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# THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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## TO JUMP DOMINION. A Scheme to Take Advantage of Fawcett's Illegal Action.

## THE "GANG SLIPS" AND A DAMNING LETTER REACHES THE PUBLIC.

## Spies to Get Their Pick of the Claims and One Tenth of All.

## An Exasperating State of Affairs Brought About by Incompetence if Nothing Worse in the Gold Commissioner's Office Men to be Legally Robbed of Their Claims on Technicalities Schemes and Schemers Exposed to the Public Gaze.

The NUGGET has long been in possession of information which shows that a "coup" was intended by schemers in town to beat certain bona fide prospectors and locators out of their rightful claims. The information has been withheld from publication for the reason that it implicated prominent men who were said to have been induced to drop the scheme because information had leaked into the office of this paper. Thinking the miners were safe we allowed the matter to drop and at last it was almost forgotten. Now, however, we find the scheme going ahead with diabolical regularity and we desire to raise a warning voice to our friends on Dominion creek.

But let us tell the story from beginning to end. A year ago it will be remembered, Dominion creek was staked. Owing to there being two discovery claims there soon became entanglements from overlapping of claims between the two discoveries. Here is where the bright mind of our gold commissioner shone in resplendent brilliancy. With the mighty grasp of a mental giant he decided to at once prevent further complications by closing the creek. It was easily done. When a tired, worn-out prospector came to town to record something he had dug and delved for weeks to find and when he at last succeeded in reaching the window of the aforesaid mental giant, he was simply informed that "the creek is closed." How easily it was done. The well-fed, thickly clad and warmly housed gold commissioner simply smiled at the lagged and weary prospector and gave him to understand that in his infallible wisdom he had decided to close the creek.

"But," said the prospector "you have let me dig out there for several months since the day you say you closed the creek! Why didn't you notify me so that I could quit prospecting on ground which I would not be able to record!"

The G. C. haughtily replied: "I thought it would be plenty time enough when you came in to record." But all the same the G. C. realized he had worked a hardship on the men at the window and he ended by telling them to quickly go back to their claims and when in his wisdom he decided to open the creek he would give them the preference in recording. On this understanding the men went back to their claims on the unrecorded lower end of Dominion, and built cabins. Work during the winter revealed their claims to be good, and much as they tried to conceal the fact it soon reached the ears of the Dawson schemers. With devilish ingenuity a plot was hatched. In the scheme were required a lawyer to advise, a type-writing scribe to draw up contracts and a man or men who had access to Fawcett's office to furnish maps and numbers and other information of the ground to be recorded. Then men were to be found who would be willing to go on Dominion and stake over the rightful holders, and would deed over a half interest to the gang in consideration of the gang getting the claim recorded for them. The gang depended largely upon the weakness of Mr. Fawcett for their success. After getting the claims staked and after securing a type-written half-interest from each staker, they would present themselves to Mr. Fawcett, and their lawyer would advise him he had kept the creek closed illegally. Then they expected him to break down, as he did in the "Dominion muddle," and irrevocably insure the men who had trusted in his word and were cordially spending their time out of the creek at work. Falling to get him to record, they proposed to compel him, by their influence, to make a note of the fact that they had applied for record. An appeal to Ottawa was expected to open the creek, and as their men were absolutely the first who could show any records of application

for the claim, they would get them and the gang would "cop" off a half of every one.

The above reads something like a romance. But if you fellows on the lower end of Dominion creek are skeptical we ask you to walk around your claims, look for stakes and see if you can't find these names: DEPPE, BARRETT, OSGOOD, KELSEY, COLLINS, HOLLAND, LYNCH, and a dozen more. Come to town and we will direct you to a certain law office where half-interests in your claims are lying neatly typewritten, signed and sealed. We would like to warn the owners of 47, 99, 76, 86 and the rest of the lower claims not to go to sleep. And, what is more, we give fair warning to the gang that if they don't drop the scheme right here and now we will print the name of every mother son of them in our columns and hold them up to public scorn.

But don't think that the gang has got only one iron in the fire. Don't get over confident that the Devil sleeps and is harmless. The coming of the New York sharps is as proverbial as the penchant of a colored man for chickens. The peculiar official atmosphere of Dawson is distinctly favorable to schemes and schemers. With strong and morally stalwart men in control the schemer would have to starve or shame-facedly shoulder a pick and go to work. The following letter was for a short time lost from a certain man's pockets on Bonanza. The contents were copied and the letter replaced.

FRIEND CHARLES: Krelfom wants you to go about 3 miles above McCormack's fork on Bonanza and go to each claim on the creek and find out if there is a cabin on them, or if there has been any work done last year and who is the owner now. If any wood is cut. Some perhaps may be living in the cabins and representing and yet not doing work. Get full information and make a separate list of each claim as far as they are staked down the river. He wants to get a list of all the represented and unrepresented claims in his possession. I leave at 3 for Hunker to do the same work. For this we get our pick of any claims and one-tenth of all.

HOLLAND.

The words in italics are interpolated by the NUGGET to make reason of the sentence.

To properly understand the above letter one must take cognizance of existing circumstances as brought about by the intelligent administration of affairs by Thomas Fawcett. Without lawful warrant it will be remembered that he decided that all unrepresented claims should go to the crown and not be open for relocation by miners. The result of that ruling he never anticipated. Miners no longer had any fears of anyone doing detective work upon them because it would profit no one to inform. A miner one day shy on his representation had nothing to fear, because there was no one to take him up on a technicality—none had anything to gain by so doing. The result, as might be expected by anyone less intelligent than Mr. Thomas Fawcett, has been that claim owners have been more or less careless. Men with more than one claim have spent more than a due proportion of time on the claim they were working the hardest. Men from adjoining claims have worked for one another and laid themselves more or less open for spies, not believing there were any in the country. The revelation made by the above letter is like a thunder clap from a clear sky. Our object in securing it was to warn the diggers on the evidence of the existence of a gang of shysters and sharps who were prepared to involve them in such endless litigation at the slightest technical slip that they would be glad to part with their claim for a fraction of their value or consent to accepting a fractional interest in their own claim to avoid losing the whole.

From further information in our possession it is seen that the spies are spurred on largely by

the fact that it will cost them nothing but the work of relocating and a little hard swearing. The gang will furnish the brains and the knowledge of law and the influence, the spies have but to obey the instructions of their well-organized masters and then pocket their pick of all the claims and one-tenth of the whole."

The imbecile policy of vacillation pursued by the gold commissioner at this place is responsible for many a man's loss of his claim. Those who are near to him and who therefore know "which way the cat will jump next" have only to be in the possession of very ordinary intelligence and a touch of low cunning to be able by reason of their knowledge to lay snares for the enrapturement of much wiser and better men.

We warn Mr. Holland as he values his scalp to keep away from Hunker. "Friend Charles" had better leave Bonanza immediately he hears of the publication of the letter he is carrying around in his pocket at this moment. If there are two things on earth which a Yukon miner despises more than anything else it is a spy and a gang.

The lesson of the two foregoing schemes is that unorganized miners are a mere football for organized rascality. Every man and woman on the Klondike owning a claim or working in the mines should band themselves together in the Miners' Association for mutual protection. Then, and only then, will "the wicked cease from troubling and the weary be at rest." With a strong association there could have been no "Dominion Muddle," no gang of "inside" schemers.

**Dumped into the River.**  
 Friday afternoon, just as the Yskoner blew its first departure whistle, the center wharf of the N. A. T. & C. Co. broke down and precipitated its load of humanity into the river. There was a yell of dismay and a rush from the broken wharf and then a general scramble to assist the thirty people struggling in the water. All were rescued with nothing more serious than a few mouthfuls of water and a thorough wetting. Among these who went in were, F. E. Jones, Martin D. Young, Daxe Hieher, Ole G. Oleson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wentzel, A. J. Hageman, Geo. Johnson, Wm. Peterson, E. R. Sogerman, Geo. F. Jewett and Al. Bolden. It was the last-mentioned who caused the collapse of the overcrowded and flimsily-constructed wharf. He was just wheeling a truck from the boat loaded with a large, heavy box of meniscus, and just as the wheels of the truck struck the wharf she went down.

**LOCAL BREVITIES.**  
 On next Monday a private school will be opened in Dawson under the charge of Miss Lulu Alice Craig. The school will be held in the Church of England building. Miss Craig comes highly recommended and her school will doubtless prove a success.

Reek Island No. 1 arrived in Dawson on Tuesday after a series of small mishaps and fire-some delays. She is the first boat of the Alaska Mining Co., but comes up chartered by the Frank Waterhouse Co. She left St. Michaels July 8th, so that she has been considerable over a month on the river. She brought up 72 passengers and 400 tons of freight.

The Alaska Exploration Company are making extensive improvements upon their property, having acquired additional ground and employing a large corps of workmen in the erection of warehouses. Mr. Fulda expresses great confidence in the future of Dawson and the country generally, and his company is closely identifying itself with the future prosperity of both.

Mr. John Wynn is the lucky holder of ticket No. 24, which entitles him to a free first class passage from Dawson to Seattle, on the Columbian Navigation Co.'s boats. Mr. Churchill, agent for the company, contributed the ticket, to be raffle for the benefit of St. Mary's hospital. A very neat sum was realized for Dawson's worthy institution in which so many charitable acts are performed.

The Canadian arrived Tuesday. She is a sister ship to the Columbia, which is making a trip to White Horse rapids. She was well-loaded with freight and passengers and made a good trip. She has aboard a gang of carpenters who have built her entire upper works since leaving St. Michaels. Another coat of paint and a few trimmings and she will present the same favorable appearance made by the Columbia. The Canadian Development Co. is to be congratulated on its boat.

The many friends of Dr. Merryman will be treated by him in case of sickness or accident through, of course, not for less or even for gifts. We learn that until he can submit to examination and legally qualify for practice he will not desert his patients. The doctor is from the famous Rush Medical College of Chicago—one of the most orthodox and excellent schools in America—and it is with extreme satisfaction that his many friends learn of his intention to qualify at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Bulyea, member of the Territorial council, will leave on the Canadian for the outside. He came here about April 11, representing the Regina Government and succeeded in pushing the famous whiskey case through. Mr. Bulyea is a gentleman of unassuming worth and has impressed those with whom he has come in contact as the possessor of a steadfast integrity which is particularly noticeable in these times of public criticism of officials. We are pleased to hear that the gentleman thinks of returning at some later day to take care of his private interests here.

Col. Hunter, the author of "An Old Timer," a book which has run through several editions and has a reputation throughout America, has arrived in Dawson. He has served through five Indian wars, and was one of Gen. Howard's chief scouts. The colonel has had nearly half a century's experience in fighting, and had settled down to a well-earned repose in Washington, D. C., when the Klondike gold fever got hold of him in its most virulent form. He took quite a prominent part in politics during the early settlement of the State of Washington. The colonel has with him his wife and mother-in-law.

Important cablegram at the Nugget office for D. Tyler Lang.

## HOW JOHN DONNELLY LOST HIS CLAIM He Cannot Secure Admission Through the Front Door.

## The Entrance Fee at the Side Door is Paid, But He Finds the Claim Recorded Although Fawcett Had Told Him Such Was Not the Case.

The manner in which business is conducted through the gold commissioner's office is well illustrated by the case of John Donnelly. It is no wonder that men are becoming desperate when such things are occurring every day. With conditions as they are there is absolutely no encouragement for a man to exert himself, for he knows that if he locates and stakes a claim, especially if it be a good one, the chances are more than even that in the end he will be beaten out of it. It is putting the thing very mildly; in fact, it is the broadest kind of charity to say that such things come about through incompetence or ignorance on the part of government officials.

But, let every miner and every prospector in the country listen to Donnelly's case, and then decide what chance he has against such conditions. Here is the story, just as Donnelly himself tells it:

"On the 20th day of August I staked a bench claim on the lower half of No. 2, on Discovery tributary of Bear creek. The same evening I came in to Dawson, but returned to the claim on the next day, the 11th. I remained on the claim prospecting until the 13th. On that day I noticed a man on the claim, but paid no attention to him until he had gone away. About two hours later I found a single stake on which was a name, so poorly written and spelled I could not make it out. On the same day I was told that the claim was already recorded. I immediately came back to Dawson and on the 15th succeeded in getting inside, through the private door. I saw Mr. Fawcett and he told me distinctly that the claim was not recorded, but that in order to record I would have to go out and take my chances with the rest in getting inside. From the 15th to the 20th I waited in front of the door trying to get in, but could not do so and then went back to the claim and continued prospecting until August 24th.

"I then returned to Dawson, and the time by paying the policeman on guard \$4 I succeeded in getting inside. This was on August 26th. I went to the recorder's window and asked to record the claim. The answer was that the claim had been recorded on August 13th, by Wm. H. Alramsky. I do not know who Alramsky is, but this much I do know, that my stakes placed on that claim on August 20th, were the only ones ever placed on it, except the one stake driven on August 13th—a day later than the day on which the records show the claim was recorded."

There, in a nutshell, is the story of the treatment an honest man receives at the hands of men who are sent here ostensibly to see that the rights of all are protected. Is it any wonder that confidence in the government is shaken? Is it any wonder that the name "official" has become a by-word and a thing to be scorned and held in contempt by every honorable man? But, let them take warning. This thing is not going to continue forever. A day of reckoning is coming, and just so surely as it comes there will be an "airing of dirty linen" in Dawson history.

**Yukon Officialdom.**  
 The following is from the Vancouver World of July 27th:

"There is certainly something wrong in the circles of Yukon officialdom. The numerous reports, and some of them from reliable sources, proclaim emphatically that the conduct of certain persons now in authority at Dawson requires prompt consideration, and we feel that the Federal authorities will provide for a searching inquiry into the alleged misconduct of Attorney Wade and others. If the charges against the former are substantiated, his resignation should be asked for, and that at once. If there is any grabbing of the peoples heritage by speculators, and it is charged that there is, it must stop or an outraged people will wreak vengeance through the courts. By this course public indignation is now mounted that we attach and blame to Hon. Mr. Selton and his department. It must be remembered that putting wrongs to right in the Yukon district is a matter which cannot be accomplished in the course of a few days. All the government can do to select men who they have every reason to believe will administer the affairs of the district in the most honest and efficient manner. This has been done and in most cases the officials have proved true to their trust, but it seems that there are others who are in that country mainly for what they can make out of it, and being far from the lash of the Minister's whip, they take the liberty of administering the law according to their own ideas. It is to be hoped that Mr. Oulvie, the newly appointed administrator, will drop the heads of any obnoxious civil servants into the basket, and it is certain that he will, if he finds wrong doing progressing, for he is acknowledged by all to be one of the best and best looking officials who has ever entered the northern regions. Such men as he are a priceless boon to any country and the government has been congratulated on every side over his appointment. It is to be hoped he will be given a wide range of power in order to protect the rights of the people—especially the poorer classes who go into that wild, vast territory. But there must be no dilly-dallying with the question of monopolistic grabbing, thereby shutting out the weak and struggling miners; it must be stopped at once."

**Our Exchange Table.**  
 No. 1 of volume one of the Klondike News reached our table Tuesday of this week. It is a specially gotten up issue of 36 pages and cover, printed and illustrated in San Francisco and containing pictures and write-ups of persons and of places of interest in this section. The write-ups and matter of the issue were gotten up in four weeks, in January and February, and \$40,000 of business secured. There were printed 100,000 copies of the issue. The literary merits of the paper warrant much approbation.

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### WILL THE MINERS HELP THEMSELVES.

In the last issue of the Nugget appeared over the signature of Mr. Tappan Adney a very strong censure, directed against Crown Prosecutor Wade. While Mr. Adney did not make any specific charges, for reasons which the article itself explains, the Nugget is of the opinion that the affair has reached such a stage that it deserves the attention of parliament.

In this issue we again set forth the abuses which are daily being inflicted upon the men who are endeavoring to do legitimate business through the gold commissioner's office.

The question now arises, how long are the miners going to submit to such outrages? How long are they willing to act the part of sheep and allow themselves to be shorn through official corruption and incompetence? Is the thing going to continue until the wrath of an outraged community breaks out in riot and insurrection or will the victims of this systematic fleecing, organize for their own defence and fight their battles as they should be fought?

A miners' association is now being organized. Properly and heartily supported by the miners and claim owners of this country, that association can and will secure redress. But it must have the miners back of it. They must enroll in its membership and stand man to man and shoulder to shoulder in defence of their rights. In that way and in that way alone will their rights be protected.

### NO "BOOMS."

Dawson is today suffering to a mighty extent the effects of a "boom." With the advent of the first treasure ship to the Sound a little over a year ago, avaricious and sensational journals seized the opportunity to hawk their wares broadcast over the land, inducing thousands in all conditions of life, many indeed, to leave lucrative positions and with outfits sufficient and insufficient hasten to the land pictured as simply glittering with gold. The result has been a "boom" in Dawson within six months never equaled in the world's annals. Disappointment, disaster and degradation have come to hundreds, led falsely through those very acts of sensationalism.

That this country is rich goes without question. That Dawson as a basis of supplies for hundreds of miles about, has a permanency and foundation for a future in business upon a substantial footing cannot but impress all, but Dawson is not, and should not be a "boom" town. A certain amount of labor can be employed here but no more. We are led to these remarks from a glance at a copy of *The Klondike News*, Vol. 1, No. 1, dated at Dawson, April 1, 1898, almost five months ago. It is a most meritorious work from an artistic and mechanical standpoint, and to its publishers although unacquainted, we have only the kindest of feelings. Yet, believing in the permanency and future of Dawson, we cannot but look upon publications of this style and make-up as other than an advertising scheme and "boom" edition.

It has no office in Dawson, is not identified with her interests, has no pay roll to the extent of one dollar in this city, and every copper spent upon its production was delivered to newspaper and engraving offices having no interests in any way connected with Dawson or her advancement. Thousands of dollars are thus taken from Dawson with no adequate returns. If the *News* was to make its home with us here, establish its plant, at least live among us, none would more gladly welcome it than the Nugget. A "Summer Edition" is now proposed, the "Winter Edition" having just appeared. Still if the people care for that sort of enjoyment we presume we should be satisfied. With a firm belief in the reality and future of Dawson, built upon the rock of substantiality, we reiterate the Nugget is opposed to booms.

### NO GROUND FOR ANOTHER RUSH.

It is to be hoped that the predicted rush to Dawson will fail to materialize this fall. Many people have been led to believe that when the treasure ships arrived at Seattle and San Francisco another great stampede over the passes and down the river would occur. The fact that the war is rapidly drawing to a close has given color to the belief, for it is to be expected that when interest in that all absorbing topic has abated somewhat on the outside, the eyes of a great many people will turn again to the north.

We sincerely hope, however, that enough of the real truth concerning the Klondike country will be told on the outside to warn people against coming here without thoroughly investigating the situation before they start. The ridiculous and exaggerated stories that have been, and are being circulated by interested persons and newspapers on the outside should be stopped. It is only a plain statement of fact to say that a man who comes to Dawson without resources other than his own strength will fail, in nine cases out of ten to realize or even approach a realization of his expectations.

There are some men who love to be duped and hoodwinked. They willingly believe all the fairy stories they hear concerning the lavish distribution of gold in this country simply because they wish the thing were true. Once they reach Dawson their eyes are opened. They ascertain the fact that there are rich claims in the country. But they also find out that all claims of known value were long ago taken. They find out that all the working claims combined will not afford employment to the men who are here already and after a few trips across the country with packs on their backs they reach the conclusion that if in the end they do secure a good claim it will be only after undergoing the utmost privation and hardship.

We make this plain statement for the simple reason that we believe no community will be injured by telling the simple truth concerning it. We know of the present wealth of the Klondike country. We are firmly convinced that it has before it a future exceedingly bright, but we say again that there is absolutely nothing in sight as yet to justify another rush into this country such as occurred last fall and spring.

### THE KLONDIKE OUTPUT.

The full royalty returns for the Klondike district are not yet in. The amount collected so far is about \$353,000. The royalty, as every one knows, is 10 per cent of the gross output, excepting the first \$2500. Ten times the royalty would be three and a half millions, which, if there had been no exemptions, would stand as the output of this section for the past season. The exemptions, numerous as they undoubtedly were, could not possibly raise that amount to more than five to seven millions, which is probably the very outside figure. What then can be thought of our typographically and artistically elegant four-times-a-year contemporary which in an edition of 100,000 copies sets forth to the world in gilt letters an inch high that the output is \$40,000,000? The *Klondike News* has multiplied the true figures by at least five, and if such outlandish statements go to Ottawa uncontradicted who knows

but the promised 2 per cent royalty may be increased to 20.

But the Ottawa government is getting wiser than to swallow the exaggerated statements of "boom" papers like the *P-I.* or the *Klondike News*, and we sincerely trust the rest of the American continent may be the same.

### DISEASE PRODUCERS.

We desire to draw the attention of the authorities to the sanitary conditions now prevailing in and around Dawson. The number of sick people in the city is increasing at an alarming rate. The hospitals are crowded with patients and an unknown number of persons in various stages of illness are scattered around the city in tents and cabins.

While it may be true that a great deal of the sickness is the result of hardships and privations met on the trail, it is undoubtedly a fact that Dawson as a place of residence, at the present time at least is anything but healthy. This is partially due to the peculiar character of the area composing the townsite. The marsh between the water front and the hill east of town is still covered in places with stagnant water despite the efforts that have been made to drain it. And of course the warmer the days become, the more water is brought to the surface.

But it is right along the water front and First avenue that the greatest nuisances are found. Ill-smelling pools of water, and heaps of filth - ideal breeders of disease germs can be seen by anyone who will walk for a block or two along First avenue. Indeed a person does not require the use of the sense of sight to learn the facts for the stench in some places is simply sickening.

Dawson cannot afford to have her fair name tarnished by reason of the existence of such nuisances. We hope that those responsible will see to it that some effective remedy is applied and that at an early date.

### Removal.

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A HOLD UP ON BONANZA CREEK.

Jacob Myer-Hofer, a German, is Way-laid and Beaten by Robbers.

They Did not Get any Booty for the Reason That Their Victim had no Dust on his Person.

Jacob Myer-Hofer will never forget his trip down Bonanza on Tuesday night last. He was plodding along over the trail, and passing No. 68 was congratulating himself on getting nearer to the end of his lonesome trip when he was joined by two fellow travellers in the same direction. One of the strangers stepped into the trail ahead of him and the other behind. There was nothing unusual about strange company on the trail so Jacob plodded along in the dark until about midnight the trio reached 62 below. Suddenly the fellow fired a shot at him from a revolver and then commenced beating him over the head with the clubbed pistol, knocking him down. More shots were fired but all of them missed the other, perhaps intentionally and then the assailants jumped onto the man demanding his money and that very quickly. Jacob had little or nothing on him and told them so, but they did not desist in choking and beating him. With a mighty effort he broke from them, throwing one of them down the bank into the river. He ran as quickly as possible to the nearest cabin and there had the wounds on his head roughly attended to. With an escort he struck out for Dawson and reported his case to the police. Four or five constables were dispatched to the scene of the affray and the footpads will probably get a good taste of police justice shortly. It is to the interests of all that these outrages should be stopped as soon as possible by putting the perpetrators behind the bars. Myer-Hofer remembers one of the men as being medium sized, small mustache and the balance of his face was clean shaved. If anyone is in possession of a clew they should communicate with the police at once and give them all the aid in their power. Myer-Hofer is recovering from his bruises and wounds.

Safety for Dawson's Treasure.

At a time when unusual robbery and theft is creating alarm in Dawson, and foot-pads are making the trails a terror to belated wayfarers, it is especially appropriate and a matter for congratulation that we are able to report the opening of safety deposit vaults in Dawson as commodious and modern as any in Victoria or Seattle. The past few months has seen Dawson making vast metropolitan strides and in nothing has the improvement been more noticeable than in the provisions being made for the safe-keeping of private papers, or treasures. The day has gone by when gold-sacks or other valuables can be left carelessly around in exposed places. We have with us now a criminal class which is bound to give the police infinite trouble upon the arrival of the long, dark nights of winter, and which will render the wisdom of keeping treasure in cabins very doubtful indeed.

The safety-deposit vault with 222 private boxes, is built into the store of the Alaska Commercial Company. The vault is of case-hardened steel 12x14 feet and nine feet high. There are two doors guarding the entrance with Diebold locks and bolts. The outer door is of double thickness and with the most improved pattern of combination lock. The inner door is of case-hardened steel. The whole vault is surrounded with two feet of solid masonry and concrete, making the vault as safe to depositors as the Bank of England with the exception that it is not submerged at night. The vault is never without a guard night or day, and it is the intent of the firm to have one man devote his time exclusively to waiting upon the patrons of the vault. It is in the internal arrangements, however, that patrons will take the most satisfaction. The 222 boxes are of hardened steel with steel doors and two-key locks—that is to say there are two keys which must simultaneously be placed in the lock before the furniture safe will open. One key is retained by the owners of the vault and the other one is given to the holder of the box. By this arrangement there are two men whose presence simultaneously at the opening of a box is absolutely necessary. The pair of keys each of the 222 boxes are altogether different so that a depositor can rest assured of the absolute safety of his papers or his gold, night or day, from insidious foes. We are induced to thus describe the vault at length from the fact that we have seen valuable papers carried around the country in pockets or thrust into old valises or trunks, and many of them falling to turn up when wanted. The cost of the boxes will be about \$20 per month or \$150 per year which is about the cheapest safety deposit in the country.

Another New Boarder.

L. Boullay will, for the next three months board in the new jail at the barracks. He, unfortunately, took a five-dollar chip or check from the bar of the Green Tree Hotel, and passed it over within an hour for cash. He didn't know anything about it, but Constable Piper did, and quickly placed himself and his name on the list of boarders for the new jail.

Through police vigilance those little petty larcenies or thefts, will, no doubt, meet their deserts, and future offenders can take a pointer that the time is not far distant when these little trifles will have to be severely dealt with.

Miners' Association Notice.

Members of the above are notified that the first meeting is called for Monday Aug. 23 at 1 p. m. in the Presbyterian church on the police reserve. Lack of Good Samaritan Hospital. New members will be enrolled.

FRANK J. DUNLEVY, Organizer.

Improvements at the Yukon Mill.

The Yukon Mill Co. has just completed the construction of a commodious office building. It is made from sawed logs and will afford very comfortable quarters for the transaction of

business during the coming winter. The dimensions of the building are 48 by 24. Along side of the mill there is an immense pile of logs which however manager J. F. Burke states will last the mill not to exceed six weeks. In the river in front of the mill there are rafts of logs which will scale not less than 500,000 feet. Mr. Burke states that the mill will be able to run nearly all winter.

Improvements Galore.

Elegant bar-fittings were put in a week ago by Ash & Manning. The bar is of solid French mahogany, and polished to mirror-like lustre. The back bar is of solid antique-finished oak, with panels of super-fine French plate-glass mirrors. The largest beveled-edge mirror is about 4x8 with the mirrors gradually lessening in size, until the smaller panels are about 15x20 inches. With the mirrors all highly polished, ditto the oaken frames, the effect is most decidedly exhilarating, after a long acquaintance with the usual Klondike bar. The house is also brilliantly lighted with acetylene gas.

Agent the Medical Law.

To the Editor: A few days ago I called upon the gentlemen whom the Canadian Medical Society of Dawson has selected to prosecute unlicensed physicians and put these questions to him: "Doctor, I hear that an examination will soon be held on which American physicians who pass it will be licensed to practice medicine."

"I also hear that one must present a diploma from a medical college before admission to the examination."

"You are correctly informed, madam."

"There is a clause in your announcement to the effect that such diploma must be from a college requiring a four years course; for example, I received my diploma nearly 25 years ago when, so far as I know, not a medical college in the United States had a four years course. Does that fact shut me out from your examination?"

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George Brewitt, 130 Front St.

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POLICE COURT ITEMS.

George Stubbs was drunk and disorderly but his fine was raised to \$40 and costs by reason of his having "been there" before.

There were four "common drunks" whose names do not merit publication. The usual fines of \$5 and costs were imposed.

A. Knepper exceeded the ordinary bounds of intoxication and included himself in his offense. Technically his offense was "D. & D." and \$20 and costs was his portion.

Annance is the gentleman who had a bill to collect and first filled up with the elegant 50c booze. His superabundant spirits caused him to become too enthusiastic in his own cause and he swore. He rectified his mistake by contributing \$20 and costs to the public funds.

George Burnet was unfortunate indeed. He did not reserve enough in his sack during his last spree to pay his fine of \$10 and costs. By reason of his forgetfulness he labors under police regulation for ten days. "Ten dollars or ten days" sounds all right on the outside but ten days is a strange equivalent for ten dollars in Dawson.

John Boyle has written another chapter in his autobiography of life in Dawson. It will be remembered that Boyle got six months for attempted burglary, and on his first day of hard labor working in the breaks warehouse made a bold dash for liberty while his guard was busy at some other point. A ball and chain was then made his portion and the promise of a future trial and increase of imprisonment given him. Boyle was sulky at his failure to escape and positively refused to work with that ball and chain fastened upon his person. Some solitary confinement was tried on a bread and water diet and after three days of it Boyle expressed himself as perfectly willing to work, with a ball and chain or a mile of rope or anything else fastened to him.

A Grateful Patient.

EDITOR OF THE NUGGET:

Sir: Kindly permit me through the medium of your paper to pay a small tribute to St. Mary's Hospital, where I have been confined, suffering from an attack of fever for the past two weeks. It is owing to the skillful nursing and careful attention that prevails in the hospital that I am able to get about and feel myself well on toward recovery so soon. The good Father Judge and the Sisters of Mercy deserve every credit and support in carrying on their noble work, for every day they are to be seen personally soothing and comforting the sick who are placed in their care.

Yours, etc., J. KNIGHT SMITH.

Thrown Open in Twenty Days.

The why and the wherefore of the gold commissioner's actions are beyond the ordinary mind. The following document is posted at the entrance to his office and must explain itself for we fail to find any excuse in the laws or the reserve of which he speaks.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all bench claims on Dominion creek will only be reserved for 20 days from this notice unless taken up within that time, and furthermore that all persons who staked on or after the 9th July 1898 but whose claims are otherwise applied for and contested must appear at the gold commissioner's office in Dawson before the expiration of said 20 days after which date, namely the 27th September 1898, all the within mentioned claims will be deemed abandoned and as such open to relocation by others.

Pro Gold Commissioner, Dawson.

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