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THE DAILY KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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CONSIDERS THE LIEN LAW

Council Devotes Much Time to Discussion of Ordinance to Protect Wages of the Miners—All the Companies and Banks Were Represented.

The public announcement, Commissioner Congdon caused to be made, that the lien law giving the miners preference over mortgagees in the matter of their wages was to be discussed yesterday by the council chamber had been the subject of much discussion from that which has been a persistent subject since the bill was first introduced. And by a coincidence those who have been so rampant in their demands for a bill that would give the laborer precedence over everything, and which were conspicuous by their absence yesterday. The most noticeable result of the conference was that the provisions of the proposed bill were discussed in a more intelligent manner than they have been in the past. The knotty problem seems to have entered a satisfactory solution, and that at any time since the conference was first spoken of. One thing is absolutely certain. The bill which the Trades and Labor Council was compelled to father, and which was somewhat of a non-striker in its nature, is buried deep in the waste basket, as dead as dead can be without the slightest hope of resurrection. Whatever alterations will be made, and there will be a number of radical ones, will be accomplished in the way of amendments to the present bill.

If not all the credit for entering a bill that will be satisfactory to all concerned will be due the commissioner who has presented some ideas that meet with the approval of the mortgagees and also representative of the working men. Mr. Cameron, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Woodworth were present at the meeting.

LADIES
Fash Suite in Organdy, Muslin, Chambray, Percalé and Linen.

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ARCTIC SAWMILL
Sawing, Sheds and Flame Lumber a Specialty.

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\$10 Round Trip, Meals and Berth Included

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For six persons in plain and gold decorations.

\$18 Pink and Green 50-Piece Set \$18
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Green Hamburg, 30 Pieces, \$12.00

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Successors to McLennan, McPeck & Co.
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To Conceal Crime
Special to the Daily Nugget.
Kossuth, Iowa, May 22.—Postmaster Honges of Kossuth blew up his store and committed suicide to hide embezzlement of government funds.

Oil Excitement
Special to the Daily Nugget.
Vancouver, May 22.—There is much excitement here over reported oil discoveries beyond Hazelton and on Queen Charlotte islands.

Violent Attacks
Special to the Daily Nugget.
Omaha, May 22.—Strikers in Omaha are increasing their violent attacks upon non-union men.

OFFICIALS ARRESTED

Grand Jury Finds Several Indictments

Chief of Police and Alderman of Colorado Springs Must Answer in Court.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Colorado Springs, May 22.—Chief of Police King and Alderman St. John were arrested today by indictments of the grand jury. The chief is charged with having secreted witnesses and the alderman with having solicited and accepted a bribe.

WAS WON BY WOODLAKE

Colt Takes Down a Heavy Stake

Audience of 15,000 People Viewed the Race—Net Winnings Over \$7,000.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Cincinnati, May 22.—Before 15,000 people T. C. McDowell's Candelmas colt Woodlake, Jockey Dick Crowhurst, won the Latonia derby. Time, 2:36 1/2. The net value of the stake to the winner was \$7,035.

STREET CAR ROBBED

Was Held up by Gang of Masked Men

Secured \$175 in Money and Considerable Amount of Jewelry.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Portland, Ore., May 22.—A crowd of electric car on the Vancouver line of the Portland street railway was held up by three masked men near Woodlawn. The robbers secured \$175 in money and considerable jewelry.

Ordered Out
Special to the Daily Nugget.
Denver, May 22.—More men have been ordered out in Denver.

STRIKE STILL ON

Atlin Miners Have Organized for Self-Protection
Some days ago the Nugget published a telegram regarding a strike at Atlin among the miners. The following from there today throws further light on the subject.

Atlin, B.C., May 21.
Trades and Labor Council, Dawson, Y.T.
Hydraulic owners have set wages at \$2.50 per day. Strike on Labor union organized. Publish.

T. H. MUIRHEAD, Secretary.

LOST, pair glasses, in case. Please return Blecker & de Journal. Fancy Petalura eggs—at N. A. T. & T. Co.

ANOTHER DROWNING

Small Raft Swamped by Ice Cakes

John McCornell of Vancouver Meets Watery Fate—Others Are Rescued.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Yukon Crossing, May 22.—John McCornell, Mat Ogulin and R. McMillan left lower LeBarge on a raft bound for Dawson on Tuesday last.

One mile and a half above Yukon Crossing the raft was struck by floating ice which broke it up. McCornell landed on a large cake of ice and pulled the other two from the wreckage.

A few moments later the ice broke up and the men jumped for other large cakes. McCornell was rescued by the local police. Ogulin was rescued by John Falls, White-Pass stableman, and Chas. Lanktree, a lineman.

McCornell failed to secure a footing on the floating ice and was drowned. The police are now making a search for his body. McCornell started from Vancouver two weeks ago. He was formerly employed in the Treadwell mine at Juneau.

The Sybil stays here until the jam breaks at Selkirk.

ADULTERY CHARGED
Against Former Official of Washington.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Tacoma, May 22.—A. C. Little, former state fish commissioner of Washington, and Mrs. Jennie Wood, wife of a Tacoma grocer, have been locked up on a complaint sworn to by Little's wife charging the pair with adultery.

FIGHT AT ORPHEUM

Two Women Engage in Fierce Combat

Flossie Cane Fined for Drunkenness—Eva O'Gara on Trial This Afternoon.

Eva O'Gara, alias Eva St. Clair, the latter name being identical with that of the golden haired flower of Uncle Tom's Cabin who has died and soared away through space from all the stages of the country and from the country school houses all over the land, was in police court this morning charged with swatting Flossie Cane a bill in the mug.

Both women are of the dance hall variety and the row occurred at the Orpheum dance hall at 1 o'clock this morning.

Eva, who is fat, pockmarked and forty, admitted having smashed Flossie one but stated that she was justified in so doing. A plea of not guilty was accordingly entered and Eva who had been in jail the latter part of the night and until court convened, was allowed to go out and find her witnesses with instructions to have them in court at 2 o'clock this afternoon when her case could be heard. She said she could prove her justification by Morris Smith, Chas. Carroll, Jeannette Ashley and a girl named Pauline.

Flossie Cane was also in court as a prisoner, the charge against her being drunk and disorderly. She pleaded guilty, said she home-ported at the Orpheum dance hall and had been drunk. As it was her first offense in police court she was let off on payment of \$2 and costs.

Through an oversight we forgot to announce the opening of a bar and parlors in connection with the Hotel Boorman, Craig street, South Dawson. We are now open for business and will be pleased to see our many friends at any time. The opening was a very enjoyable success.

Eastman Kodaks, \$10 each. Just over the ice—at Goetzman's, 128 Second avenue.

See the opera "Erminie" at the Auditorium on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 25-28.

At Tacoma
Special to the Daily Nugget.
Tacoma, May 22.—President Roosevelt is at Tacoma today. He was in Portland yesterday and dedicated the Lewis & Clarke memorial exposition.

Driving Out Monks
Special to the Daily Nugget.
Paris, May 22.—The French government continues to break up establishments of monks and nuns those who obstruct the police.

New Bill
Special to the Daily Nugget.
Dublin, May 22.—The new Irish land bill is denounced as a scheme to turn the Irish into crown tenants.

ALASKAN RAILWAY

Will Build 25 Miles This Summer

Geo. W. Dickinson Says That the Contract Has Been Closed.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Seattle, May 22.—The construction of twenty-five miles of the Alaska Central Railway during the present season is practically assured. George W. Dickinson, of the company, has returned from Chicago after the closing of contract for construction.

WILL HAVE COMPETITION

New Road Will Run to Frisco

Construction of Line From Salt Lake to California Has Begun.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
San Francisco, May 22.—The building of the Western Pacific is now certain and San Francisco will have competition to Salt Lake as soon as it is possible to effect the construction of 800 miles of road.

ANOTHER SCANDAL

Has Been Unearthed in British Columbia

Error in Making Grant Said to Involve 480 Square Miles of Land

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Vancouver, May 22.—Another scandal in the way the British Columbia opposition papers speak of a curious mistake in the provincial department of lands and public works. The Island Power Company was granted 480 square miles of timber lands above a tract which they had applied for. The affair has created a sensation.

Clonkide Dairy. Phone 147a.
SIGN A BLIND.

Dora Wells Held to Answer on a Serious Charge.

Dora Wells whose sign on her house on Second avenue reads "San Francisco Laundry," was before the police court this morning on the charge of being the proprietor of a rough, bawdy and disorderly house. She pleaded not guilty and was remanded until next Tuesday when the case will be tried.

Dora is said to be the wife of Frank Salas now doing six months for living from the avails of vice, his emagorata being a resident of Klondike city.

The police say they have strong evidence against the Wells woman who is alleged to use the laundry sign only as a blind.

PELLY CLAIMS TWO VICTIMS

Murdock Cameron and Charley Lesigatos Drowned Seventeen Miles Below Mouth of the Ross River on May 17th. Meagre Particulars.

Two more drownings are reported today. Murdock Cameron and Charley Lesigatos having lost their lives in the Pelly river about 17 miles below the mouth of Ross river on the 17th instant, making nine deaths by drowning in the Yukon and its tributaries reported in Dawson within a week, the deplorable Klondike disaster having occurred just one week ago today.

News of the accident came to Major Cuthbert this morning in a telegram from Staff Sergeant Tillman in charge of the Selkirk police post. The telegram read:

"Murdoch Cameron, Vancouver, and Charley Lesigatos, Greek, drowned 17 miles below mouth of Ross river 17th. Particulars by mail."

The map at the police barracks shows the Ross river to be almost 300 miles back from the mouth of the Pelly but less than 100 miles back and across the country from the mouth of Little Salmon, and it was from the latter place that a ballot box was sent to the Ross river precinct for the late federal election.

KNOWN IN DAWSON
Murdoch Cameron is fairly well known by several persons in Dawson. Alderman J. F. Macdonald knows one Murdoch Cameron but instead of hailing from Vancouver he is from Inverness county, Nova Scotia, where his family now resides. Mr. Macdonald's acquaintance is 36 or 40 years of age. The alderman has not seen him for several months and thinks it very probable that he had gone to the Pelly river country. He was known by Mr. Macdonald to have worked on lower Hunker and various other creeks two and three years ago. At the N. C. Co.'s store a Murdoch Cameron who worked 53 below on Hunker two winters ago is well remembered as having come to the country in '98 by way of the Teslin trail.

The steamer La France of the Merchants' Transportation Company made three trips up the Pelly last season but the name of Murdoch Cameron does not appear on any of her passenger lists.

A Sulphur miner in town today says Cameron at one time worked a lay on Sulphur and that he and two others left last fall for the Pelly country in a small boat.

LESIGATOS ALSO KNOWN.
At the Dawson police office Charley Lesigatos, the Greek, was also known, but what occupation he followed is not remembered. On the passenger list of the La France which left Dawson on her second trip of the season for the Pelly river on July 13th, appears the name of C. Lesigatos and immediately under it appears another Greek name, that of G. Kumonelos. There is no doubt but that the man mentioned in Major Cuthbert's telegram is the same as appears on the La France passenger list.

The telegram did not state if the bodies were recovered but it is thought they were not as the Pelly river has many falls at that distance back. Further details will be received by Major Cuthbert on the arrival of the mail from Selkirk.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.
(Special to Daily Nugget).
Selkirk, May 22.—Murdoch Cameron

and Charley the Greek were drowned on the 17th inst. in Pelly near Ross river. Their boat ran into a cake of ice and upset. There were four men in the boat and Kumonelos and Shutter clung to the cake of ice and were picked up by Parsons' party which was a few minutes behind. Charlie had considerable money on him. The bodies were not found. Cameron was from Vancouver, B. C.

Edward Davis III
Master Edward, the eight-and-a-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis, has been very ill with a high fever for the past two days but under the care of Dr. Alfred Thompson is somewhat improved this afternoon.

Flag Still Waved
By a letter to Manager Fairbanks of the N. C. Co. from the company's agent at Fortymile, brought up by the Tyrrell yesterday, it is learned that the N. C. Co.'s ice flag which started at 11:38 on the 13th and which paused 125 yards further down, resuming its journey at 11:30 that night, was still proudly waving at the top of the staff which was standing erect when the cake of ice on which it was planted passed Fortymile at 5:06 the evening of May 14. That the staff should still be standing firmly on the ice after traveling that distance is truly remarkable. The ice had moved from Dawson to Fortymile in 17 hours and 36 minutes.

Play Tonight
A battle royal will be fought out tonight on the barrack's baseball diamond by the Amaranth and Idyle Hour teams, each of which is confident that victory is as good as won already. Considerable money is bet on the result which will no doubt be watched for by a big crowd.

Banish dull care by enjoying the side-splitting comedy contained in the opera "Erminie" to be produced for four nights at the Auditorium, commencing on Monday, May 25th (Victoria day).

Baby Dies.
The little Wagner baby whose birth on No. 28 below Sulphur was reported in the Nugget a week ago, died yesterday. The child weighed only 1 1/2 pounds at birth.

The two thieves are IMMENSE in the opera "Erminie" at the Auditorium the first four nights of next week. See them, and laugh as you have never laughed before.

Fresh Kodak Films, all sizes, at Goetzman's, 128 Second avenue.

Special Sale of Children's Clothing
Ages ranging from 3 to 13 at the following cut prices:
\$ 5.00 Suits for \$2.50
7.50 Suits for 4.00
9.00 Suits for 5.00
10.00 Suits for 6.00
75 Boys' Wash Suits for \$1.00
100 Pair Knee Pants at 50c Pair.
HERSHBERG & CO.,
Clothing and Furnishers. 135 First Avenue.

AMUSING INCIDENTS

Occur at the Session of Small Debts Court

Contribution to Clarke's Campaign Fund Figures in a Case.

This morning in the territorial court there occurred the usual monthly number of comedies which seem indissolubly associated with the small debts court. The jurisdiction of the court is confined to actions of \$100 and less and was created with the idea in view of giving holders of small accounts a chance to sue the same at the least possible expense, parties to suits even being allowed to appear in their own behalf without the assistance of an attorney. It is in this last respect that so many things often arise to arouse one's risible faculties, amusing occurrences that spring up without any possible disrespect being intended toward the court, but which are due to ignorance of legal matters and legal ways. Even the austere and generally dignified countenance of his lordship is often wreathed in smiles. The docket this morning had about thirty cases on it, a large number of which were disposed of before the adjournment for luncheon. The list was first taken up and gone through. Griffin vs Stacpoole, DeLion vs Adair, Stone vs McDonald, Ashland vs Bell, Brown vs McDonald and Layfield vs Harrington were continued until the next term of court. Griffin vs Dumas went to the foot of the list. Paterson vs Adair was settled out of court. Judgment for \$17 was given the plaintiff in the case of Kaiser vs Boyle. The case that created the largest ripple of smiles was that of George Black vs Luella Day-McConnell. Mr. Hagel appearing for the plaintiff and the defendant appearing in person. The action was a suit on account, the plaintiff alleging a legal fee of \$100 to be due him. Mrs. McConnell did not deny the bill but insisted she had paid it once. Mr. Black acknowledged having late in the fall received that sum from the defendant, but insisted that it was a contribution to Joe Clarke's campaign fund; in fact, it was that identical money that constituted a part of Clarke's deposit with the sheriff which was afterward garnished by a creditor of the candidate. The defendant admitted being approached several times by Clarke and his campaign managers for donations, but the marble heart was at all times with one exception given them. The exception referred to was at one time when it was desired to hold a public meeting in the A. B. hall and it was necessary to dig up \$50 before the hall could be secured. She was asked for that amount and at first refused, but when informed that among the brilliant speakers who would be present and heard was Mr. Auguste Noel the defendant relented and cheerfully donated \$15 toward the rent of the hall for the privilege, as she expressed it, of "seeing him again perform."

During the hearing of the case there were a number of brilliant passages at arms between the erudite K. C. and the equally gifted defendant in which the latter did not at all get the worst of it though judgment was rendered against her. In regard to the counsel fee, Mr. Hagel said he would ask for \$50 but would be content with \$25. Later he learned he could collect but ten per cent. of the sum recovered and informed his lordship that \$10 would be satisfactory. And then all the barristers including the court smiled. Palmer Bros. recovered judgment against Martin Gafney in the sum of \$84 for board and lodging furnished the defendant in a road house on Eu-

reka owned by the plaintiffs and conducted by David Parture. Layfield vs Harrington stands over until the next term by consent. McKinnon vs Nelson, a \$50 repayment suit, was begun but upon application of plaintiff was continued until the next term to allow him to amend upon the payment of the costs of the day. Bianchi vs Smith was dismissed with costs, the plaintiff failing to appear. Judgment was awarded plaintiff for \$100 in the case of Nyland vs Mitchell. Plaintiff alleged he had loaned the defendant that sum over two years ago, while the defendant insisted the money had been paid him as part payment for an interest in his wood hauling business located on Hunker, the balance due being \$200. After the cleanup Nyland came to town and lost his money and nothing was ever said about the deferred payment. The plaintiff denied the story of him buying an interest in anything, but said the money was given as a loan pure and simple. Wensky vs Bailey was settled out of court. The latter half of the list is being heard this afternoon.

See the first appearance of the Amaranth and Idle Hour teams tonight.

ANOTHER ICE JAM

Five Finger's Ice Jams Six Miles South of Selkirk

The only river news of interest today is that the ice which composed the jam at Five Fingers has again jammed six miles south of Selkirk. The jam immediately below Selkirk still holds. There is no ice in the river at Dawson today. The water is slowly rising. Tickets for sale at Cribbs' drug store, First avenue, for the four performances of the opera "Erminie" at the Auditorium, commencing on Monday (Victoria day). Seats for Erminie are now on sale at Cribbs' drug store, First avenue.

Police Played Ball

The police ball game yesterday afternoon resulted in a dead heat, the score being 14 to 14 at the end of five innings, at which time the team captains, Inspectors Taylor and Wroughton, were both out of business. The latter was still lame today from a smash on the leg by a hot ball. The features of the game were the pitching of Sergeant-Major Tucker, the footwork of Captain Taylor and the catching of Corporal Goodall and Constable Jacques. No one was seriously injured although Police Surgeon Thompson was prepared for any emergency.

Your celebration of Victoria day next Monday will not be complete unless you see the opera "Erminie" at the Auditorium in the evening. Curtain rises at 9 o'clock. A Kansas City man left home Tuesday afternoon with \$165 in his pocket, for the purpose of buying a drink. He has not returned, and the police have been notified. He has probably put in the last three days saying: "Let's have one more, and then we'll all go home."—Kansas City Star.

Popular prices of admission for the opera "Erminie" at the Auditorium the first four nights of next week. Plans open at Cribbs' drug store, First avenue.

"Say," asked the red-faced man in the hotel writing room, "how do you spell 'unmitigated'?" "Why," replied the stranger next to him, "it's a-a-m-i-t-a-y, my friend. I wouldn't advise you to call a man a liar of any sort in a letter. You'll get yourself in trouble."—Philadelphia Press.

Hear the bright and sparkling music of the opera "Erminie" at the Auditorium for four nights commencing on Monday, May 25th (Victoria day). Job Printing at Nugget-office.

CONSIDERS THE LIEN LAW

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anticipated. This state of things should no longer be tolerated, the speaker offering a suggestion that would put a stop to the practice which in a number of instances has been proven to be dishonorable. He would have every claim owner or layman give notice to the mortgagee or any other person having a lien upon the claim of his intention to employ men in the working of the claim. Should the latter not protest against such action through the fear that the ground might not yield enough to pay the expenses of working it and leave a surplus to apply on the mortgage, then the labor should have a priority on the proceeds of the cleanup over everything else. The immediate effect of such a law would be that men would not loan money on a mining claim unless they were sure the proceeds would be sufficient to pay the cost of working the mine and leave a surplus besides. It might be argued that the number of claims upon which money would be loaned would be very limited but the speaker did not consider it at all right that a mortgagee should expect to get his money out of the wages of the men who had been employed in taking out the gold. Another difficulty to be considered said the commissioner is the manner in which the lien is to be enforced and he knew of no way that such could be done safely and equitably except by instituting in a certain way the ordinance in effect in the Northwest Territories in regard to grain. There is no desire on the part of this committee to work a hardship on any honest man; but it is the others, the man who places a fictitious mortgage on his ground with the deliberate intent of defrauding his workmen that the committee is after, and there are many of that class here. To make the lien effective in all cases it will be necessary to make it unlawful to remove the gold from the claim until the demands of the laborers are all satisfied. The official receiver or whoever else takes charge must be at absolute liberty to take full charge of the cleanup and pay from the gold taken out to the miners that which is coming to them. As to the measure of protection that would be afforded the man who furnishes the provisions, to feed the men, Clarke offered a very timely suggestion. He proposed that instead of men being hired at so much a day and board that the gross amount they were to receive should be specified instead, and then the amount agreed upon for board be deducted afterward. That instead of receiving \$4 and board, per example, if the board was estimated at \$2 a day he should be credited with \$6 a day for his labor and then debited \$2 a day for his board. In that manner the provider of the provisions would be entitled to rank with the miners to the extent of \$2 a day for every man fed, which would be taken as the amount of his contribution toward the working of the claim and would give him the same protection as the men who worked with a pick and shovel.

Thompson spoke of what protection would be given the machinery men to which the commissioner replied that the sellers and dealers in machinery were generally persons who were abundantly able to care for themselves and did not need looking after. It was the miner and the wood man who were most in the need of protection.

The draft of the suggestions made by the commissioner arriving at this time they were read by the chairman, who stated before-hand, however, that they were mere suggestions and were open to discussion by everyone interested.

After the reading of the suggestions that were offered by the commissioner Mr. Woodworth, the barrister, was the first to comment upon the ideas set forth. He remarked incidentally that it would not require ten minutes to express his views. What struck his mind most particularly was the apparent fact that the penalty provided inured mostly to the benefit of the government or whoever receives the money. If the notice were not given by the mine owner the section in question could not operate and be advocated it be changed so that the notice would be presumed to have been given, and then its effect would be different.

Regarding the individual who was described as the official receiver, the commissioner thought it of little use to talk of such unless he had the power to appoint deputies. One man could not begin to attend to the entire country, the matter would have to be arranged with the mining inspectors or police. One difficulty in the way of receivers the chair pointed out was in securing competent and at the same time honest men as such. They must in every instance be disinterested men. The commissioner thought that one of the government officials could be induced to act as such with a trifle additional pay.

"The great difficulty as I have stated," said Chairman Dugas, "is in securing honest receivers; as you must have seen in your practice," the last addressed to Mr. Woodworth. "Then, too, is the matter of rocking in the winter to be taken into consideration. It has often been shown that the cream of the pay was rocked out during the winter on some claims leaving only the ordinary dirt to be sluiced up in the spring, sometimes yielding not enough to pay the

working expenses, whereas if all the dirt had gone in the dump the expenses could have been paid in full." Speaking for the bar association Mr. Woodworth said the only desire the members of his profession had was that the bill should be made so clear that it would be kept out of the lawyers' offices. The laborer was entitled to all his wages without having to pay out a large proportion of it for legal advice and fees.

The commissioner expressed a desire to hear from some of the representatives of the big companies present and called upon Mr. McGowan, legal adviser of the N. C. Co., and also Mr. George Clay, but neither had anything to say. Mr. Cameron of the Bank of Commerce had arrived late and did not hear the reading of the suggestions as elucidated by the commissioner. He asked as to the status of existing mortgages and the chairman read the suggestions again. In answering the question the chairman misunderstood the purport of such and replied that existing mortgages would not be affected by the bill, but it was shown a moment later that it would, which caused Mr. McGowan to make some statements of a startling nature.

In part Mr. McGowan said that there were at present about 3000 mortgages in existence covering mining claims in the territory and the effect of the passage of a bill such as is suggested would undoubtedly be the closing down of at least 80 per cent. of the total number and that immediately. Every mortgage which held a piece of paper of that character would be compelled to act in such manner as a matter of self protection. They would be compelled to notify every mortgagee or discharge his men until they could find out beyond all doubt that the claim was producing enough to pay off the labor and leave a surplus sufficient to satisfy the mortgage. Of the total number of mortgages such as are referred to not 30 per cent. can pay cash for their supplies and labor when due. They must depend upon the dump and particularly is this true of the layman. He thought that fully 75 or 80 per cent. of the claims on Sulphur and Dominion were covered by a mortgage.

The chair here interposed a question that the legal adviser will be called upon to wrestle with. Would it not be unconstitutional to compel a man to discharge his labor and cease working his claim while at the same time the mining regulations say that a claim owner must expend \$200 worth of work on his claim every year or forfeit it?

Mr. Cameron stated that his object in asking the question he had was to find out the position of mortgages already in existence. As to the future the banks and money lenders would need no protection as they could protect themselves by withdrawing all credit where a mining claim was tendered as security, but it was different with those now in existence. If the bill was passed he would undoubtedly have to satisfy himself that all the properties in which they have an interest were being properly managed and would yield sufficient to meet all demands, otherwise they would have to act in a manner necessary to protect themselves. He would make it compulsory that all claim owners in hiring men should be compelled to notify them of any incumbrance that was at that time on the claim or any that might be given at a later date, providing a penalty for not doing so.

Miss Beatrice Wilson has been an interested spectator at many of the meetings of the council and to Mr. Cameron's suggestion that the claim owner be compelled to give his workmen notice of existing liens or mortgages, she offered an objection. "The poor working man is so often in such desperate needs for work and there are so many after his job that he were not impertinent to his prospective employer and inquire into the state of his business." Mr. Cameron corrected the sympathetic little lady by informing her that he would make it compulsory that the claim owner do the notifying which would relieve the workmen of asking as to his liability.

Mr. Woodworth thought the condition of things that would arise had been overdrawn by both Mr. McGowan and Mr. Cameron and in the proposition made to give the machinery man the same protection that is afforded the laborer he avowed he would not reduce human labor to the

level of a machine. The commissioner replied that such was a very fine sentiment, but it would not alter things.

Then came an idea from Mr. Cameron that was wise in the extreme and made people believe that the man with the mortgage was not as black as he had been painted by any means. It was a compromise suggested by which the mortgages while all sorts of protection was being given to the laborers would also be entitled to a small consideration. Mr. Cameron did not believe that the laborer should have a monopoly on the question of protection to the total exclusion of those who had made it possible for him to work. The man who had advanced the money to buy machinery; he who had furnished the provisions eaten by the laborers and he who had furnished the wood that created the steam used for thawing the ground, all of them were entitled to at least a little consideration. Speaking for himself he thought that perhaps it would be satisfactory to give the laborer a priority on a certain percentage of the dump, but certainly not all of it. The mortgages have certain rights which must be respected. The money advanced has gone in the ground to aid in its development and he who furnished it must have some modicum of protection. As to the percentage he thought fifty per cent. of a priority to the workmen would be satisfactory to the mortgagees as it usually required at least that amount of the total output to work a claim.

To a question put by the commissioner, Mr. McGowan also thought fifty per cent. would be satisfactory. The latter gentleman also brought up a knotty point that had not been considered before and that was the position of the laymen and owner with reference to the proposed priority and division of the cleanup. Could the layman tie up the owner's share of the gold? Mr. McGowan also offered a very wise suggestion that it should not be left to one or two disgruntled men who might have a grievance against their employer to place a receiver in charge of the claim where such might not be needed at all. It was suggested that no action of that sort be taken except by a majority of the workmen agreeing to such.

The chair considered there was nothing further to do at present except to leave the matter in the hands of the legal adviser to draw up a bill such as would be agreeable to all concerned. That care should be used the commissioner declared was necessary, as nothing would be more injurious to the country at large than to pass an act that would prove ultra vires of the council. At the same time it was an outrage that men should sometimes work all winter long and then in the spring not receive one dollar as a result of their labor.

An adjournment was taken until Saturday morning at 11 o'clock when the committee will again sit. It is thought the legal adviser by that time will have the new bill ready for presentation.

Victoria Day

Editor Nugget: Let me remark as a citizen upon the contemptibly sordid meanness of your contemporaries—the Sun and News—in regard to the coming celebration of Victoria day. Whilst the merchants and other citizens have dipped down deeply into their pockets to get enough money to put up for the celebration to make it a success and to bring the people in from the cross, give them a good time and have some of the much needed money distributed amongst us, yet we find the Sun and News will not publish the programme or do anything to advertise the event other than a commonplace little item unless the committee put up the money subscribed by the citizens to them. I think that as a merchant we should keep his in our memories and take notice that those papers that do the howling as to being 'the people's champions' are the ones that want the people's money for the job—I have no desire either to boycott or black-mail either paper but I think the Sun and News have played one of the most contemptible tricks upon the public, who are the supporters of said papers.

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MURRAY'S LIEN LAW

Young Miner's System of Collecting

Paid Himself Before Employer's Eyes and Must Answer in Court.

John Murray, a young man who has been working for Bowhay on Gold Hill the past winter, does not need a lien law to assist him in securing his wages for the reason that he simply pays himself. As a result of John's mode of collecting wages he is now out on bail to appear before the territorial court at the next adjournment session. Murray, with others who had been employed on Bowhay's claim, began to despair of getting their pay especially, as they allege, after two washups had been made and no dust was forthcoming. At the third cleanup Murray, who had due him \$730, was paid \$100 on account. He

insisted on more, but when it was refused he just appropriated \$500 that chanced to be in a blower in the operator's office. Bowhay demanded him to turn over the \$500 but Murray refused. Bowhay had Murray arrested and taken before Magistrate Rutledge at Grand Forks, who held him over to the territorial court. Murray and his fellow laborers asserted that Bowhay was using his money to purchase other property and that the chances for their getting their pay until Murray took the initiative and helped himself was very slim. Murray evidently cashed the \$300 as he had but \$4.50 on him when arrested. He is an honest appearing young fellow but does not look like a man who would care to work if he thought he would not be paid for it.

Opera "Erminie" at the Auditorium for four nights, commencing Monday, May 25th (Victoria day). Prices of admission: General admission, 75c; orchestra stalls, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.00; balcony, \$1.50 and \$2.50; boxes, 4 seats, \$10.00, 6 seats \$12.00 and \$18.00, 8 seats \$20.00 and \$24.00, 10 seats \$30.00. Curtain rises at 9 o'clock on Monday evening next (Victoria day) at the Auditorium for the initial performance of "Erminie."

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Regarding the individual who was described as the official receiver, the commissioner thought it of little use to talk of such unless he had the power to appoint deputies. One man could not begin to attend to the entire country, the matter would have to be arranged with the mining inspectors or police. One difficulty in the way of receivers the chair pointed out was in securing competent and at the same time honest men as such. They must in every instance be disinterested men. The commissioner thought that one of the government officials could be induced to act as such with a trifle additional pay. "The great difficulty as I have stated," said Chairman Dugas, "is in securing honest receivers; as you must have seen in your practice," the last addressed to Mr. Woodworth. "Then, too, is the matter of rocking in the winter to be taken into consideration. It has often been shown that the cream of the pay was rocked out during the winter on some claims leaving only the ordinary dirt to be sluiced up in the spring, sometimes yielding not enough to pay the

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