slide, a slide!" True enough. From the summit of the mountain a great mass of snow had detached itself and gathering impetus at every moment was moving down the canyon, and Johnson was squarely in its path. Nothing could withstand the force of that mass of snow, hundreds of tons in weight. It would carry everything before it. To reach the other side of the canyon before the slide could overtake him was impossible, to retrace his steps to his companions was equally so. For a moment he stood helpless. Then a sudden thought came to him. If he could not cross the canyon, and thus escape, why not go ahead of the slide and try and reach the bottom first. To think was to act. Grasping his rifle at the balance, in order to steady himself, he sat down on the hard crust, his legs close together, in front of him. He did not even receive a start, the descent was so steep. Down he flew, faster and faster, a fine spray of snow flying about his head and almost blinding him. Behind him, becoming more and more distinct each moment he heard the roar of the snow slide.

But now another danger confronted him. His descent became so swift that he could scarcely retain a sitting position. Halfway down the canyon he lost the rifle. His presence of mind still remained, but the power to control himself was fast leaving him. He did not even receive a start, the descent was so steep. Down he flew, faster and faster, a fine spray of snow flying about his head and almost blinding him. Behind him, becoming more and more distinct each moment he heard the roar of the snow slide.

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Opening of Chisholm's Hall.

Chisholm's hall was formally opened Tuesday evening, August 2, with a social dance, and when the grand march was called the hall was filled almost to overflowing. All guests speak of the occasion as one of the most enjoyable in the history of the camp and one long to be remembered. Chisholm & Smith, the managers, were the recipients of many congratulations and well wishes for future success. No "sour dough" clothes were in evidence and Alex. McDonald, who led the grand march, appeared in one of the swiftest of swells. He did the honors of the occasion in the most dignified and becoming manner, and doubtless among the many other honors, in the future will bear the title of the Beau Brummel of Dawson.

Excellent music was furnished by Prof. Pickrell's string orchestra, and the management of the floor was in the hands of Jake Kline. Among those present were: J. McIsaac, M. King, E. H. Brown, J. E. Sooy, E. H. Moran, Harry Crabb, Ed. Thorp, E. B. Brown, A. B. Smith, Alex. McDonald, A. E. Agnew, J. E. Dougherty, A. B. Field, Sam Stanley, Mr. West, N. Demers, Casey Moran, Earl Crutcher, Dave Evans, Chas. W. H. Schulz, Mr. C. G. Debnay, J. J. Corbett, Wm. Emerson, J. E. Sullivan, M. J. Sullivan, Mr. Bolton, Misses Bonner, Pilkington, Munro, Anna Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Boorman, Messrs. Harry Ash, D. Schiller, A. Primus, J. P. Douglas, Wm. Huson, Deal, Hall, Taylor, Messrs. Whistle, Walters, Debnay, Rapp, Davis and a host of others too numerous to mention.

PERSONALS.

Louis Coste, chief engineer of public works in the Dominion, is in town.

M. Jane, Louis Edme, Tom Warner and W. F. Mitchell, of Washington, D. C., have decided to wind up their summer's work by going to St. Michaels in an open boat. They started Friday.

Walter Phillips arrived in Dawson a week ago. A severe attack of summer complaint decided his party that he must be gotten out at once. Friday he was carried aboard their boat and the party started down.

Jan. L. Wilson, of Tacoma, well-known on the sound, and brother of W. M. Wilson, proprietor of the Monte Carlo theatre, arrived in Dawson some time ago. Mr. Wilson is interested in Rossland, B. C., properties, and will probably make some investments in Dawson should favorable opportunity present.

W. H. Glass arrived in Dawson this week having started from Australia 12 months ago. Knowing little of the moods of the country he was coming to, he was utterly astounded last fall when the river boat he was on, the J. J. Healy, tied up at Ft. Yukon and calmly allowed herself to be frozen in. He considers himself a hardy-used man and claims that nothing was said to him by the steamboat company about the possible tying up of the boat before the trip was completed.

Miss Edith Van Buren and Mrs. Admiral Hitchcock are the latest additions to Dawson society. The ladies are wealthy and are very well known in the United States. They travel for pleasure and are simply "doing" the Klondike country, as they have done many other famous points of interest in Europe and America. They came in by way of St. Michaels and expect to go out again before the freeze-up, and possibly by way of the Chilkoot Pass. The Nugget is indebted to them for a very pleasant visit at the office.

Gave Him Nerve.

She was fairly beaming when they met. "What's the matter?" asked her best friend. "George is going to the war," she answered. "But I don't see anything pleasant about that." "Well, you see, it's just this way," she explained. "Nothing short of the shock of being ordered into active service ever would have given him the nerve to propose. That's worth some risk." Chicago Post.

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Dawson's Bicycle.

To Miss Lotta Burns of Seattle belongs the honor of bringing into the Yukon country the first ladies' bicycle. She arrived on the Sovereign and exhibited the wheel at various points along the river. Her description of the reception given the bike by the Indians in the lower country is quite amusing and we expect the manufacturers may at some future time, for advertising purposes, issue a pamphlet filled with illustrations of the memorable trip of the "Sovereign" ladies. It is interesting to know that the wheel was purchased from a Miss Pringle who won it in one of the Examiner's contests and to say it is the observed of all observers when on parade but mildly expresses the attention paid to the first bicycle in Dawson.

The Monte Carlo Opened.

The opening of the Monte Carlo theatre on Thursday night, was a great success. It will long be remembered by those who secured admission, as an evening of real enjoyment.

Bright, sparkling music, under Harry Warnock's leadership, gave a finishing touch to the efforts of Fred Breen and his corps of talented artists.

Miss Beatrice Leon was given an ovation, as she made her first appearance before a Dawson audience.

Grace Robinson, Emma Forrest, Caprice, Rosaline and a host of others received a share of the honors of the evening. Mr. Frank Howard, well-known in Dawson, made himself more than popular.

After the performance Edward Cowley took charge and a grand ball finished the evening's entertainment. The executive staff of the Monte Carlo theatre is as follows: W. M. Wilson, proprietor; R. C. Gardner, manager; Fred Breen, stage manager; Harry Warnock, leader of orchestra; Edward Cowley, floor manager; Russell Bates, scenic artist.

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