

The Nugget Circulates From Skagway to Nome

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TWO MEN MISSING

Went Rabbit Shooting October 8th

Two Police Sent Out Today to Search Chico and Other Islands.

The unraveling of what may turn out to be another murder mystery...

Two men, R. E. Morgan and W. Parker, were staying at the Whitehorse house, and on the 8th of the month they left town together...

ROSS MEETING

Notice is given that a public meeting of Ross supporters will be held in the south end committee rooms tonight.

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Crimmin and Thistle This Afternoon

Mild Weather Southward and Very Little Ice to Contend With.

Mr. Calderhead may be classed among the true weather prophets, for, just as he said, the river is liable to be clear again before the freeze-up.

The Thistle arrived last night with mail and the passengers of the Lightning, and reported that few difficulties had been met with on the trip.

The Wilbur Crimmin got in during the afternoon, and had managed to bring four scows with her.

Don't be a Chump

Don't be a chump. Don't want the earth. Don't think it was built for you alone and other people put on it to contribute to your comfort.

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GOOD NEWS

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INSTRUCTION—PIANO

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EDWARD LA BELLE, NOW ON TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF LEON BOUTHILLETTE.

EDWARD LA BELLE'S CONFESSION IN COURT

Lengthy Document Dealing With The Murder—Prosecution Continues the Examination of Witnesses—Alleged Murderer and Victims Took Dinner at Selkirk—Important Evidence of P. A. Rook who Outfitted the Party at Whitehorse.

The afternoon session presented what may be called a sensational feature, in the reading of La Belle's written confession by Mr. Congdon.

Mr. Congdon then read the letters, of which there were four, Mr. Hager and Mr. Noel occasionally offering minor corrections in the translation.

"When we arrived on the island Constantine got up on the bank to take the blankets and he asked immediately for the gun. I passed the gun to Beaudoin and he gave it to Constantine and close to the shore he fired at a rabbit and he walked a little further and fired two other shots.

he would like to go down the river as far as Eagle City; that he had his boat and that he thought it very likely that we could get work there. That he was certain of getting some of the money.

"After getting into the boat I remarked that Fournier had put the blankets of the three men in the boat. He said they were too good to throw in the water; that he would sell them in Dawson. Then he had taken them to the hotel where I had put my clothes, and two days afterwards when I returned for my clothes he came also and took his Yukon sleeping bag and the three blankets and he said to me on the bridge, 'I will go and sell them; I can get \$10 for them,' and instead of going and selling them he took them to Sicotte's cabin.

"They remained there two days and seeing him drunk in town changing \$100 bills I said to myself the blankets he left there will remain there, and I went and sold them with him. I got \$8 for them and I gave him the money. I did that because I had come into Dawson with him and he was too drunk to sell them, and that Sicotte knew. I had put my clothes at his place."

HOLD UP AT DOUGLAS CITY

Special to the Daily Nugget. Juneau, Oct. 28.—Two men, one tall the other short, masked and heavily armed, held up the Douglas Opera House yesterday morning as the gambling games were closing.

The conclusion of Corporal Piper's evidence was the most interesting of the day, and every detail of it was listened to with the closest attention.

First the corporal placed in evidence two maps he had made of the island—which has since been named Murder Island—and then unrolled a large sheet of canvass on which were sketched a large number of the objects found during his minute search of the island and particularly of the spot where a fire had been made and wearing apparel and other things consumed.

Among these gruesome objects was a piece of human skull, charred by the fire, then the frame of the valise which has been identified by several witnesses as in all probability the one seen by them carried by the murdered Bouthillette.

The morning session of the trial of Edward La Belle began with the continuation of the cross-examination of Corporal Piper, which lacked but little of being finished yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Nelson was the next witness called. She is the proprietor of a store and road house at Selkirk where she has resided for the past two years.

"I have gone into minute details counsel for defense admitted the boat the same as was used by the prisoner in his journey from Whitehorse. Continued: Witness had talked to La Belle in reference to provisions and his outfit and asked that he be allowed to figure on them before he made his purchases. Witness had a rifle for sale, a 35-90 caliber, which the accused wanted but did not wish to pay the price asked, \$10. A few days later La Belle said that he shortly expected some friends from the outside and as soon as they arrived they would leave at once for down the river. On June 16 he said his friends would be in that day and he purchased the rifle that morning for \$8, paid for it and left it standing in the store for the time being. He later returned and took it away. Fournier was with him when the purchase was made but took no part in the conversation or the purchase remaining outside the doorway. Saw the accused again in the evening about 4 o'clock with Fournier and three others. They all came to the store of the witness and bought a small outfit, about which there was a little dispute. Fournier was willing to purchase so much. During the Sunday on the 25th she was in Dawson where she met La Belle on the street some where on Second avenue. They had some conversation, but spoke of nothing of importance. She next saw the accused on the steamer Canadian upon which he was brought to Dawson after his arrest in Nevada. She was called to the landing by a wire stating that he wished to see her. Saw him at that time and recognized him as being the same man as she had known on Elmerado and who had visited by plane in company with several others on Sunday, June 22.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1902.

\$50 Reward.

We will pay a reward of \$50 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any one stealing copies of the Daily or Semi-Weekly Nugget from business houses or private residences, where same have been left by our carriers.



AMUSEMENTS.
Auditorium—"Galley Slave."
Standard—Vaudeville.

TAKE NO CHANCES.

Since the announcement was made that Mr. Ross has resigned from the Yukon Commission, to accept the nomination for the Dominion house, newspapers all over Canada have expressed an active interest in his candidature and almost without exception have had words of praise for him and have prophesied his success. The advantages that will accrue to the Yukon from being represented in the federal legislative body by a man of national reputation as a constructive legislator and an able administrator are manifold.

Mr. Ross is already a power in the councils of the government and when he goes down to Ottawa clothed with the dignity appertaining to the accredited representative of our great and growing commonwealth he will become a still more important factor in the determination of governmental policies.

Any matter to which he may direct the attention of the government in connection with the necessities of this territory will receive prompt attention and whatever measures are necessary will be immediately inaugurated.

An commissioner of the territory Mr. Ross has accomplished marvelous results for the good of the community which may be accepted only as an indication of what will be done in his capacity as member of parliament.

On the other hand, Clarke would simply be an object of curiosity at Ottawa—excellent material for newspaper paragraph writers—and as a product of the untamed North would undoubtedly attract attention from persons with a fat for curios and the like. The people who saw and heard him would probably smile and very likely tap their foreheads, shrug their shoulders and wonder if it was the Yukon climate or what.

But all that would not avail anything for the miners of the territory. It would not secure needed changes in existing legislation or new regulations where they are needed. It would simply advertise Clarke and that would be the end of it.

The people of the Yukon cannot afford to take chances with a mountebank when they have the opportunity of securing the services of a tried and true statesman.

CLARKE AND THE ALASKAN.
Some time ago Clarke's evening organ published a laughable fairy tale in the form of an alleged telegram from Skagway in which it was stated that the Alaskan, published in that town, would support Joe Clarke for parliament. It appears to be a fact that the Alaskan is taking an interest in Yukon politics, but not exactly after the fashion indicated by the News.

When Clarke returned from Whitehorse he was quoted in the News as follows: "The circulation of the Alaskan in Whitehorse is quite extensive. In fact every business house takes it. The stand of the Alaskan is taken simply in answer to public opinion in the upriver district."
We comment to Joseph and to the News a close perusal of the following

editorial taken from the Alaskan of Oct. 18—

The Yukon Election. The Yukon country has much at stake on the outcome of the present election for a representative in the Dominion parliament. The territory has reached a vital point in its course. It is at that stage of development when intelligent government will count for more than has been the case in the past and more than it will count after the period of transition from the primitive conditions and consequent primitive methods of the past to those conditions and methods that should obtain with an advanced civilization shall have passed. A mistake in the government at this time would be all but fatal to the future progress of the country. This fact, taken in connection with the further fact that the prosperity of Skagway depends almost entirely upon the welfare of the Canadian Yukon and the Atlin district, impels the Daily Alaskan to take an interest in the election that will take place on the 23 day of December, that would be impertinent on the part of a foreign paper under ordinary circumstances. Under the peculiar conditions that surround Skagway and the Daily Alaskan, and their connection with the interior country, the publishers of this paper feel that they owe no one an apology for daring to advise with those of the Daily Alaskan readers who are electors in Yukon territory. There is no one on either side of the national boundary line whose interest in the development of the Yukon is greater proportionately with the investment than is that of the publishers of the Daily Alaskan. This being the case, the Daily Alaskan feels that it has a moral right as well as the liberty to express its views freely upon the questions that are involved in the campaign that is now in progress across the line.

The duty of the Yukon elector to himself and his country could not be more clearly defined than it is at the present time. The platform upon which the two candidates are running are not far different, so that almost the sole issue is the personality of the two candidates, and between these there should be but one choice. The well being of the Yukon demands the election of Governor Ross. The platform upon which he stands is broad and liberal and it is amplified by the public career and character of the governor himself.

Notwithstanding the terrible affliction that was visited upon Governor Ross in the loss of his wife and children in the Islander catastrophe, in the 16 months he was at the head of Yukon affairs, more was accomplished for the real good of the territory than during all the years that had elapsed between the day upon which Carmack discovered the golden sands of Bonanza creek in 1896 and the date of the governor's commission.

Governor Ross has the confidence of the government at Ottawa. He is a man who commands confidence from all with whom he comes in contact. If he shall go to the Dominion capital as the representative of the Yukon it will be within his power to secure those things for which the Yukon miner is and has been crying aloud. How would it be if he should be defeated?

The election of Joe Clarke could mean only one thing. It would be strewed as a protest against conditions that were fast being remedied by Governor Ross when he was stricken last summer. That is all. Clarke is in no sense a man who could be depended upon to arrange the details of a constructive policy. He is an agitator who may pull down the Yukon requires a man at Ottawa who can be depended upon to build up.

Let it be conceded for the sake of argument that the Yukon has been an abused portion of the Dominion. (Although to Alaskans it will seem strange to hear a country that has been accorded the right of self-government and representation in the affairs of the nation, besides having received the benefit of hundreds of miles of wagon roads, built at the government's expense, referred to as being abused.) But the Yukon people feel that they have not been treated right by the government, and granting that, the question is how best to secure a reversal of that treatment. Will it be by the election of Clarke, the man who has made a failure of everything he ever undertook and whose election could only mean that the people of the Yukon are not satisfied with what they have received in the past? Of course not. Every sane man knows that should Clarke be elected the government would have to seek elsewhere for counsel and advice as to its Yukon policy. Clarke stands for absolute nothing but dissatisfaction.

On the other hand Governor Ross understands the conditions and history of the Yukon as well as does Clarke or any one else, and he has a remedy for the conditions that require a change of policy. He also has the confidence of those who have the legislation of the country in hand. Clarke stands for a protest against the past. Governor Ross stands for a policy for the future.

The people of the Yukon will no doubt waste little in vain regrets over the past. They will vote for Governor Ross and the future.

A Newspaper for Beggars.
In this enterprising age even the professional beggar must have his own special press organ. Therefore it is by no means surprising to learn that in Paris, the city in which mendicancy has attained the dignity of a fine art, there is published a "Beggars' Newspaper." The edition is a limited one, and is confined naturally to professional beggars. This organ does not deal with politics or with the leading questions of the hour; it confines its columns to "market reports" and "useful details," which are supplied by the fraternity. The price of a single copy is 20 centimes, and the publisher has to make his profit out of the advertisements, which are really very interesting and instructive reading for the outsider. Thus, advertisements of the following nature are to be met with in this remarkable newspaper: "Wanted, a blind man who can play the flute a little," or "Wanted, a lame man for a popular watering-place; persons preferred who have lost the right arm; good references and no bond required," or "Wanted, a legless man with a good power of facial expression, warranted to move even the most stony-hearted. One used to begging at church-doors preferred."

Then, beggars' "pitches" are offered for sale and applied for. Thus: "A sure living with sound prospects of an early retirement is offered to a blind man who has a knowing dog to aid him at a splendid point on one of the leading boulevards. Present holder has made his 'pile' and is about to retire. Early application requested." Bankers' references desired."

Such advertisements are to be seen in dozens in each number of the newspaper, but in every case applications have to be made to agents, who act for the professional beggars. There are twenty of these agents in Paris, and they keep the professional beggars fully informed as to likely openings and the prospective value of "pitches" throughout France, and especially in the watering-places of the interior and on the coast.

Finally, the beggars' organ publishes lists of weddings, births, baptisms, and funerals, as also of the birthdays and name-days of rich and well-known people; and with the aid of such lists the more skillful mendicants manage to make a very good addition to their incomes by trading upon the credulity and well-meaning charity of many members of the official world and upper classes.

By the time the second day of December arrives, the campaign on behalf of the Honorable James Hamilton Ross will have developed into a magnificent popular demonstration. In nine cases out of ten whenever a Clarke man learns the truth about Joseph, a Ross convert is as good as made. Before the battle is over there will be none left to whom the truth has not been explained. The few then left to do reverence to Joseph will be only sufficient to remind Joe that once upon a time he thought he had a chance.

A Strong Man.
There is a rather peculiar campaign going on in the northwestern part of Canada. The Yukon is in the midst of her first election struggle, and at next session will be represented in the Dominion house of commons. One of the peculiar things in the campaign is that the candidate nominated by the Liberals is Hon. Jas. H. Ross, governor of the Yukon, who since going to the north country has met with severe afflictions, and who at present is at Whitehorse, convalescent from an illness which prostrated him. He is thus unable to take a personal part in the campaign which makes it a unique one. People in the northwest, where for years Mr. Ross was a prominent figure in our public affairs, know his ability and his knowledge of western affairs. For several years he was a cabinet minister in our non-political government, and his departure was a matter for regret. As we have before pointed out in The News in this connection, we think Mr. Ross' return as an active member in the commons would add materially to our western representation, from the fact that his experience as a legislator has put him in possession of a knowledge of western affairs, such as few men in Canada possess.—Medicine Hat News.

Amateur Athletes.
Proposals for ordinary membership of the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association should be handed in to the secretary before eight this evening, at the association building, in order to be voted upon by the board of directors at its meeting next week. Those whose names are not in this event cannot become members until after the next meeting of the board, and, as the ice rink will soon be ready, this ought to be a consideration for those intending to join.

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When Mr. William Thornburn left here on the Prospector for down the river the other day, there was a story in regard to his trip so well authenticated that it crept into the Nugget. It was believed that his heart was audibly beating as he went over the gang plank to the old schooner.

Stroller's Column.

Mr. Calderhead laughed at that story in the Stroller last week of how he first came to the north to start a bear farm, and it recalled many memories of his erstwhile partner Lancaster, of whom he always speaks with admiration. Lancaster was not himself a bad man, but he ran up against them occasionally in the many wild regions he sojourned in, and his coolness and readiness seemed never to fail him.

Mr. Calderhead also classifies him as a peculiarly brave man, and he was therefore surprised to have Lancaster come to him one day and say: "Dick, I have been a coward, and I feel ashamed of it."

He then told the story. It happened in Butte, and Lancaster was mining in a tunnel in the High Ore mine. He was working under contract, taking the night shift. A man named Webster had the day shift. They never saw each other. It was the unwritten law for each man to clear the fallen ore from the tracks before he finished his shift, but Webster did not do this. Lancaster stood it for a time and at length one morning he left the tracks covered.

The next day Webster called at his house and asked if his name was Lancaster. He said yes. Did he work in a certain tunnel in the High Ore? He answered no.

"That was cowardly of me," says Lancaster to Calderhead, "but I wanted to finish the business I had with him. When I'd done that, however, I'd ought to have told him. I am going up there now."

Webster was a noted desperado and an immensely powerful man. Many people in Dawson will remember that Lancaster could not be called a small man. He stood six feet four, and was handsomely proportioned. He rode out to Webster's cottage and called him out.

"Your name's Webster," he said. "Well, my name's Lancaster. I told you a little while ago it wasn't. I have come here to kill you and I mean to do it. Get your gun and let's go behind that dump."

Webster got his gun and was out again in a jiffy. But he walked slowly and seemed to be slinking. Both were watching the other out of the corner of the eyes. At last he said:

"See here, Lancaster, we can both shoot, and there ain't an ounce of funk in either of us. If we go behind that dump it's sartin sure that only one of us comes back. We've both got families and I know neither of us will give to the other, so I suppose it will have—"

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CAUGHT WHEN SKIPPING
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Harry West, who was alleged to have stolen \$300 and several rings from the Old Inn at Ogilvie bridge, the property of Maude Esler, the proprietor, has been arrested at Whitehorse. Soon after Mrs. Esler laid the information against West he disappeared, and the police at Whitehorse were instructed to be on the lookout for him. Major Cuthbert received advice this morning that he had been arrested at Whitehorse and would be brought in at once.

CHORAL CONCERT.
An excellent rehearsal was held last night, some of the quartets forming part of the evening's work.

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The most fastidious and critical taste of the drama cannot fail to be thoroughly pleased with the play "Way Down East," which the Bitter company is producing at the Auditorium theatre this week.

home of Squire Bartlett. The stern, puritanical old farmer refuses her the position because her history is unknown, but the weak condition of the girl appeals to the squire's wife and her son, both of whom plead for her, and the squire relents and takes her in as a servant. Her son, Lenox Sanderson, appears upon the scene and endeavors to persuade her to leave in order that he may press his suit for the hand of Kate Brewster, the niece of the Bartletts. In order to preserve her position in the home where she has found a shelter Anna does not betray his villainy but refuses all his bribes to leave.

Eight months pass quietly and pleasantly for Anna, during which time she wins the regard of the entire household, but her past history finally becomes known through the village gossip, Martha Perkins. When the squire verifies the report to his own satisfaction he becomes furious at what he considers to be the defilement of his home by such a character being sheltered therein and orders her to leave at once. The denouement occurs while the family are at dinner and seated at the table is Lenox Sanderson, and before leaving the house she declares her innocence of intentional wrongdoing and also denounces her betrayer, who is seated at the table an honored guest of the family. With this burning accusation of the man who wronged her she leaves the house, going out into a heavy snow storm.

During her stay in the Bartlett home David Bartlett, the only son of the squire, has fallen in love with her, but although his love is returned she repulses all his advances. When she leaves the house that night although the story he has heard, has given David a great shock, his love conquers and all night he searches the surrounding country for the girl who was lost to sight immediately after leaving the house. The whole family then goes in search of David and towards morning their efforts are rewarded by finding David in a maple sugar shed in the heart of the forest, where he has brought the ob-

PARDONED OUT.

Business was very dull with Schwartzberger, the bird fancier. He walked up and down the dirty floor of his store and paused at the door, which looked out on the little sunlit back yard, where some disreputable sparrows clattered in the soot-laden branches of a burgeoning tree. It was April, and the wine of spring was in the tingling breeze. He walked between tiers of little cells, in which yelping poodles and snarling terriers clawed and cursed at their prison bars. The study air of the bird store was vocal with the mutings of a thousand tiny feathered prisoners, who knew that winter was gone, and with swelling throats piped the shrill music of their hopes.

"Two dollars is my limit," explained the customer, pausing before a finnet which seemed determined to burst his small neck with a furious roundelay. "Now, dot iss a fine singster, vich I vill let you haf for two tollar. His tail iss come out ant he iss yett mouthing, aber—" "All right, I'll take him. I guess he can fly all right?" The merchant resumed his sofititude. "I haf a nice teetle cage, vich you must see it," he gurgled, bustling about, "for seventy-five cents, it iss all brass and dose two teetle glass feeders. So!" "Cage, b-l," scorned the purchaser. "No cage for my bird." "But dose teetle vooden tings is too small, is iss yust for carry."

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Were Matter of Discipline

The place was the fair ground of a certain town in a certain state of the middle west. The time is immemorial. The occasion was the regular annual encampment of the 24th regiment of the certain state's national guard.

colonel was striding back and forth across the tent-floor spitting anathemas, for he and the major had been rivals for the colonelcy, and were now in rivalry for the love of a girl. He recovered himself presently, and sat down, laughing.

tion for ye. 'Tis a dirty trick—" The colonel's nerves being on edge, he was exasperated. He motioned the others away. "Don't call me Bill," he thundered, "call me sir. I'm the colonel of the regiment, my man."

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where already the first brown leaves of autumn were rustling. He stared absently for a moment at Rachel's fair face and then at Schwartzberger. "Here's a fine fellow," he said at last. "How much for him, Heiny?" "Tree tollard viftig, a Swiss cock mit, O-o-o such a voice!" "The buyer counted out \$3.50, lounged away to the back door and released the bird. The merchant's bright eyes bulged with surprise as he watched the pleased face of his customer, half-afraid that the man was a maniac and might do him harm. But the odd fellow only stood smiling aloft at the yellow chorister in the tree till it spread its golden wings and darted to the roof and thence away into the free summer.

inoculation is the only effectual means of fighting the plague, it has undertaken the gigantic task of inoculating 7,000,000 of the people during the next five months. Surgeon-Major Bannerman, superintendent of the government laboratory at Bombay, has received instructions to be ready to supply plague serum at the rate of 50,000 doses a day.

Editor Nugget: Dear Sir—Miss Florence E. McCormick of Brooklyn, N.Y., asks for information concerning her father, Samuel B. McCormick, who came to the Klondike four years ago and is reported to have died here. He kind enough to insert an article of inquiry and oblige. H. TEROLLER, Vice-Consul

JIM ROSS FOR THE YUKON

Splendid Tribute Paid to the People's Candidate—How Mr. Ross is Esteemed in the Territory Where He Spent a Great Many Years.

The high esteem in which Mr. Ross is universally held throughout the Northwest territories is well set forth in the following editorial taken from a recent issue of the Regina Leader. Under the caption "Ross for the Yukon," the Leader says: "The people of the Northwest will watch with peculiar interest the parliamentary electoral contest in the Yukon. Mr. Ross, as our readers are already aware, has accepted nomination and has resigned his post as commissioner. His address to the electors appears elsewhere; in it he is the same simple, direct and frank Mr. Ross that the Northwest knows and appreciates, whose word was always as good as a bond. In the Territories the promise by him that 'I will, if elected, devote myself earnestly to your service,' would be implicitly believed, and would carry weight for the reason that Mr. Ross is known to possess the character and capacity required for efficient service. In the address he says, 'I have by reason of my relation with the Territory, become acquainted with its affairs and requirements and believe that this fact may enable me to be of greater service to you as your representative than one could possibly be who is without such experience.' Back of his first-hand knowledge of Yukon affairs and conditions is the long and solid experience he gained in the Northwest. Here he was in public life continuously during eighteen years. He is a proved legislator of capacity. He is an administrator of tried worth. Up to his long record in the Territories, so far as we know, there is not a blemish. Mistakes no doubt he made but they must have been minor ones, because they have passed out of memory. His life here was a record of continuous increasing usefulness and efficiency. To the fact of which his political friends and opponents alike subscribe. At the farewell banquet tendered him at Regina in June, 1901, Mr. J. B. Hawkes, M. L. A., an opponent in the assembly and in federal politics, said: 'Mr. Ross was a strong man, whom it would be difficult to replace—a man of great executive ability, with lots of push; and if anything could be done for the benefit of the people of the Yukon, Jim Ross was the man to do it.' Premier Hanftin said: 'His loss was a calamity to the Northwest territories.' He need not recite to them the history of the territories; in regard to it Mr. Ross had made his reputation as a sound legislator and a useful public man, a strictly honorable and straightforward man (cheers), which after all

of the lunch and music, and the floor in particular, which is of hard-wood, has been planned and hand-papered and is without doubt the best floor for dancing on the creek.

RATES OF TAXATION

Estimates Are Submitted to the Council

Report Adopted After Considerable Argument—Same Rate as Last Year.

When the finance committee submitted its report at the council meeting last night it stated that the following were the estimates of all sums that are required for the lawful purposes of the city of Dawson for the current year after crediting the probable receipts from all sources other than the rates for the current year and making due allowance for the abatement, losses and expenses, which may occur in the collections of the taxes and for taxes which may not be collected or collectable. The report is as follows:

Table with columns for ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES and ESTIMATED RECEIPTS. Includes items like Streets, Works and Public Buildings, Fire, Water and Light, Printing and Stationery, Salaries, Canadian Bank of Commerce loan, Contingencies, Taxes, assessment at 14 cent on the dollar, Receipts from other sources than taxes.

Abatement, losses and expenses in collection of taxes and for taxes which may not be collected or collectable. Total estimated receipts, \$121,780.00. The reduction on the assessment roll made by the court of appeal approximated about a million and a half leaving something over ten millions upon which to make the assessment. After carefully estimating the expenses the committee concluded that a rate of one and one-quarter per cent. would be sufficient and accordingly recommended the striking of that rate.

Edward La Belle's Confession in Court.

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conversation of the parties they spoke entirely in French which the witness could not understand. Purchases made consisted of a sack of potatoes, the sack being marked "Rook Bros." eggs, sugar, tea, bacon, etc. After buying the articles the party went next door and secured their supper in a restaurant. Returning, they took their outfit and started toward the river. That was at 7 p. m. on June 16.

Witness identified the rifle, cover and the sack in which the potatoes had been contained. Continued: The next time witness saw prisoner was near Wadsworth, Nevada, on September 1. It was in a sleeping tent or bunk house utilized by the men employed in the construction of the Southern Pacific railroad. He has ostensibly entered the employ of the company as a timekeeper. La Belle had apparently been in bed though it was the middle of the day. Witness went in the tent to take the names of the employees. Took La Belle's and recognized him at once as being the man wanted. He gave the name of L. Stone, and to make sure he was asked a second time and his partner spelled it L. S. T. O. N. E. Returned to the outside of the tent and waited for Welch to arrive when he was given the signal that his man was located. Welch came up and the tent where the prisoner was stopping was pointed out to the detective. He went in the tent followed by the witness and walking up to La Belle he held up his hand and said "Hello, Ed." The accused looked surprised and after a moment's hesitation put up his hand. Welch said: "Don't you know me? You are Ed La Belle and I used to know you in Dawson." The prisoner admitted he was Ed La Belle but said he did not know the detective. At the same instant the handcuffs were put upon the accused hands before he was aware of what was going on. Welch asked him if he did not know the witness and he replied, "Why, yes, you are the man who sold me the gun in Whitehorse."

The detective, witness and the prisoner returned to Wadsworth and at once went to the office of a justice of the peace. While there the accused was warned in the presence of the witness and the justice of the peace that if he said anything about the murders with which he was charged and for which he had been arrested it would be taken down in writing and would be used against him when the case came to trial. No inducement whatever was held out to him to persuade him to make a confession.

At this juncture Mr. Hagel made an objection to the admissibility of anything touching upon the confession La Belle had made during which it developed that La Belle had said that he tried to get away, had sailed and was willing to go back to Dawson without extradition papers had later been drawn up by the justice of the peace and was signed by La Belle and witnessed by the witness then on the stand.

Mr. Congdon had Mr. Rook then stand aside for the purpose of examining Detective Welsh with reference to no inducement having been offered La Belle in order to get him to confess.

Detective Welsh testified that he was a detective employed by the secret service of the territory. He had arrested La Belle at Wadsworth, Nevada, but had made no promise or inducement of any kind to the prisoner to get him to make a statement. On the contrary he had warned him that anything he said would be taken down in writing and would be used against him at the trial. The accused seemed willing and anxious to talk at all times.

On cross-examination by Mr. Hagel a rather acrimonious discussion arose between the barrister and his lordship. Later, the former quoting from the transcript of the evidence adduced at the preliminary hearing endeavored to prove that the confession had not been secured in a manner which would admit of its being put in as evidence. According to the testimony the following conversation had taken place at Wadsworth between the detective and the prisoner shortly after his arrest: "There is an attorney here, Ed, who wants to see you and who will probably tell you to say nothing. He has been retained by wire by your brother-in-law." Then La Belle is alleged to have said: "You told me it would be the best for me to tell the truth and I am telling the truth," to which Welsh replied, "I know that, Ed."

The definition of the word "corroboration" as given to La Belle when he did not exactly understand the word, came in for considerable discussion, and a ripple of smiles came over the court room in the cross-examination of Welsh by Mr. Hagel with reference to securing confessions from criminals. He was asked if he did not employ hypnotics, weep, etc., to work on the sympathies of those under arrest in order to induce a confession, to which the detective replied with a broad grin that he did not. A series of photographs, the witness explained, which he had been asked about, showing the various emotions experienced by criminals when under the hypnotic eye of the detective, was

begun by cartoonist Buel and was intended only as a joke.

Mr. Rook was recalled and gave important evidence concerning the statements made by La Belle when in route to Dawson under arrest. The prisoner had told the witness that his party had camped on a small island about ten miles below the mouth of the Stewart and that he had no idea there was a move on foot to kill Bouthilliet, Bandon and Constantine. It was not in his mind but was in Fournier's. On the morning of the murders Fournier told La Belle that he thought he might find a moose on the island. Acting on the suggestion La Belle had gone on the other side of the island. He had heard the shots and knew what was going on but was afraid to return to the camp, remaining away an hour and a half. When he finally did return Fournier had told him that he had done a good job and made La Belle swear not to tell, giving him out of the swag secured \$45 that he (Fournier) owed him (La Belle). Fournier had told him that he had thrown the bodies in the river and after they had removed as they thought all traces of the crime they left down the river for Dawson. On arriving here Fournier pawned one of the watches to Uncle Hoffman for \$5 leaving the balance of their things at a cabin of a friend in South Dawson. They arrived here on June 16 and left the boat at Lousestown. They afterward went down the river with one Leblanc and Fournier and La Belle returned to Dawson on July 29. La Belle left for the outside 20 days later leaving Fournier here. On the way inside with the prisoner and Welsh the witness had seen La Belle writing a number of letters to his father and mother. One was written at Wadsworth, one in jail at Seattle and one on board the steamer Dolphin between Seattle and Skagway.

As we go to press the reading of the confession was concluded and Mr. Caron, the interpreter, was under cross-examination.

WANTS TO BE PAID For Damage to His Wagon

J. H. Heath Presents a Bill to the City Council—Don't Spill Water.

The most important matter to come before the meeting of the city council last night was the adoption of the report of the finance committee containing the estimates of the year and the rate of taxation that had been agreed upon, a resume of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. After City Clerk Smith had read the minutes of the previous meeting and before it was adopted he presented to the council the assessment roll for the year 1902.

Communications were few in number and there was but one bill presented. That was a bill to Branch & Tarr made out to J. H. Heath and was for the damages that had been incurred to a wagon belonging to Heath which had slid off the grade on the old A. C. trail and been considerably damaged by rolling part way down the hill. Accompanying the bill was a statement from Mr. Heath explaining the reason for presenting the bill to the council. A week or so ago he had rented his wagon to Brimston, the undertaker for the purpose of carrying the remains of C. Blonde to the cemetery. On the return of the funeral as they approached the glacier along the trail which has always been a menace to travel every winter, the wagon began to slide and despite every effort stopped of the grade pulling the horses with it and almost making

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TO LATE TO PARDON Judge Intervenes for Woman Already Dead

Had Been Convicted by Perjured Evidence and Died in Jail.

Nome, Sept. 20—Helen Wagner is in her grave. Ed. Manthei, who was the direct cause of this woman's death through perjured testimony, is at large, having broken out of the Eagle City jail. Judge Wickersham, from the letter given below, shows that he is now convinced that a terrible mistake was made, and not knowing that the poor woman is dead has petitioned the president for her pardon, but it will come too late.

Eagle City, August 23 Hon. James E. Penton, Nome, Alaska. Sir—On the 17th day of October, 1901, Helen Wagner was convicted before a jury of having robbed one Manthei in a house of ill fame at Nome and was sentenced by me to three years imprisonment in the United States penitentiary at McNeil's island, Washington. She was convicted upon the testimony of Manthei, who was alone in the room with her at the time; on the motion

for a new trial an affidavit was made for the defendant in which Manthei practically admitted that his testimony in the trial was false. He was thereupon arrested for perjury and two indictments were returned against him by the next grand jury. In the meantime he had been out on bail, but left the country, forfeiting his bonds and was not tried. On my way from Nome to Eagle City I learned that Manthei was on a steamer which we passed, and I issued a bench warrant for his arrest. He was arrested by the marshal at Eagle City and placed in jail and escaped on August 15.

While I am most satisfied of the woman's innocence the evident perjury and flight of the only witness against her has created such a reasonable doubt that I deem it my duty to urge her pardon by the president. I do therefore respectfully recommend that a pardon be granted to the said Helen Wagner for the offense with which she now stands convicted.

Very respectfully, James Wickersham, District Judge Alaska Third Div.

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Stolen Sunday, June 8th, one male amate dog, very dark grey, wire breast, light chops, light grey stripe running from point of nose up between eyes; front legs white; hind feet white, extreme tip of tail white; belly light color, always carries tail curled over back or left side, and very small like a fox or tom. I will pay the above reward for any information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the thief and recovery of dog.

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TWO PROTESTS FILED

One for a Fracton on All Gold and the Other on Dominion

Two protests were filed in the gold commissioner's court this morning, the one in regard to a fraction on All Gold creek and the other in respect to a bench claim on Dominion. The first named was that of Charles Stuart Barnes versus Austin J. Smith and Gust E. Warnke. Plaintiff claims that he located creek claim No. 106 below discovery on All Gold on Dec. 27, 1901, and applied for record on Dec. 30th. Said application was refused on the ground that a grant for it had already been issued to Herman Goerner.

Plaintiff filed a protest against Goerner, for the reason that Goerner had never staked the ground. This was heard and decided in favor of plaintiff, and a grant was issued to him on May 14th, 1902. The defendant Smith made application and received a grant for ground adjoining, a 65 foot fraction called 165a, claiming that he had located the same Dec. 21, 1901. Plaintiff affirms that there was no stake on the property prior to October 10th, 1902, bearing the name of the defendant Smith, but on that date a stake was placed thereon bearing the date of Dec. 21, 1901. The case is fixed for hearing on February 16th, 1903.

The other protest is brought by George Cropp against A. J. Irwin and J. H. Colton, and is in regard to a bench claim on the fifth tier opposite the upper half of No. 258 on the right limit. The plaintiff located the claim on October 13th last, said claim being then open for relocation. He filed his papers and paid the necessary fees, but was informed that a grant for it had been accorded to the defendant on April 19th, 1902. The plaintiff is informed that the claim has been grouped with an adjoining claim, for the purpose of doing the representation work on one claim only. That no work whatever has been done on the claim in question, and therefore he claims that a grant for the same should be issued to him. The case is set for hearing on Nov. 28th.

Auditorium—Way Down East. Job Printing at Nugget office. Special power of attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

SMALL STAMPEDE

Several Locators This Morning on a Bonanza Gulch.

The recorder's window in the administration building this morning bore evidence of a stampede, but of what dimensions cannot be stated. Last June the upper half of No. 5, on what is known as 49 gulch below discovery on Bonanza, was recorded, and it was whispered a few days ago that the locators had struck good pay. There was a stampede in consequence and the lower half of No. 5 was located and Nos. 6 and 7 and recorded this morning. No. 11 was recorded yesterday afternoon.

ELDORADO AND BONANZA

Tardal Bros. of No. 61 below Bonanza have moved their roadhouse to the opposite side of the road from where it formerly stood in order to be on the winter trail.

Mr. McLaughlin and family of No. 60 below Bonanza have moved to town for the winter. Henry Voight of No. 5 Victoria Pup has built a neat little cabin on No. 38 above Bonanza and will live there this winter. Mr. Voight is one of the many who staked a hillside on the left limit on upper Bonanza a few weeks ago.

Herman Haas & Co. of No. 41 above Bonanza have made extensive improvements on their buildings which they recently purchased. The creeks are sadly changed from a month ago. Then everything was lively, hundreds of men were working where today not a sign of work can be seen. However, the few who are left are either cutting wood, fixing cabins or setting up boilers, and it will only be a few weeks till the dumps will again loom up as in former winters. Mrs. Davis of No. 39 below Bonanza will give another of her popular dances next Friday night. Another dance will be given next Thursday night, Oct. 30, in the new hall which promises to be a great success. All are cordially invited to attend. The opening of the O'Reilly hall at Grand Forks last Friday night was not as largely attended as was expected, although everyone present had a good time and spoke in glowing terms of the treatment received.

Roosevelt is Displeased.

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