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"IT'S A NIGHTMARE"

When Miners are Mulcted for Toll by the P. T. Co.

BECAUSE THOS. O'BRIEN INVESTED IN A WIND-BUILT TRAIL MINERS MUST REIMBURSE HIM.

And an Alleged Government Organ is Authority for the Statement.

But What do the Men Hauling Their Provisions Think of Such a Proposition as They are "Held Up"—And Then Again, We Haven't Heard Much From or About the "Silent" and Missing Quarter Interest in This Tramway Without a Tram.

At last we have been given the reason under the guise of officialdom why the miners of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks should be "held up" by toll keepers and "guards" as they haul their provisions to their claims over their own trail, usurped now largely by the Pioneer Tramway Co., commonly known to the miners as the "Grand and Original Grading Concern." An alleged official organ, which has a little of the milk of human kindness in its mouth is authority for the statement: "The Pioneer Tramway Co. is the latest enterprise in which Mr. O'Brien has become interested." "To build the road as it is today cost \$30,000 representing the three-fourths interest that Mr. O'Brien has in the road." "The toll houses all along the tramway are very comfortable and are so located that to beat the company will be an utter impossibility."

The above paragraph is taken from a presumably paid for write up in the poor government sheet, which for paltry lucre sells its own unregarded opinion thus: "Regardless of what the miners may think * * * we do not believe there is one far-sighted miner on the creek who believes Tom O'Brien * * * should be induced to spend this large sum of money * * * and have it made a loss to him, etc."

Now the miners can readily understand why they must "stand and deliver" to the toll keepers and guards of the Pioneer Tramway Co. without a tram. Mr. Thomas O'Brien, a business man of Klondike City, and so far as we know a very energetic gentleman, for the Nigger has nothing to say concerning Mr. O'Brien personally, was "induced" to invest the large sum of \$30,000, it is claimed in the "wind-built" trail of Mr. Henning. Who "induced" Mr. O'Brien credited with being ordinarily a shrewd level headed business man, to make this investment? And then it is claimed that for the \$30,000 investment he was "induced" to make he only got a three-fourths interest. What became of the other fourth or \$10,000, which in actual cash value would represent an original capital of \$40,000? Who holds that silent fourth interest, which the miners are being compelled to "ante" daily to the toll keepers and guards of this Tramway Co. without a tram? Did the miners of Bonanza and the upper creeks "induce" Mr. O'Brien to do so? Who was it that offered or rather endeavored to "induce" a certain large moneyed concern to handle the proposition Mr. O'Brien was "induced" to handle, and for only \$10,000, \$30,000 of which, was for so-called, preferred claims, and \$10,000 unpreferred, representing unpaid labor employed by Mr. Henning when building his trail? Mr. O'Brien should investigate a little further and see why he was "induced" to pay the \$30,000 amount is correct, \$10,000 more than the interest he holds was held out as an "inducement" to others.

The thoroughly bled miners on the creeks can now plainly see that because Mr. O'Brien has been "induced" by probably the "silent" fourth interest to make this unpopular investment, that the only thing for them to do is to come down to Klondike City, visit Mr. O'Brien's storehouses, buy a hundred weight of flour at \$10 and then when he comes to Mr. O'Brien's toll house on Bonanza creek, or meets one of Mr. O'Brien's guards, "dig up" 50 cents more on it. The miners can readily figure out they are being handed a good thing. When the proper time comes the Nigger will have plenty to say concerning the "silent" fourth interest and where it is held, and don't let that fact ever be forgotten. Attempts may be made to cover up these nightmares, but the Nigger will continue to unearth them as long as they continue to exist.

The Nigger has no opposition to offer Mr. O'Brien in a tramway proposition. It will be

a good thing it is believed, when a tramway is built, and if Mr. O'Brien or any other person will obtain a franchise, build, equip and operate a tramway the public will undoubtedly support it, but the Nigger maintains that under its present condition, the Pioneer Tramway Co. without a tram, has no more right to "hold up" any man and extort pay from him than it has to collect for the air breathed by the man pulling his sled.

That the miners up the creeks may understand what the application contains, made under date of Oct. 23, 1898, the several claims are given herewith, which to save valuable space are curtailed under heads:

1. The exclusive right of way until Sept. 1, 1900, over Bonanza, Dominion, Sulphur, Bear and Hunter creeks, for a pole tramway.
2. To run over any and all mining claims.
3. The exclusive right to cut logs, timber and poles for roadbed, bridges and buildings without any charge for stumpage.
4. The exclusive right to take up vacant government lands not to exceed one acre at any one point.
5. The exemption from all taxation on tramway, bridges, construction and plant for three years.

What is thought of that for a starter? They don't want very much. Exclusive right-of-way over the principal creeks. The right to run over any and all mining claims, which, if granted, means interminable lawsuits for the miner, should the sinking of his shafts and driftings in pay dirt lead him to encroach upon the Pioneer Tramway Co.'s right-of-way. What will he do with his sluice boxes, should they come in conflict with the tramway right-of-way? These are things for the miner to consider and important ones.

The right to cut logs, timber and poles without the payment of stumpage is another request. What do you think of that? And the poor fellow cutting his little firewood for his Yukon stove grabbed by the strong arm of the law and compelled to settle. Then the genteel, modest little request at the conclusion of this humble prayer that "the applicants may be granted exemption from taxation on said roadbed and tramway plant, etc., for the space of three years! Every miner on the creeks must see that these constant exposures of the Nigger are more than nightmares, and that all such "grants" are simply because those working them love the miner and the poor fellow working his claim. Any person can see that!

Now, let us take up the document under which the Pioneer Tramway Co., without a tram, is working.

[COPY.]
Dawson, Nov. 3, 1898.
Messrs. H. M. HENNING & O'BRIEN,
DAWSON, Y. T.

Gentlemen—Your application, etc., was placed before the Council and after discussion it was resolved that the privileges be granted on the following conditions:

1. That you assume and pay the indebtedness of Mr. Henning incurred on account of the labor already expended on the construction of said tramway and after all legal demands against him in connection with and on account of said construction are liquidated and satisfied you will be allowed to assume control of the said road as far as at present constructed.
2. You must distinctly understand that the privilege is subject to all rights reserved in connection with said privilege by the Dominion government as its peculiar prerogative in such matters. The commissioner and council grants you no more than is within their legal privilege to do. The local government has no control over the land of the Dominion in the Yukon territory, and the right given you is only that which the council as representing the minister of the interior or the governor general, in aid of your scheme, you must distinctly understand that no monopoly is secured to you. The commissioner and council are willing to secure to you as far as lies within their power the exclusive privilege of controlling and operating the road so constructed by you and preventing the construction of any other road along the route herein described till the 1st day of Sept. 1899, but do not in any way undertake to guarantee you such exclusive privilege or right as it may not be in their power legally to do so.
3. In the construction of your tramway across any or all of the placer claims over which it is necessary to pass, you are to pay due regard to the rights of the claim holder and in no way to interfere with the proper working of the claims. If you fail in this respect you are under the meaning regulations, liable to them for damages to be adjudged by the gold commissioner.
4. Provided always you distinctly understand that the rights so granted you are only provisional and subject to ratification by the honorable minister of the interior to whom you should apply at once for the confirmation of such rights or privileges.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,
WM. OGILVIE,
Commissioner.

Funeral Expenses \$300.00
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It is to the immortal credit of Mr. Ogilvie that he distinctly treats the application of O'Brien & Henning as a communication only, and replies to them in kind by letter, and it is to his immortal credit also that he and his commissioners assume to grant no legal rights to O'Brien & Henning or the Pioneer Tramway Co. We believe, however, it would have been more to his and their immortal credit had the council, desirous of seeing the debts of Mr. Henning paid for labor bills due, assumed charge of the trail, collected a moderate, easy toll, sufficient to gradually liquidate these obligations, referring Messrs. O'Brien & Henning and the Pioneer Tramway Co. to Ottawa for a franchise, and whence only such government grants can be issued, than to have turned over a trail to them, for no sane person will say there is a tramway in operation anywhere in the Yukon, except that of Captain Hansen's from warehouses to warehouses in the A. C. Co.'s plant in Dawson. Yet miners with their sleds are being "held up" daily by toll keepers and guards without a shadow of law, common sense or justice, and miners continue silently to endure this manifest extortion. We believe it was only through the kindly feelings of Mr. Ogilvie towards poor fellows who had been employed by Mr. Henning and had never received compensation for their labor, that he overcame what would naturally have led him to overrule such an application and such a grant. We believe it will be successfully maintained that no legal rights are being exercised by the Pioneer Tramway Co. without a tram, and that every dollar given up to this private monopoly can be successfully recovered. The Nigger has other "nightmares" in its locker, which it will shortly and in the most emphatic manner exhibit to the public, and those interested will find them the most wakeful walking reminders that this paper is fully awake to events in which the people are directly interested. Let the people watch and see whether it does or not.

Change of program at the Wondroscope exhibition next Sunday. Don't fail to see it at the Monte Carlo.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

On December 1st the Dawson Dramatic and Operatic Club will present a border drama at the Monte Carlo theatre, rehearsals are now in progress. The drama will be given under the management of Mertie Houck.

The skating rink is becoming a most popular resort for healthful amusement. A "hockey" club has been formed and the management has decided to issue monthly tickets to regular patrons at greatly reduced rates. There are over 200 pairs of skates to choose from and all are sharp and in first-class shape.

Messrs. Ferguson and Robinson were in town last Saturday morning and report very favorable upon independence creek, coming in about 51 on Houker. On the left fork the pay has been located and shows from \$240 to \$325 to the pan—a good enough showing for a stream which is only just being opened up in good shape.

The new Melbourne house was thrown open to the public on Monday night. An evening of exceedingly pleasant entertainment was enjoyed by a who attended. In the early part of the evening a reception was held in the parlors and a dainty lunch was served. The balance of the time was spent in dancing and listening to popular songs by Messrs. Brown and Black.

PERSONALS.

Mr. D. H. Pingree, general manager of the Boston & Alaska Transportation Co., left for the outside Monday morning.

Joe Irvine has completed his cabin—one of the finest on all Bonanza creek—and is now rapidly developing his claim, No. 25 above.

F. J. Lauritzen, proprietor of the roadhouse on 32 above on Sulphur creek is in the city on business, and reports a large amount of work being done on that creek.

Probably none in the joint-fraternal entertainment, contributed more to its success than Mr. F. W. Howard, who also made a prominent number upon the program. There are none more ready to assist in every way the cause of charity than Bro. Howard.

A jolly box party witnessed the Wondroscope exhibition at the Monte Carlo on Sunday night. The party was made up of the following: Mrs. J. M. Pickel, Mrs. W. C. Lowden, Miss McDonald, Miss Josephine Pickel and Margie Newman, Messrs. George, Watrous, Allen and Boundy.

Father Desmarais, O. M. I., is building St. Mary's Catholic church at Bonanza Forks and services were held there for the first time last Sunday. A most pleasing and interesting gentleman, for many years engaged in missionary work, energetic and of strong personal magnetism, Father Desmarais is most popular in his congregation. Godspeed the noble work of this man of God.

Money to Loan.

First Avenue, on gilt edge security. Apply at Nigger office.

FUNERAL OF HARRY SPENCER.

Remains of the Old Pioneer Laid to Rest on Sunday Last.

Police, Soldiers, Pioneers, Fire Department and Citizens Turn Out to Pay the Last Tribute of Respect to a Good Citizen.

Requiescat in pace! All that was mortal of great-hearted, genial-souled, sturdy honor Harry Spencer, was laid away in the pioneer burying grounds of Dawson on Sunday last. Despite the raw bleak wind prevailing, and the intense cold, a vast throng assembled at Pioneer hall at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, which not only filled the hall to a state of actual discomfort, but compelled large numbers to remain upon the street during the solemn ceremonies conducted within.

Rev. G. D. Bowen, rector of St. Paul's church, officiated, delivering a most impressive sermon. The singing was a special feature of the occasion, being in charge of Mr. George Noble who had organized a choir of voices, such as is seldom heard in any church in the land, consisting of Mr. Ehrhart, organist; tenors, Mr. Percy Hope, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Liberty, Mr. Jabonski, Mr. Ben Davis; bass, Mr. Frank Clayton, Mr. Julien, Mr. Butters, Mr. Ehrhart; baritone, Mr. Robinson and Mr. George Noble. The harmony and melody of these magnificent voices in the beautiful hymns "Now the Day is Over" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul," which were rendered in the hall will not be forgotten by any present. At the grave "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung, and the vocal services of the funeral of Harry Spencer pass into history as the most impressive ever heard in Dawson.

Feelingly and touchingly did Mr. Bowen refer to the dead man and his citizenship, bearing with him through life the hearty respect of every man who knew him, and who at the bier through his own personality, had called so many hundreds of his friends to bear witness to his manhood and integrity, despite the inclement weather of the day. What a monument to his memory was his funeral. More impressive than shaft of granite, more lasting than the carved stone which marks the burial of the dead in solemn cemeteries.

Preceded by a detachment of 16 members of the North West Mounted Police, headed by a brass band of 12 pieces, came the remains, drawn upon a large sled, upon the casket being cut flowers in profusion, in customary designs of wreaths, pillows, etc. It need scarcely be said that could this cold Yukon territory have produced the real towers, the route of the procession would have been one long line of fragrance. The pall bearers were Will Mitchell, Thos. O'Brien, James Daugherty, Nap. DePaux, Richard McArthur and M. Sullivan, all from the Yukon Order of Pioneers, of which the deceased was a most enthusiastic member and one of its founders. Following the remains came nearly 100 members of the Pioneers, followed by about 50 members of the Dawson Volunteer Fire Department, under command of Chief Frank J. Fletcher. Then came a detachment of soldiers, marching as citizens, and a long concourse of private citizens, being the largest funeral ever held in the Yukon territory.

The deceased was one of the earliest settlers here, and prominent in business and local affairs. He was a member of the fire commission, ever aggressive in matters of public interest, and none ever stood more willingly and modestly to assist the needy, help the afflicted, and relieve the necessities of the sick and destitute.

Probably the highest tribute that can be paid Harry Spencer is to say, a good man has been taken from us. Requiescat in pace.

Secure reserved and box seats at Kelly's drug store for the Wondroscope. Next Sunday at the Monte Carlo.

Donaldson's Decision.

Friday, Referee James Donaldson gave his decision in the alleged sparring contest on the night before. The decision did not become known until the evening when it was announced from the stage. Mr. Donaldson happened to be in the house and was called upon for a few words as to the decision. In a few short but pointed and manly remarks he pointed out the injury done the sport by such hippodromes and remarked caustically upon the men who would lend their names to such a fake. Many men had come in from points upon the creeks and all had paid their good money to see the affair. His decision that the total net receipts be turned over to the hospitals was given unqualified and instant approval for it not only helps along a good cause but gives a hard blow to "faking." It will be a long time before another "fake" contest is liberally planned and carried out as on Thanksgiving night.

Mr. Donaldson is a man experienced in all matters pertaining to the ring and the announcement by the management that he would referee all contests in that line in future met the approval of all present.

Masonic Banquet.

The monthly banquet of shriners, Knights Templars and Thirty-second degree Masons will be held Saturday night, December 3d, at the Regina hotel. Masons desiring to attend will please register at the Bodega.

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THE NUGGET is delivered at cabins on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks for two dollars per month. Orders may be left at this office or given to the agent for the creeks.

NOTICE.
When a newspaper offers its advertising space at a nominal figure, it is a practical admission of "no circulation." THE KLONDIKE NUGGET asks a good figure for its space and in justification thereof guarantees to its advertisers a paid circulation five times that of any other paper published between Juneau and the North Pole.

The Nugget has a regular carrier and express service covering Bonanza, Eldorado, Hunker, Sulphur and Dominion creeks and tributaries. Mail orders taken and prompt delivery guaranteed on all the above. Orders for delivery of papers, mail or express may be left at this office or given to creek agents.

COWARDLY INSINUATIONS.

We understand that G. B. Swinehart's career as a newspaper publisher in the Yukon is about to terminate. In this connection we are reminded of an old saying, of Roman origin we believe, to the effect that unless you can say something good of a dead man it is best to refrain from saying anything at all. We would have been pleased to allow Swinehart to sink into obscurity without attention being called to that fact. But Swinehart, and the name peculiarly fits the man, could not yield the ghost without endeavoring to vent the spleen which a defeated and routed opponent always feels towards a successful rival. In consequence, and much against our will we are compelled to take notice of a false and cowardly insinuation which appeared in the last issue of the *Midnight Sun*. Absolutely lacking in moral courage and principle to come straight to the point and say what he means, Swinehart by insinuation and innuendo endeavors to give the public the impression that the Nugget is confronted by financial obligations which it cannot meet.

Coming from the source it does it only requires that the thing be given the lie in order to settle the matter in the minds of the public once and for all. The Nugget since the day of its first issue, by a clean cut and fearless policy, depending upon its own merits and scoring to toady to official favor has won the confidence of the people and proven an unqualified financial success. Numerous offers to purchase have been refused and the Nugget stands today as it always has stood—absolutely free of indebtedness, and tied to the strings of no one. Further discussion is unnecessary. The Nugget has succeeded where the *Sun* has failed, and long after the latter has set forever the Nugget will be in the field doing business at the old stand and championing the cause of the people against every enemy whether it be in the shape of a misfit official or a two-penny newspaper whose editorial columns are at the beck and call of every man who responds to a request to open his purse strings.

THIS SEASON WILL TELL.

The present winter will disclose very satisfactorily what this country may be expected to yield from its gold fields in the next succeeding few years. Until the present time values have been to a very considerable extent matters of guess work. Hundreds of claims have changed hands without a shovel of dirt ever having been turned upon them and often at handsome figures. There is a disposition now among holders of claims to test their property before placing it upon the market for sale. This fact augurs well for the future of the country for in itself it is proof conclusive that men who have shown faith in this country are confident that their judgment is well grounded. As a consequence nearly every creek in the district is being systematically prospected and not a day goes by without reports coming in of new and good strikes

in unexpected quarters. With the amount of work being done and the number of men employed, it is fair to say that the wealth of this district can be estimated with a very considerable degree of accuracy by the time of the clean-up next spring.

But work will not be confined to the creeks in the immediate vicinity of Dawson. The enchantment which distance always lends has led many a man to pass by the already comparatively known creeks and push further into the interior in the hope of finding other and richer deposits of the precious metal than have yet been uncovered.

Recent arrivals from the headwaters of the Klondike report that no less than 100 men are located on the various forks of that stream, and will be engaged in prospecting during the winter. Already prospects have been found sufficiently flattering to induce men who have come from near the foothills of the Rockies to Dawson for supplies to return at the earliest possible moment. This being the case it is reasonable to suppose that interesting information will be forthcoming from that locality during the winter.

In consequence of the large amount of actual prospecting and developing work that is being done, the Klondike will command much more favorable consideration from investors next year than it has during the past. The speculative feature that has stood out so prominently for the past year will largely disappear and then will be found a growing tendency to buy and sell claims strictly upon their merits. Men with money, seeking investment may be expected, therefore, to turn toward the Klondike next spring with renewed confidence.

MR. MORRISON, P.

The observations of Mr. Morrison, M. P., during his visit to the Klondike will prove of great benefit to this country we feel confident. Mr. Morrison in a quiet and unostentatious way spent a great deal of time investigating conditions and planning means for remedying what to him are plainly unjust burdens. Unlike others who have come to the Klondike in search of knowledge, Mr. Morrison did not rely upon official sources for his information. He did not accept the statement that all complaints that have been made are the work of chronic kickers and disappointed Americans, but went to the bottom of the whole matter and sought out his information from sources which he felt could absolutely be relied upon.

What stronger justification of the fight which the Nugget has been making during the past five months could be asked, than the statement of Mr. Morrison after a trip of 200 miles over the various creeks that in all the time required to make that trip he failed to hear one good word spoken of the gold commissioner and his subordinates.

Instead of this his ears were filled with tales of misuse and unjust treatment until he was ready to call the rule which has prevailed in the Yukon for the past two years, a despotism rather than a branch of an enlightened and liberal government.

If Mr. Morrison makes use of the knowledge he has gleaned by coming actually in contact with the men who have been the victims of these conditions, as we have every reason to believe he will make use of it, then a better day will dawn for the Yukon country. He is a young man who has been selected by his constituency, and justly so, for the bestowal of conspicuous honors. Should a vacancy in the cabinet occur, of all Western men, Mr. Morrison is known to stand among the first in line of eligible material. But whether or not such an event occurs, as a member of Parliament he will plead the cause of the Klondike and his voice, we feel certain, will be heard with no uncertain sound.

As will be seen by reference to the local columns he has expressed the belief that the royalty should be removed, that reserved claims and fractions now withheld from location should be thrown open and that competent and honest ad-

ministration of the laws should be insisted upon.

This covers largely the ground for which the Nugget has been contending for the past five months. We are pleased to know that our position has been so unqualifiedly indorsed by a gentleman whose influence with the government is recognized.

It is a fortunate thing for the Klondike country that men of Mr. Morrison's calibre are taking sufficient interest in its growth and development as to be willing to make the journey to this far-away portion of her majesty's domain and investigate conditions for themselves. When all our law makers at Ottawa are as intelligently informed upon the real conditions as is this gentleman we may expect substantial and lasting relief.

ADAPTABILITY.

The reasons for the progress which the Anglo-Saxon race has made during the past few centuries have been a source of much study to students. By a sort of natural process of evolution the two great branches of the race have grown and developed to such an extent that now they may be safely said to hold the decisive move on the world's great chess-board. To discuss all the various phases of this growth is quite without the scope of this article. Historians and philosophers have written volumes on the subject and then have left room for further discussion.

To our mind one of the greatest underlying forces which have brought about this condition is the ability of the Anglo-Saxon to adapt himself to any and all circumstances under which he may be found.

Though reared in the temperate zone he finds himself able to flourish not only in his own natural sphere but he penetrates at will the hearts of the tropics or braves the fierce cold of an Arctic climate. No matter under what circumstances or conditions he may find himself thrown for the time being, his natural instincts teach him to rely upon his own resources. Whatever means are at hand he avails himself of to better his condition.

As a result of this peculiar trait as it might be called, we find the Anglo-Saxon opening up new countries, developing previously unknown territory, discovering new mineral fields, and in fact penetrating and making his presence felt in every nook and cranny of the globe.

No better illustration of the above can be found than in our own city. Though located so far toward the polar regions as to be ordinarily classed among the uninhabitable portions of the world, Dawson presents the unique sight of a modern city, the inhabitants of which enjoy all the comforts and most of the luxuries of life.

To what destiny this power of adaptability will ultimately lead our race it is difficult to foresee. Through it great things have already been accomplished and greater still are now in process of development.

The coming century will be fraught with events of the intensest interest to the student of history as a result of this peculiar characteristic.

We understand the new owners of the *Sun* assume control the first of December. It will be a good thing for the *Sun* for its sole parent was strangling the child. The last issue is a good sample of the man and shows what the lenient people of the district have submitted to all summer without "squealing." By virtue of a "write up" of a well known gentleman, at one-quarter advertising rates the editorial columns are sold body and soul in defense of the tramway without a tram. The "write up" and editorial repeat in almost the same words that the expenditure of \$30,000 entitles anyone to collect a revenue from the public without a question as to motives or the equity of the case. The argument is weak. Reduced *ad absurdum* it would follow that a man who constructed or bought an expensive telescope to take sight at the sun ought just as well be allowed to collect a royalty upon daylight as for a company which sinks

money in a problematical tramroad, to collect toll for the use of a short sited trail. The Bonanza Tramway Company is engaged in a legitimate undertaking when it builds a Bonanza tramway—and not before. The purchase of a few cheap columns in the *Sun* from a retiring proprietor will not befog the people one iota upon the real issue.

One of the main considerations in the Yukon council allowing the Bonanza tramway permit was that the unpaid laborers of Mr. Henning should be paid. The laborer is certainly "worthy of his hire" and most men approve the motives of the council in this respect. Legally the tramway company has fulfilled most of its obligations to the council in this matter by compromising with the men to whom the wages were due and in this manner obtained a receipt in full. Not all were paid anything at all and a suit for wages is pending in the courts at the present moment. How then can it be contended by even the most openly subsidized supporter of the tramway without a tram that in opposing the toll trail we are injuring the pockets of the laborers?

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NEWS BY DOG TEAM FROM EAGLE.

Two Parties of Travelers Tell of the Unshaken Confidence Existing.

The Miners Select a Lawyer for a Judge and Enforce his Decisions—The Eldest Death in Eagle City, Alaska.

Messrs. A. McIntire, Carl Armstrong, Harry Curtis and John Ericson arrived in Dawson Monday direct from Eagle city. They bring word of a feeling of great confidence in this our American neighbor. The population has reached the 1500 mark at least—some say 2000, and good word and good cheer is coming in from the neighboring creeks. Fourth of July creek has become of established value and the claims upon Charlie River are considered quite valuable.

The town is considered a wide awake and lively town, yet perfect order is maintained in the face of the fact that there are no police, no justices of the peace or jails in the place. In the words of Mr. McIntire "It is as quiet as any town in the United States and though there is not a single cabin with locked doors, robbery and thefts are unknown. Miners' meetings are called every little while to amend mining regulations to fit the growing community. A lawyer, Mr. Beaver, has been secured for the benefit of disputants and is the judge of the first court. His authority is solely from the miners themselves and an appeal can be taken from his decisions to the first miners' meeting. However, such appeals are not common for his decisions are founded upon broad equity and but little satisfaction is secured from the miners. Three men were lately ordered out of town—and they went. Their offense consisted in their ignoring the existence of the local recorder and substituting one of their own. It was easily seen by the balance of the miners that this independent action, if permitted, would lead to endless confusion and strife; hence the use of the "blue ticket."

There has been a cemetery started at last. There being no murders and no sickness incident to the country it was feared for a long time that Indians would have to be imported and shot in order to fill that graveyard. Dr. Lawlor died last week of heart disease and was buried appropriately by brother Masons.

Mr. Thompson arrived in Eagle City a few days before the McIntire party left. Thompson is from Circle and is visiting every creek en route to Dawson in the interests of his company. He may be expected in Dawson any day. His reports of the creeks visited are most gratifying and show an immense amount of activity on the American side.

E. E. Bair, B. A. Chirberg and a party arrived in Dawson from Eagle on Saturday. They bear out the good reports from the creeks and the law and order of the city. From Eagle to Forty-Mile, 55 miles, was made just after the stopping of the ice and consumed four days on account of open water, the sleds having to be almost carried along the banks. There are three large stores there though their stocks are neither very complete or extensive.

The latter party reports a recent stampede to Seventy-Mile, over the divide which makes the distance only 12 mile across.

Fred N. Tracy.

The Wondroscope company had a well-filled house at the Monte Carlo Sunday evening. The entertainment is remarkably wholesome and good and might be termed an "illustrated lecture" for the descriptions of the views are connected in such fashion as to give a very good idea of the late Hispano-American war. Very few of the views but are brand new and the very best which could be secured. The moving pictures give a very good idea of modern warships in action. Probably the most appreciated feature of the evening's entertainment was the illustrated song singing of Mr. Fred N. Tracy. The gentleman has a clear, mellow and expressive voice, peculiarly well-fitted for ballad singing and the pictures illustrating the songs, thrown upon the screen in series throughout the song added a charm which predestines illustrated song singing to become a permanent amusement of future generations. It was announced from the stage that an entire change of program will be made next Sunday evening.

Gold Commissioner at Selkirk.

Probably the most important official information received in Dawson for many a day was brought down Monday by Col. Evans and Captain Bennett, of the Yukon field forces. These gentlemen came alone, having left two more of the military behind at Selkirk to rest up and bring in the sack of official mail. The two officers report the arrival at Selkirk of the new gold commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Mr. Edward Senkler, of Nelson, B. C. Mr. Senkler is accompanied by a staff of five gentlemen, all but two coming in with him from the outside. Among them are Dr. Simpson and Messrs. Baker and Boldue. The official party was caught in the jammed ice some 12 miles above Selkirk, and spent all of one night in the open boat in the center of the river. Next day they made shore-afloat, taking their valuables with them. Thinking it but a few miles to Selkirk the party struck out through the open snow and spent two bitter nights in the open.

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by a campfire with nothing to eat. The thermometer was rapidly falling and it is believed had the party not fortunately met the little steamer Lightning there would have been death in the party or even if Selkirk had not been reached next morning. As it was, beyond some clothes burned in an attempt to keep warm at a campfire and some frosted toes and badly exhausted and chilled bodies the party escaped without serious injury and rested up at Selkirk while dog teams were sent for their outfits. They expected to follow Col. Evans' party down to Dawson in about two days so that now they may be expected in at almost any moment.

Comparisons Are Odious.

(Concluded from 3d Page.) amendments are adopted and legally administered there will be no more trouble.

It is impossible then it would be good policy to draw a straight line from the north of British Columbia to the Arctic ocean and tack this disintegrated portion of the Northwest Territories onto British Columbia. This would then embrace the whole of the only important mining region in the Dominion and be in every manner more profitable to all concerned.

It is not this why not for a few years anticipate annexation to the Great Republic? It is adjoining the great district of Alaska and both the geographical and political aspects of the two countries point that way.

It seems only natural at this important epoch when our relations are so closely connected that the government of Great Britain and the United States should for once be a little previous when the welfare of so many of their subjects is so much at stake. It would be in accordance with the Monroe doctrine (which is good) and would only precipitate the most sure annexation of the Dominion by a few years. England would derive indirectly if not directly just as great benefits as she does now without the expense.

It would also be the "thin end of the wedge" in leaving the at present unprepared eastern provinces to join the Union when they could arrange with Uncle Sam to pay the national debt.

All these arguments are submitted in a perfect spirit of loyalty but the rapid march of progress and philanthropy must not be overlooked, especially when eastern Canada is so far behind in pioneer work and competition in commerce.

In conclusion the population of this territory is vastly more represented by American investment of capital and the acquisition of its commerce; therefore let us all say "Derher go Gallagher."

Margie Newman.

We have with us in Dawson a sweet little maid whose services have meant the disposal of more charitable benefits than probably any one person in town. Those services are valuable, yet have been given on every occasion since the little lady came here. We refer to little Margie Newman, the charming child actress who has so endeared herself to the hearts of every man, woman and child in Dawson the past summer. It is now proposed by the friends of the little one that she be given a benefit in return, and the evening of December 6th has been fixed upon for the event. If little Margie were able and strong enough to canvas her own benefit we do not believe she would meet a single refusal from now to the 6th.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a certain note made by me in favor of Mrs. Matilda Rothwelder, dated on or about the 6th day of Nov., 1898, for \$500, payable on or about the 1st day of May, 1899, is illegal, and that I will not be responsible or held liable on said note. Signed: I. N. Gibson, Dawson, Nov. 26, 1898.

Mail and Passengers for the Outside.

On December 10th Mr. T. G. Wilson will leave for the outside carrying mail and express matter. Being provided with good dog teams can take one or two passengers. Wilson is the only man that made two round-trips over the ice last winter, so it goes without saying that anything entrusted to his care will reach its destination. Leave letters at Nugget office, Yukon hotel or Goodwin Bros.

Notice.

All births, death and marriages must be reported to Captain Belcher, registrar of births, deaths and marriages. Non-compliance with this order will subject the offender to penalty.

Prof Treneman will give an exhibition of club swinging in conjunction with the Wondroscope next Sunday at the Monte Carlo.

Some confusion has arisen over the fact that Messrs. Jake Kline and C. E. Cline are billed to leave Dawson with mail for the outside at about the same date. The two gentlemen have no connection with each other. Jake is well known as the proprietor of the Hoffman cigar stand during the summer and as a leader in society circles. He will leave on the 10th of December carrying mail and express matter for a number of the leading commercial and business houses.

Mr. Tracy will sing more of his popular illustrated songs next Sunday at the Wondroscope exhibition at the Monte Carlo. He will be assisted by a quartette. Reserved seats at Kelly's drug store.

There is a fine line of patent medicines at the Pioneer Drug store. E. Shoff, prop'r, cor. Second Avenue and Second Street.

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND - Memorandum book containing minutes of the Honorable James Grant. Apply Nugget office and pay charges. FOUND - Large St. Bernard dog. White, with red spots. Owner can secure same by paying charges. Call House, near mouth of Bear's. FOUND - Black curly dog, part shepherd. Taken up at Forks about Nov. 19. Call at butcher shop at Forks and pay charges. FOUND - Small, brown spaniel at 23 below on Bonanza about Nov. 25. Owner can secure same by calling at claim and paying charges. FOUND - About Nov. 22, on claim No. 23 lower Bonanza, marsh-moose dog; half bluish tinged. Owner can secure same by calling at claim and paying charges.

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PERSONAL

WILL M. Miller, who brought in goods for Miss Bartholomew, please call at Nugget office.

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