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NOME CLAIMS REFUSED

U. S. Authorities Decline to Give Title

TO ALL GROUND BELOW HIGH TIDE

An Important Decision Affecting Many Applicants.

The Government Has No Right to Grant Tide Lands to Individuals or Companies—Must Be Held for Benefit of Future States.

Washington Jan. 5.—A very important question has just been decided by Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office covering placer mining upon the beach of the Bering sea, off the coast of Alaska at and near Cape Nome the new gold field. The decision affects mining localities embracing tide lands below the line of ordinary high tide. Numerous applications are pending before the interior department as to locations upon such lands which have been demonstrated to contain gold in marvelous quantities. Individuals or associations of persons and incorporated mining companies are seeking concessions from the government by which they may acquire exclusive mining rights and privileges pertaining to such tide land.

The commissioner decides that tide lands in the district of Alaska are not public lands, subject to disposal to individuals, under any of the existing laws of the United States, and that the department has no statutory authority to make concessions to individuals of any mining rights pertaining to such tide lands.

A citation is made by the commissioner to the case of Shively vs. Boalby decided by the United States supreme court, in which it was held that the United States upon acquiring a territory, whether by cession from one of the states, or by treaty with a foreign country or by discovery and settlement takes the title and the dominion of lands below high water mark of tide waters for the benefit of the whole people in trust for future states, to be created out of the territory, by general laws, to dispose of lands below high water mark, of tide waters in a territory, but unless in case of some international duty or public exigency, has left the administration and disposition of the sovereign rights in such waters and lands to the control of the states respectively when admitted into the Union.

CIVIL WAR.

Victoria, Jan. 3.—News was received by the Aprangi of a bloody civil war that had been raging among the natives of Kiriwina, New Guinea. In the fighting the boss chief was defeated and eleven villages were captured and destroyed with great slaughter.

Rev. S. B. Fellows, a Methodist missionary, who is stationed at Kiriwina, in a letter detailing his experience on the strife given islands, said: "Last month while I was getting ready to attend the Dobu synod, I received

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news of fighting at the other end of the island. For some years there has been widespread discontent at the rapacious greed of the head chief, Enamakala, in levying heavy tribute on the food supplies of the people. It was evident to me, when I heard the news, that the crisis had at last come, the natives of the northwest, who are as yet without a teacher, had risen up in arms against Enamakala, and after a desperate struggle, in which scores were killed on either side, they drove him from his village, Omarakana. He fled to the jungle and escaped. As soon as they found themselves in possession of Enamakala's village, the victors made eager search for the teacher, but he fortunately was absent. They killed his pigs and fowls and stole his goods. His house and garden were demolished. In accordance with native custom the victorious natives burned down Enamakala's village with the famous yam house in the center of it—the largest native building in the country. Not a stick was left to show where Omarakana stood. What wounded natives could be found were at once speared to death.

CUSTOMS SCANDAL.

Havana, Jan. 2.—An immense sensation was caused in Havana this afternoon by the arrest of ten appraisers of the custom house staff on a charge of being in collusion with many Havana merchants to swindle the government out of large sums. It is asserted that the fraud has been practiced for two weeks at least, and probably for a longer time, and it is believed that thousands of dollars have been corruptly diverted.

The swindle was accomplished by a classification of articles under which valuable goods went into cheap classes. Many merchants are likely to be arrested within the next few days.

WORK OF THE NAVY.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Admiral Watson today cabled the navy department from Manila as follows:

"Manila, Jan. 2.—The gunboats Concord, Ackley commanding, and Campanga, Leigh commanding, on the 18th inst., with two companies of infantry, captured Romblon. John James, seaman, was wounded in the knee, the only casualty in the navy. The Newark's battalion landed from the Callao, has occupied Camplona, on the north coast of Luzon. Burwell, of the Wheeling, co-operating with Gen. Young in like service, landed a battalion, which is doing excellent work daily in north and west Luzon."

CANADIAN TIMBER.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The Ontario government had a sale of 398,000 square miles of timber limits in the districts of Algoma, Nipissing and Rainy river here today.

It was attended by all the leading American lumbermen in Michigan, who bought freely, notwithstanding the fact that the terms of sale prohibited export of saw logs, the expectation being that the scarcity of lumber and increased demand in the United States would necessitate a larger demand for manufactured stuff from Canada. The prices of limits showed a good advance.

The Hotel McDonald Dance.

Elaborate preparations are being made to commemorate Bobby Burns' day by those who are managing the function to be held tonight at Hotel McDonald. Various colored electric light globes are being attached to the lectrical apparatus, and beautiful decorations are being arranged. The dance will be held in the large dining room and at midnight a sumptuous repast will be served to invited guests.

The affair promises to be exceedingly good and entertaining.

As soon as the weather moderates, the lessees and proprietors of the Hotel McDonald, Messrs. Tom Chisholm and Harry T. Edwards, contemplate the construction of an addition to their hostelry.

The improvement will consist of the erection of two upper stories on that portion of the building, the lower floor of which is now occupied by the restaurant department. The addition will give 50 more rooms, besides hall ways, etc., for the accommodation of guests.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. W. Roberts of Eagle City, is among the guests of the Flannery.

The Browning Sisters, vaudeville artists, departed for Dominion creek this morning.

J. H. Crowley, who owns No. 11 below on Sulphur is registered at the Flannery hotel.

C. George Johansson, a claim owner on Hunker creek, is stopping at the Hotel McDonald.

Val Diebolt, of No. 13 below on Bonanza, is in town for the purpose of buying mining machinery.

A. W. Ingalshe, of the store of Mohr & Wilkins, returned last night from an extended journey over the various creeks.

C. P. Dotan, J. C. McCormick, O. C. Hannigan and E. K. Hays, yesterday received a favorable decision from Justice Dugas in a lawsuit in which they were interested, and they will return to Last Chance creek immediately.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Rich pay has been struck on No. 3 above on Sulphur. Out of eight pans of dirt, \$11 was obtained. The claim is owned by Morrison and McDonald. The strike was made by laymen.

The handball tournament to be given at Ford's gymnasium on Thursday and Friday nights of next week is attracting growing interest. Several rival teams are already in the field and are practicing daily.

On next Saturday evening, between 8 and 10 o'clock, a concert will be held in the house furnishing department of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s store. The services of the Yukon field force band have been secured for the occasion, and some of the leading vocal talent has been engaged. All the friends and patrons of the company are invited.

In addition to being signed by the Board of Trade committee on mails, the letters forwarded yesterday to the heads of the mail department of both the United States and Canada, were attested by a dozen or more heads of the leading companies and firms in the city. It is doubtful, however, if any of the desired benefits will be harvested by Dawson during the present season.

Nearly every official and business man in the city is anxiously awaiting the restoration of the telegraphic communication with the outside, and when the line is again in order the first day will be a busy one with the terminal offices. L. R. Fulda showed to a representative of the Nugget last night a telegram to his house in San Francisco which, in cipher, comprises several hundred words, but which, when the company key is applied will lengthen out into thousands. The late heavy windstorm did no damage to the line which is still open to Tagish.

Best Canadian rye at the Re Inn.

The Pavilion grill room gives one of the best dinners in Dawson for \$1. Everything strictly first class.—26

IS BETSCH PARTY LOST

Have Evidently Wandered From the Trail.

THEY MAY BE AT FISH CAMP

Many Deceiving Blind Sloughs Lead Off From River.

Mail Superintendent J. B. Wingate Tells of the Hardships of Nome Route—Only Native Dogs Fit for the Long Journey.

Mr. J. B. Wingate, superintendent of United States mails on the lower river, is in the city, having arrived with the mail carrier from Tanana Tuesday evening. Mr. Wingate is in charge of the route clear down to St. Michael, the government contract calling for one mail per month during the winter season from that place to Circle City, and for two mails per month from Circle this way. Seven men, each with hardy teams of native dogs, are employed in the carrier's service, and being in close touch with his men, Mr. Wingate is in position to speak intelligently as to the condition of the trail the whole distance from Dawson to the coast, including both the entire river route to St. Michael as well as by the Nulato or Kaltag cutoff.

In conversation at the Daily Nugget office last night, Mr. Wingate gave it as his opinion that not one-fourth of the people who started for Nome and who will start previous to the opening of navigation will reach their destination over the ice. In some places he says the trail is good and in others it is very bad. From Dawson to Circle the trail is very bad, there being much open water and considerable rough ice; from Circle to Fort Yukon, a distance of 80 miles, the trail is good but very dangerous, the ice being thin and rotten; from Fort Yukon to Fort Hamlin the trail is always bad owing to constant high winds and drifted snow. This is practically a snowshoe trail and any attempts to travel it otherwise are fraught with great hardships. From Fort Hamlin on down the river to Kaltag where the Nome cutoff leaves the trail is good and travel over it is easy; the river trail from Kaltag on to St. Michaels is also good.

Wingate says that the people who are so anxious to get off on the trip over the ice to Nome have no idea of the magnitude of the undertaking. He says that very few outside dogs ever make the entire trip down the river owing to its great severity. None but huskies and malamutes can stand the journey, the cold wind and fine drifting snow not appearing to defeat them as readily

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NOTICE.

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SMELTING WORKS.

The suggestion has been made to the Nugget by a practical man of affairs that Dawson may at no distant period of time become the center of large smelting and reducing plants. He bases his theory upon the belief that there have been quartz discoveries made of sufficient value to warrant their being worked on a large scale just as soon as a reduction in freight rates makes it possible to land machinery and supplies on the Yukon at a reasonable figure.

From a perusal of the article on the amount and character of the fuel supply back of Dawson which appeared in a recent issue of the Nugget it is clear that in so far as that particular feature of the matter is concerned—and it will be granted that it is a most important feature—the question is practically settled. Coal has been located in sufficient quantities, as has been amply demonstrated by the preliminary development work already done, to furnish fuel in Dawson for all possible purposes for years and years to come.

It will not be long before active work will be begun in the development of the copper ledges at Whitehorse. At the present time freight charges are so high that to ship the raw ore to the outside at a profit is an impossibility.

It will be equally difficult to land coal at Whitehorse for reduction purposes. The key to the situation lies in the coal resources near Dawson. Ore can be floated down the Yukon from Whitehorse much more cheaply than coal can be taken against the current the same distance.

The Nugget is of the opinion that an investigation into this matter would be a wise move on the part of the Board of Trade. If Dawson has what we believe she has to offer capitalists as an inducement for the establishment of enterprises such as suggested, it would be well to have the facts brought out and clearly laid before the public.

THE TRIP TO NOME.

To attempt to dissuade a man from a foolhardy undertaking is often an impossibility, and more particularly so when that undertaking has for its object the attainment of a possible fortune.

It distance and difficulty of access lend enchantment, as is proverbially said to be the case, then the Nome beach diggings at this particular season of the year are possessed of qualities of enchantment far in advance of any of the wildest flights of imagination contained within the pages of the Arabian nights.

Unfortunately, however, it is almost an absolute moral certainty that as the travel worn Nomad approaches the Mecca of his wanderings, the glamor will suddenly disappear and he will find that he has undertaken an expen-

sive and dangerous trip, without securing advantages in any degree commensurate with the danger and hardships to which he has been exposed.

But what is still more to be considered is the fact that there is just about one chance in a hundred of his being able to reach Nome at all before the opening of navigation. In addition to the natural hardships incident to such a journey in the middle of an Arctic winter is the possibility or rather probability of his being lost in the numerous blind sloughs which occur so frequently in the lower country, as will be seen in our local columns has likely happened to the Betsch party, who left Dawson several weeks ago.

The game is not worth the candle. The advantage which may accrue to a man by reason of being in Nome a few weeks ahead of the rush is very problematic. Men got into Dawson ahead of the rush in '97, and are just as well off today as when they first landed, and no better; while many others who came in a year later are well along the highway to wealth. The first steamers which leave Dawson for Nome will, in all probability land their passengers on the beach several weeks in advance of the rush from the outside. That ought to be enough to satisfy the man whose system has been inoculated with the Nome fever germ in its most virulent form.

The following is taken verbatim from the local columns of the last issue of the ex-organ, the Yukon Sun: "Rev. Father Gendreau went up to Dominion creek for the purpose of officiating at the dedication of the Catholic church built by Father Corbeil on Sunday." After a perusal of the above rhetorical gem it occurs to the casual reader to pause and wonder for a moment as to exactly what idea the writer desired to convey. There is apparently an intention upon the part of the Sun's "local" writer to lead the public into the impression that the Rev. Father Corbeil has been guilty of violating the Sunday ordinance, which expressly stipulates that all work, such as the construction of buildings, and we do not think that churches are excepted, must close on the day set aside for public worship. Yet between the lines there is a very clear endeavor on the part of the Sun rhetorician to "square" himself with the reverend gentleman, for he credits the latter with having completed the construction of the church, alone and single handed, in the course of one day. The Nugget has not as yet secured possession of all the facts in the case but we are strongly impressed with the belief that a certain element of exaggeration enters into the story as related by the Sun. We agree with the "better the day, better the deed" theory, but we were not aware before that a man could accomplish more work on the Lord's day than on any other. Father Corbeil's priestly office may have something to do with his capacity for Sunday church construction, but still we feel inclined to the opinion that the Sun-man in some manner or other has the facts twisted.

Course of Lectures.

There was quite a large gathering last evening at the rooms of the Yukon Theosophical Club. The Theosophical principles were discussed by Dr. Barry and Mr. Theodore Solomons. Afterwards by request Mr. Henry Cowley (B.A.), gave a short lecture on the

human body under the title of Pathology, or that branch dealing with pain and disease and their cures. The subject will be continued at the next meeting, when Mr. Cowley will announce the date of the first of his contemplated series of lectures on scientific and other subjects.

Poet Burns.

This is the anniversary of Bobbies' birth and the event is to be celebrated in the McDonald hall tonight with a social dance that promises to do high honor to the national bard. As the hall is small there were only a limited number of invitations issued and all those fortunate enough to receive one have a jolly time ahead of them.

The program includes 19 selected dances which are expected to be reeled off between the hours of 9 p. m. and 1 a. m., to the sweet strains of Bray's orchestra.

Notice.

If H. B. Pigott will call at the town station, N. W. M. P., he will hear of something to his advantage.
J. J. WILSON, Sergt.

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as the others. On the Kaltag cutoff, Kaltag being 35 miles below Nulato, Mr. Wingate says is a hard route for dogs, owing to the snow which is very deeply drifted in some places and very scant in others. Where the snow is deep good time can be made on snow shoes, but where it is scant the surface of the ground is a continuation of nigger heads which render travel to dog teams very laborious.

As to provisions, Mr. Wingate says there is no scarcity at the various posts, and that they are for sale much lower than Dawson prices. Bacon has never been known to be above 40 cents per pound, with other things in proportion. Of the many persons met by Wingate on his long journey up the river from Fort Hamlin he is of the opinion that but very few of them will ever reach Nome over the ice; and unless they camp for the balance of the winter, many of them will experience great suffering and possibly death.

Mr. Wingate is the bearer of sad news regarding the Chris Betsch party, composed of Betsch and his wife and two men which left here early in December with two sleds and a dozen dogs. When Wingate reached Fort Yukon on the 2d of January, the Betsch party had passed through that place a week or ten days before, or on about Christmas day. Yet Wingate neither met nor heard anything of them on the river below Fort Yukon. The only explanation of the disappearance of the party from the river is that they must have led off into one of the many blind sloughs which branch off from the river and many of which run for as much as 40 or 50 miles before terminating at "no place," but where there would be no exit except by back tracking. From a point on the river just beyond Fort Yukon one of these sloughs leads off to a place called Fish Camp, a distance of 35 miles from the river where there is an Indian village, and as the trail from Fort Yukon up this slough is plainer and straighter than the one on the river, which by the way, makes a short turn at that point and leads almost south again for a few miles, it would be a very natural mistake on the part of the Betsch party to take the well traveled Indian trail and not discover their mistake for days. Besides this blind slough leading off from Fort Yukon, Wingate says there are many others and to the person traveling against a fierce wind which is pelting his face with snow that cuts like a knife, it is simply a guess with strangers on the river whether they are following the right trail or not.

Mr. Wingate does not think that anything serious has happened to the Betsch party further than that they have wandered from the trail and will probably be delayed for many days on account of the very natural mistake. But his advice to people contemplating the journey over the ice is "Don't you do it."

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the Estate of Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, late of the Parish of Stranden, in the Kingdom of Norway, miner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Cap. 129, Sec. 38, and Amending Acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, who died in or about the months of July or August, A. D. 1897, at Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company (Limited), administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900, their names, addresses and descriptions, and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day the undersigned administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

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PROPERTY BEING IMPROVED

By Those Who Suffered Loss in the Recent Fire.

The New Dominion Building Completed—Work Commenced on the New Opera House.

It is about two weeks ago—indeed it is just two weeks and two days—since Dawson experienced the conflagration which reduced to ruins some of the largest and best buildings on her principal business street. After the disastrous fire, it was freely predicted that the unfortunate property holders would refuse to erect new structures. The fulfillment of such predictions seemed probable, for conditions and circumstances were different from those which had existed at the time of other fires. The late disaster occurred in the middle of an exceedingly cold winter; and new improvements might be swept away, as were the old, before the spring season, when owners expect to be remunerated for their investments. Then again, thousands of people will go to Nome as soon as the river breaks, and it was thought by those who are conservative that this probability would deter men with money from investing in Dawson property. It was reasonable to believe that the devastated district would remain a heap of ruins—ugly monument of its former glory—until the coming summer time. Then, materials will be cheaper, the weather will not retard outside labor, and it will be possible to gauge investments by estimates of the probable volume of business. But all the calculations made, two weeks ago have been altered.

Capital, which is so timid and fearful elsewhere, is bold and fearless here. The charred ruins were still smouldering—the loss occasioned could not have been estimated—when the energetic realty owners commenced the erection of new buildings in the places of those which had been destroyed. Knowing the enormous expense which would be incurred in building new structures at this season, aware of the possibility of another and similar disaster after their new houses are completed, realizing that at least three months of dull trade will be experienced before business will return interest on investments, the property holders on Front street, confronted by these disheartening conditions, have not hesitated to expend thousands on the improvements of their realty.

It is safe to say that within six weeks, the burned district will be rebuilt as compactly as before. Before the middle of next summer, business will be conducted in two story, substantial structures just as it was a little while ago.

The men who first gave positive proof that their confidence in the future of Dawson had not been affected, were Messrs. Tom O'Brien and Sam Bonifield. Their former building, richly furnished, suffered destruction; but it is replaced by a structure which is as well built and as nicely appointed as the old Dominion building. The new place will be opened this evening under the same management and with the assistance of the former employees.

The site of the building, formerly occupied by the up-town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is being improved, and the new structure is rapidly nearing completion.

The property immediately south of the Dominion is being rebuilt.

Ben Levy has commenced to clear the debris off of his lot, upon which the former Board of Trade was situated. He will erect a two-story building which has been leased for theatrical purposes.

W. S. Phillips has almost completed the construction of a small building, which he will occupy before the end of the week.

To these enterprising men who have backed their faith in the future of Daw-

son by the investment of large capital is due great credit.

The Three-Seated Cutter.

Its a pleasant ride to the Forks in the Nugget Express three seated cutter. Plenty of fur robes, a good driver and quick time is making the Nugget Express service the most popular between Dawson and the Forks. Stage leaves Forks daily at 9 a. m. Leaves Nugget Express office calling at all the hotels, at 3 p. m.

William Toltz on Quartz.

Eldorado Creek, Jan. 18, 1900.

Editor Nugget: I beg leave to differ with some of the quartz theory advocates in so far as that there has never been any quartz found in the country yet that contains gold, for there have been ledges found in different parts of the country which carry more or less free gold and some of them give good prospects. I will admit that the ledges that produced the gold which is in our rich creeks have not been found to my knowledge.

But if the bluffy hillsides along the Yukon river and other places where the formation comes to view have ledges which contain gold, and the gulches in the vicinity of such ledges have colors of gold in them, why is it not reasonable to think that somewhere on the rich creeks of the country there should be ledges of quartz of the same character as that which is found in the nuggets, and these ledges containing gold of the same character as that found in the creeks, even if the bedrock in most of the country is hidden from view by earth on the surface? It will take time and possibly a great deal of work to find them, but they are here, just the same.

Ever since I first came to the country in '97, I have been prospecting and watching the working and developments of the country with a view to forming an idea of where the gold came from; and from what I have seen of the country and the gold that is in it, it is my opinion that the gravel on the benches was made by the same action of the water and by the same stream as the wash that is in the creek, and that the gold on the benches came from the same ledges as did the gold that is in the creeks. I will admit that there is some difference in the appearance of that on the benches from that in the creeks, being that it is on high, dry ground and is cleaner and brighter; but that on the benches assays practically the same as that in the creeks. The gold on Eldorado's benches is very coarse and there is great quantities of nuggets the same as in the creek; while on Bonanza, above the Forks, the gold is fine and that in the benches compares with that in the creek very nearly the same as Eldorado's benches do with that creek, and in Bonanza, below the Forks, the two golds are generally mixed and have moved down the stream together, which proves beyond a doubt that it has come down the streams from above, and has not been carried here by an ocean or a glacier passing across the country, from the northwest and moving the gold up Bonanza, as some think. It would be impossible for any such action to move the two golds along together, mixed as they are, until it would get to the Forks and then separate the fine and richer grade and run it up Bonanza and the coarse up Eldorado and not get any of the pieces in the wrong stream.

The gold in the creeks is conclusive evidence that it is from no other source than quartz ledges which are tapped somewhere by the stream in which it is found, and is not from benches of quartz scattered through the general mica formation of the country as other advocate; for as much bedrock as there has been drifted and taken up and as many bunches and stringers of quartz as have been found by this drifting, there has never been a single bunch found in the country yet that had the least sign of gold in.

The quartz that is in connection with the gold is of a different character from those stringers of bull quartz that are

found all over the country. Judging from the quartz that is in the nuggets, it appears to have been cracked all to pieces from some cause of nature, making the edge a perfect mass of small pieces of quartz, there being cracks and crevices running all through it in every direction, and the gold seems to have been melted and run in and through the crevices and left them filled with the yellow mineral; and the largest nuggets have come from where the largest crevices were, and the largest pieces of this quartz that have been found is where the gold is massive enough to enclose the pieces of quartz and keep them from crumbling apart and the seams between those grains in a nugget are gold lined wherever there was space enough between them for the melted mineral to get in. The quartz in some nuggets is so cracked up and loose in places that one can pick it all out one grain at a time with the point of a knife.

Nuggets taken from the farthest point up the creek where gold is found is very rough and jagged, having flat sides, square corners and needle points on them and as new and bright as if they had just been broken from the rock, which shows plainly that it has not moved far from where it originated. A little further down the stream the pieces be in to show some wear, and the further down one goes the more plainly it shows the effect of travel; and nuggets taken from the lower part of the creek are battered around and the rock in them is worn round where it is solid enough to stick together. But a great many of the pieces through wear and rough travel have become dislodged and gone, leaving the impression in the gold where they came out; while on the upper part the rock it is clean broken and shows little or no wear, and there is more quartz in the nuggets on the upper part than on the lower.

The reason there has never been any of those ledges found is because there has never been any bedrock drifting done in the part of the country where they are and the bedrock is so covered up on the surface that it crops out to view no place, and to sink holes in this country to look for a ledge is almost a useless undertaking, for a man might sink a hole and strike bedrock within two feet of a ledge and then not know that it was there. But some day some one will accidentally drop on to one of them when he is not looking for it, and then is when the Klondike will have its gold excitement. Just imagine what the rock would look like where all of those nuggets came from, a ledge of quartz with gold sticking out of it like icicles. A display in a jeweler's show window wouldn't be a comparison to it.

WM. TOLTZ.

A Peculiar Case.

Joseph Williams, a deaf mute, was picked up on Front street by the police a few nights ago just in time to save him from death by freezing. Besides being very cold Williams was also very drunk. When taken to the guard house and thawed out, Williams' silence was much wondered at, but when sufficiently sober to write he made signs indicating his desire for pencil and paper which enabled him to explain his condition. Besides being deaf and dumb, Williams is also considered a little short on "head bait," and such being the case, he will be held at the guard house until his brother who is out on one of the creeks can arrive to take care of him. When asked in writing his name and age, the unfortunate man scribbled in answer: "Joseph Williams, 32 old years ago" An effort was made to learn the source from whence he got his whisky, but it was not successful.

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At a regular meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade last night those present were: President Fulda, Messrs. Staaf, Tozier, Yeamans and Secretary Clayton. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed up.

Secretary Clayton reported having communicated with the Yukon council, urging upon that body the necessity of an ordinance compelling owners of places of amusement to so construct their houses as to cause doors to open on the outside, stairways widened and other changes made that would serve to give easy exit from such buildings in case of panic from fire or other cause.

The committee on mails and mail service reported having prepared and mailed to the postmaster general at Ottawa and Washington letters setting forth the needs and requirements of Dawson during the months in which navigation is closed, during which time the existing contracts for transporting mail matter to and from Dawson and Skagway are for first-class mail matter only. The letters to the heads of the two departments were transmitted through Deputy U. S. Consul Adams and Governor Ogilvie, respectively.

Secretary Clayton reported that the sanitation committee had on last Saturday looked over the situation regarding the dumping of garbage, but had made no report regarding it.

Leroy Tozier thought it would be well to suggest to the Yukon council that streets be named instead of numbered, so as to avoid confusing streets and avenues as is the case where they are designated by numbers.

On the joint suggestion of Messrs. Tozier and Yemans it was decided to prepare and keep in the Board of Trade rooms a public register for the names of the residents of Dawson and especially for the benefit of those who leave the city for either up or down the river, those leaving the city to register the date of their departure as a matter of record in case accident should befall them on the trip. Secretary Clayton was instructed to provide the register at once.

The matter of a summer trail around Klondike City bluff on the Klondike river leading to the Bonanza road was discussed; no definite action was taken.

Mr. Tozier of the mining committee, promised the long expected report of his committee at the regular meeting of the full board next Wednesday night. There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mushing to Dawson.

Since the weather has begun to get colder travel has increased wonderfully, travelers by the score are already beginning to be seen on the trails bound both inward and outward, says the Bennett Sun of December 16th. The wind and cold weather has at last compelled the dauntless Captain Armstrong, of the little steamer Alpha, to tie his boat up and give the ice a chance. On Tuesday the Alpha was to take a scow of about 10 tons of freight and 30 passengers to Cariboo, and was all ready to start at about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, but the strong northern wind was too much for the steamer. The passengers accommodated themselves very comfortably on the scow during the night, and as the wind kept up its furious gale, they all "mushed" back to town the following noon.

One of the first to come on the ice this year was Oliver Lawson, who made the trip on a bicycle in about 12 days—having left Dawson on the 28th of November. Mr. Lawson is of the opinion that a good bicycle rider can make

the trip when the trail is well beaten in four or five days.

Business in all lines of trade has received a very marked impetus during the past ten days, especially is this true of the hotel business. The lobbies of the principal houses are filled with inbound travelers.

Superior Court.

In the superior court today the case of Pruden vs. the A. E. Co. is on trial before a jury, being the first jury trial in the district since before the holidays vacation. A number of unimportant cases have been disposed of within the past few days.

Police Court.

In Major Perry's court this morning Harrison King, the second-hand dealer who was placed in an unfavorable light in the same court yesterday by the testimony of three boys, to the effect that they had repeatedly sold him stolen goods, and who was arrested yesterday on the charge of receiving stolen goods, was released on \$1000 bail until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The bond this morning was but a continuation of one given yesterday evening on which King was then released from jail. New parties were before the court this morning laying claim to property stolen from them and found in King's store. He has retained counsel and will endeavor to put himself in a more favorable light before the court and community than that in which he now stands.

Foster Power was up on the charge of "cruelly and unnecessarily beating a dog." He approached the desk with a careless swagger, toying a stick in his right hand. "Lay that stick down," said the court. "Lay that stick down," repeated the court constable. Down went the stick and when the judge, after reading the charge, asked him to plead, Power said: "How hard can a fellow beat a dog without being guilty?" Major Perry courteously informed him that it was not a time for details, but time to either plead guilty or not guilty. Powers chose the latter and his trial began but was continued until this afternoon on account of the non-appearance of E. B. Condon, who had seen the chastizing of the dog. The result of the trial will be anxiously looked for as there is a unanimity of feeling in Dawson that many dog-drivers are entirely too ready with whips, clubs and anything else that happens to be in reach.

Some of the creditors holding judgments against J. H. Sutton, the theatrical manager, were present with the complaint that no money had yet been forthcoming. The court ordered that certain goods of Sutton's which have been seized, be advertised and sold and that the money be applied, so far as it will go, to payment on the judgments.

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