

THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

VOL. I. No. 6.

DAWSON, N. W. T., THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1898

PRICE 50 CENTS

HE HAS THE POWER.

Major Walsh Can Do Away With the Royalty.

HIS POWER SEEMS ABSOLUTE.

By His Order Royalties Have Been Remitted.

And He Admits That He Has the Power to Wipe Out All Royalties if Convinced That Any Royalty Whatever is an Injustice.

It will be news to Dawsonites to learn that right here at home, without appeal to Ottawa, the much abused royalties could be abolished if the Commissioner of the Yukon was once convinced of their injustice and oppression. The following interview, courteously granted the Nugget man by Major Walsh, is a volume of information in itself:

"Major, we understand that you have been remitting royalties on claims, where it was shown they were working a hardship or injustice, and we would like to ask you the following questions: Among your other powers, has the power been given you to remit any and all royalties, if such should be found unfair, oppressive, and working an injury to the district?"

"Yes, I have been remitting royalties, as you know, when such has been shown to be oppressive."

"Then, if it should be shown you that all royalties were oppressive and working an injustice, you could yourself abolish that regulation?"

"I am quite satisfied the government would support me even if I remitted all."

The Major protested that it was the last thing in the world the government desired, to oppress the people of this district. The object of giving him such extensive powers was largely to obviate our long distance from the seat of government. Immediately relief could be given where any wrong was made apparent. As an example of the exercise of that power he cited the giving back to the claim owners on Dominion creek the alternate claims held for the crown.

"Are the claims on which royalties have been remitted quite numerous?"

"Yes, quite numerous. Not a man who appeared before this office with a statement has been charged a cent. Some have even shown a balance in their favor; but nothing was exacted."

The Commissioner then went on to state that all the royalties collected would not even pay the police bill of the district. He had seen men alone coming over the trail to the city with sacks of gold over their shoulders and asked if such a condition of safety were not worth paying for. He dilated on the unfairness of asking the Manitoba farmer to contribute to the support of this gold-bearing region. In case of the abolishing of the royalty mine laborer to pay a poll or license tax of \$30 a head. Yet revenue must be raised.

"Major, if the government disposed of its block of claims, would not that prove a source of revenue?"

"Yes, certainly, that would help out; but the government has not any claims on, Dominion creek and anything. There are some on sweet creek and such streams."

Mr. Walsh then went on to state that the royalty collected up to date amounted to but \$250,000, though there was more to come yet. It would not pay for policing the district.

"I think the time will come," he continued, "when new and better methods will be pursued and this district will be shown up in all its richness. Hills will be denuded of their soil by sluicing and the raising of revenue will be simplified. You will undoubtedly have your own government next spring and everything will be put in order. You will also have your own town government, as I shall recommend, when I get to Ottawa."

"Then, there is truth in the rumor that you accepted your position of commissioner for but one year and would shortly be leaving here?"

"I leave here in two or three weeks. I only accepted the position for a year, and while I do not regret coming, I would not stay under any consideration. I have been favorably impressed, both on the trail and on arriving here with the class of men who are swelling our population, and have so reported at Ottawa."

The commissioner then went on to state that he hadn't the slightest doubt but the government would do just all these matters, to the complete satisfaction of the people.

"Major, you are undoubtedly aware that many of our population are daily falling sick and that the authorities have contributed absolutely nothing to the relief of their destitution. Can no assistance be given our hospital?"

"There has got to be a provision made to do something for the hospital. I have thought the matter over, but have decided to wait for local government."

"It appears to be the impression of a large number of people here that the main trouble with the country here is excessive taxation, and—"

"How can that be so when the tax, whenever excessive, has not been exacted?"

"Is it just that the miner should have to defray all the expenses of the district? Do not forget the licenses, the timber permit for this, and the other sources of revenue under this oppressive royalty system?"

"No, indeed, the royalties are not so great as you might imagine, and the amount of the goods coming in under bond from ca-

nadian ports. Then again the duties are a fund separate from ours. Only when the funds of the international department are exhausted can we draw on the general fund to which the duties go."

A Lesson on Good Breeding.

If there is one thing which exasperates a broad-gauge man more than another, it is the assuming of haughty authority by some two-penny-half-penny underling who apes his superiors in everything but courtesy and good breeding. The Nugget man had occasion some days ago to present some bills contracted by the Gold Commissioner's office, and incidentally to ask for some information in matters of momentous public importance. Out of sympathy with the weary, waiting crowd of patient miners at the front entrance of the recorder's office THE NUGGET man decided not to crowd his way in there but to avail himself of a convenient side door marked "Private." A diminutive type-writing apostle of Ben Johnson named Clark, who appears to have control of the opening and shutting of the entrance-way, was asked:

"Will you kindly ask Mr. Fawcett at what department these papers should be presented?"

The dignified and important opened and shutter of doors immediately swelled up like a load and with a ridiculously amusing arrogance of manner shouted out what he probably supposed to be his instructions:

"I don't know what you are thinking of, I'm sure. I tell you that neither you nor your papers can get through here. Get out of here and get in line at the front, or use the post-office; I don't care which."

With a smile the scribe made his way to Major Walsh's sanctum and was courteously received and information given him, as will be seen elsewhere in our columns.

For the benefit of pompous type-writers and over-dignified door tenders we would say that a civil answer is never quite thrown away, even on a newspaper man, and who is quite able to judge for himself whether or not he is presuming. The example of his superiors, who, however much we may differ on questions of government, are undoubtedly gentlemen both by birth and breeding, should teach Mr. Clark at least a lesson in common politeness.

Claims a Fraud.

Simon Kisick, a young Indian speaking good English and also well educated in other branches at the Roman mission of Anvik, six hundred miles from the mouth of the river, is telling a tale of woe as long as your arm of a trip he made to Chicago and other cities of the United States last fall. He has just come back with the Geological Survey party and has retained Lawyer O. M. Woodworth to prosecute his claim against a certain J. P. Light for time lost and moneys expended on that trip.

In his complaint he sets forth that last fall Mr. Light secured him for the trip to the States by a promise of \$5,000 for the two years' services. The St. Michaels Indians would not accept Light's gold dust so Kisick bought six Esquimaux dogs with good United States silver dollars. Light bought six more and a leucuring pair of the States was commenced. The Indian enjoyed the trip but the thieves of Chicago alarmed him so that he entrusted his gold sack with Mr. Light for safe keeping. The charge is now made that Light left him this spring on the steamer of Seattle flat broke and without even his dog.

On Wednesday Mr. Light turned up with what he claims is the Indian's receipt in full. The Indian swears he never received a cent nor gave such a receipt. The matter comes up for settlement in the court this week.

FROM THE BARRACKS.

Pollockman Skirving, a recent arrival from Bennett, is very ill of typhoid fever. There has been some improvement and his recovery is hoped for.

Corporal Green has been detached from the Dawson post and ordered to the mouth of Stewart River, where he is empowered to act in the capacity of recorder of claims, with other powers pertaining to the gold commissioner's office.

The police have been instructed that the land on the opposite side of the Yukon has not been granted to anyone, either as a townsite or a homestead. It is unsurveyed and subject to squatter's rights prevail. Johnson's claims to contrary notwithstanding. The police will see that would-be settlers are unmolested in their rights.

NOT YET RETIRED.

No Reason Yet to Think the Rev. Father Judge Will Leave Us.

The benevolent and deservedly popular Rev. Father Judge, S. J., was asked concerning his rumored retirement from the management of Dawson's hospital. Father Gendre came down river last week, and it was supposed that he would soon assume control. However, this will depend on the very Rev. Father Bene, of St. Michaels, who will be here on the first boat.

The city of Dawson will be unanimous in lamenting the departure of Father Judge, if such should be deemed the wisest course. Alaska is really his own territory; but in Dawson's need and owing to the numerical weakness of the Canadian contingent he came forward and has done noble work indeed.

The mad rush for Dawson has brought here thousands of people without a dime in their pockets, and the sale of whose outfits at present low prices would bring but meagre returns. Yet these people are falling sick with alarming rapidity—scoury and dysentery taking to the hospital as many as seven a day. The authorities will not contribute one cent to the cost of maintaining these people nor even to bury them if they die. Everyone looks to Father Judge for help, as if his purse was as bottomless as his philanthropy is without limit. Because of the payment of royalty and for other reasons of the same kind the wealthy people of the district are not coming forward with their proverbial generosity, and "there it come a time, somebody," when St. Mary's hospital will perform have to limit its charities and cut down expenses.

A funeral home has been hired from the father's shopkeepers by the matter of labelling of his burned church which was built in the

first place by Mr. Pat Galvin. Mr. Alex McDonald has come forward with lavish generosity and volunteered to rebuild that edifice.

Three Sisters of Mercy came in on the Allice Wednesday. They will assume their duties of nursing the sick at once. Others are expected shortly.

LATEST WAR-NEWS.

Porto Rican Project Abandoned—An Aggressive Cuban Campaign.

The latest war dispatches are under date of June 23. The project to occupy Porto Rico seems to have been abandoned and the immediate conquest of the Spaniards in Cuba will be the aim of both army and navy of the United States.

American troops are being landed on Cuban soil and are joining forces with the armies of Gomez and Garcia.

Spain is in a state of terror over the activity of the American forces.

Gen. Blanco is trying to reinforce the towns and Generals Garcia and Shafter are trying to prevent him from succeeding.

Admiral Sampson thinks that Cervera is ready to try to escape and is prepared for a battle with his fleet.

Gen. Pando, second in command to Blanco, is working to the aid of Santiago with a large body of troops. The Cubans under Garcia are so placed as to force a battle before the town is reached.

A SUDDEN RISE OF THE RIVER.

Much Loss of Goods and Inconvenience Result From the Freshet.

The summer freshet of the Yukon is upon us. The upper stratas of air have become warmed and are melting the snows on our peaks and mountain ranges and causing a humidity of the atmosphere which expands itself in copious rains in the valleys below. The ground being frozen immediately beneath the surface cannot absorb any of the new supply of water while the upper moss is already soaked to reptation. The result is a sudden rise in the rivers, spreading consternation and loss amongst the many who are unfamiliar with the habits of this prince of tricky rivers and who have camped too near the water line.

On the sand bar in front of Dawson have been camped over twelve hundred new arrivals until the clean dry sand was almost invisible for the mass of white tents stretched over it. The water raised about an inch a day until it had convinced the campers that no particular harm was intended and then without any warning about Thursday noon it commenced and rose headily several feet. If you ever disturbed an ant's nest and watched the ants scampering off pell mell with their valuables you have a faint conception of the picture of sudden industry which instantly spread over that peaceful sand spit. In many cases, before goods could be packed to the bank the water was upon the tenters and the job had to be completed by wading.

Many hurriedly piled their stuff into their boats and the boats have been high and dry for a month and leaked like a sieve. One man named Howard pumped his boat until midnight and then lay down for sleep. He was awakened next morning by his boat having sunk to the gunwales and everything spoiled.

But the greatest loss in the aggregate came to mess and hotel caches in their tents and went prospecting up the gulch. Everyone was so busy with their own affairs that in many cases the water had risen several tiers high before removal was attempted.

Only an estimate of the loss can be made. Messrs. Waidron, Belch, Norman and others who work on the bar were cleared estimate the damage to goods at about four thousand dollars.

PERSONAL.

The friends of Dr. Adams will be pleased to hear of his safe arrival here.

The Rev. J. Morris, B. D., of the Welsh Presbyterian Church, of Beaver, Mo., is a recent arrival at Dawson.

S. T. Conking, superintendent of the Joseph Ladue Gold Mining and Development Co., left for New York Thursday evening on the Williffr Irving.

P. H. Thornton, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived in Dawson on the 4th inst. Mr. Thornton had a photo of his boat taken at midnight and says he would not take fifty dollars for it.

The Bonanza Creek Trail.

An immense amount of work and money has been expended on the Bonanza creek trail this spring and summer, with the result that now there is a first class trail from the A. C. Co.'s store to 60 below Bonanza, the whole trail being corduroyed as far as in the 70's. Messrs. McConnell, Hamilton & Burrell are the promoters, operating a ferry at mouth of Bonanza. Work is still in progress. It may not be generally known, but the work on Third Street, right in the heart of the city, was done by this company.

Any person going on the stampede to Dominion creek, if they don't want to be beaten by mosquitos, should call at Hart & Cates' furniture store, opposite Bank B. N. A. and get one of their linen mosquito tents. Price \$5.

"Crowded to the Door."

That's the way you and the Outley Sisters' concerting every night. They are the most popular artists in the city, and their genial ways and pleasing songs will keep them so. With good voices, the latest songs and attractive appearance, the Outley Sisters will continue to draw the crowds. Their dances are perfect. The bar is also popular, because of the genial management and courteous attendants.

The dance on the evening of July 4th, in Pioneer Hall, was a great success. About one hundred couples participated, and to the strains of Huston's orchestra "tripped the light fantastic" until early morning. All wore the tri-color in honor of the day, and the affair was well managed inside and outside by Messrs. Vissel, Corbett, Birch, Burrill, LaBlanc and McConnell.

Mrs. Showers, recently of Lake Bennett, has opened a laundry near the Klondike bridge. Mrs. Showers is permanently located in Dawson and requests the patronage of all wishing a fine class of work. Ladies' and laundry specialties. Clothes called for and delivered.

A MOST DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Col. James Domville, M. P., Now in Dawson.

Says Royalty Must Be Abolished and No Claims Reserved for the Crown—Will Work for More Liberal Laws for the District.

Among the most prominent visitors Dawson has ever had is Col. James Domville, Member of Parliament from the County of King, New Brunswick. This distinguished gentleman arrived in the city last Wednesday. His visit is purely on business, though as a member of the law-making body of Canada, he will study the needs of the people here, in order that he can correctly inform his colleagues and with them enact such laws as will benefit the country. Col. Domville is very frank and freely spoken. When asked by the Nugget man what had impressed him most since his arrival, he said that he was free to admit that things were in a deplorable state; that there seemed to be depression and a general lack of confidence in the administration. He said:

"The royalty must be removed at once, for it is a direct taxation on the virgin gold and makes the producer stand the brunt of expenses for the whole district. Revenue must be raised in order to pay the expenses of governing and policing the Territory; but taxation must be more equitable and reach all alike."

"What do you think of the reservation of claims by the Crown, Colonel?"

"It's the most pernicious piece of legislation Parliament ever enacted. From what conditions I find existing here. But the people must not blame any one in particular for these laws. We were every one ignorant of conditions. The impression prevailed from reports that mainly Americans held the mines here, and laws were enacted on the theory that if they wanted to work them they could pay for the privilege, or go elsewhere. Parliament never considered the propositions very seriously. But it will be different now. You will have representation in Parliament beyond doubt. Under the new act you will have local government to ascertain extent, as soon as it can be organized."

"When should the new Commissioner take hold?"

"He should arrive here by August 1, as that is the commencement of his term. He will have six councillors, and the seven will make the laws for the district. The city itself should incorporate as a municipality and then it could regulate its streets, lights, fire protection, etc."

"Colonel, as a Member of Parliament, perhaps you can tell the people if Major Walsh, as commissioner of this district, has the power to do away with royalty?"

"I think he has the power; at least an order of his to that effect would be respected at Ottawa."

Press of business called the Colonel away before the Nugget man could get in another question. He may be heard, possibly, at the mass meeting to-night.

Colonel Domville is at the head of the Klondike-Seattle Pioneers, Ltd., which is a London syndicate with much capital behind it. The company has 35 miles of timber grant at Pelly, and is operating a sawmill there now.

A steamer named The James Domville is expected daily with a large cargo, and another sawmill and electric light plant, which will be soon started. A warehouse will be built at once. He says his company is ready to invest large amounts here when it can be safely done, but that in the present muddled condition of affairs Eastern capitalists will keep their hands off. He will attend Parliament next session, and after having been here will be able to work intelligently for the most liberal mining laws for the district in order that the country may be more rapidly developed.

KLONDIKE CITY NOTES.

Each spring finds the water over the townsite so that cabins are generally being built on stilts.

Bill Nugget is erecting a large two-story hotel. Several other buildings are going up despite the cost of from four to ten dollars to the log.

Tom O'Brien, the well-known pioneer, has erected a warehouse and also has a large store building. He has sold his present entire stock in one lot to Frank Wright.

The trail to the mines, by way of Klondike City, is becoming the favorite route. One day last week over two thousand people took the trail for a ways out, anyway, and were counted by a near-by squatters.

A man whose name could not be learned, was on Saturday compelled by the police to desist in operating a small boat as a ferry between Dawson and Klondike City. The toll-bridge between these two points has paid for the monopoly of the business and will not brook a rival.

A number of cabins are being torn down and moved. The recent order of the police to vacate streets by the sixth, on the newly-surveyed plat of Klondike City, has caused something of a flurry. By an order of the commissioner, all squatters finding themselves on streets are empowered to move onto the nearest unoccupied lot. Captain Bliss will be stationed over there in a few days to take applications to purchase from squatters.

The island, midway between Dawson and Klondike City, is being rapidly filled up with cabins, caches and tents. It is about the last ground left unsurveyed on this side of the Yukon convenient of access to the cities. Previous to the settling up of the island the bridge company required but one toll, collected at each end of the bridge. The islanders would use the bridge and escape the tax by not passing the office at the farther end. Now, however, there is a weigher at each end. A half-rate is given to residents of the island.

Cost a Deal of Money.

Many of our readers will be somewhat surprised to learn that the cost of the bridge between Dawson and Klondike cities was nearly \$20,000. There is now 1700 feet of bridge and walk, one span being 250 feet and the other 210 feet. The floating ice of the spring and fall is protected against by piers and also by the original method of bodily raising the bridge another four feet. The raising of the bridge is provided for in its construction and will not interfere with traffic in the least.

Finest cigars in Dawson, Pioneer Drug Store. E. Shaw, prop. Second Ave. 2nd st. 11

The way in which this man to number from the mother number from the claims were offered for about the application to the great injury of nothing but a survey clear up the mess, and stopping all staking and survey had been made.

ANTED
ent a claim. Address
e of Nugget office.

nt a good claim for in
dress J. L. H. S., care of

s waitress in restaurant
KLONDIKE NUGGET.

g gasoline at Nugget

Will trade a half-inter-
m for a year's provi-
sion office.

with from five to ten
to start a manufacturing
States. One hundred
the first year. Refer-
Apply at the office of

D FOUND
und hundred dog, medium
o name of Pat. Grims
ain fast to collar when
to Marie Riedelsch
ors, front street, or in-
table reward.

Log, white breast and
ne of "Sayon." Suitable
information leading to

ER, Klondike Hotel.

for \$800. Same can be
e on identification of
d to finder.

SALE.
ring to leave the city
sell a valuable lot on
n Third and Fourth

two claims on Swedish
at a low price. Owner
ntry. Inquire at Nug-
get office.

ONAL.
or Edmondson, N. W.
W. Spencer.

AL CARDS
D SURGEONS
Physician and Surgeon

iversity of Toronto,
B. C. M. C.; M. M. C.,
iversity of Manitoba,
open day and night.

RS
Advocate N. W. T.,
pp. New England.

Advocates, Solicitors,
ers, etc., Commis-
sioner and British Co-

D-TYPEWRITERS.
Writing from dic-
all work where speed
all documents of all
rates, E. L. Belcher,
opposite Dominion sa-

ypewriter and Ste-
of Stauff & Zilly.

TS
Artist, Office opposite

SALOON
USA, Proprietors

E CITY
nds of

s and Cigars

AR STUDIO
AITS
CIL SKETCHES
INTINGS
winter and spring
aining districts.

G. C. BAILE,
Photographer.

TY
complete
kly

ND ENCORE

ybody dances

the Pavilion

The Klondike Nugget

ISSUED SEMI-WEEKLY
On Tuesday and Saturday

Each issue reproduced in the United States for distribution throughout the world.
OFFICE COR. SECOND ST. AND FOURTH AVE.

ZACH. F. HICKMAN, Editor and Gen. Man.
EUGENE C. ALLEN, Business Manager

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Yearly in advance \$24.00
Per month by carrier in city (in advance) 2.50
Single copies 50

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS
in reference to advertising and subscriptions, to
THOS. J. CHURCH
Sole representative for United States and Canada, Dexter Horton Bank Building, Seattle, Wash., U. S. A.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1898

WHY WON'T THE COMMISSIONER DO IT?

Things seem to be at fever heat. The air is full of murmurings, like distant thunder before an approaching storm. Business is growing stagnant, ambition is becoming dormant and energy is relaxing—as though the palsied hand of fever had been spread over the whole community.

On every hand you hear the royalty, crown claims, the withdrawal of creeks from prospecting, the small claims, and the reverting of claims to the crown being discussed, and the regulations roundly abused. The older miners haven't the courage to go ahead, and the newcomers, awed by the doleful aspect of their more experienced friends, hesitate to undertake that which they know is backing an almost sure losing game; tension is wrought to the highest pitch, and something must be done. Work will be suspended, practically, for the winter unless the royalty is cut off, and there will be no great amount of actual prospecting unless the reservation of claims is abolished. Some Australian miners have likened the present situation to that which existed in Australia previous to and which led up to the Eureka stockade riots, in 1857. That riot is a part of English history and need not be outlined here. Suffice to say that the miners had been burdened with first one unjust regulation and then another until they arose in their might and drove every mining official from the neighborhood, with the result that there was a speedy adjustment of differences and the miners accorded just rights.

Only last month in West Australia, the Premier, who had added one burdensome regulation on top another, was deliberately mobbed by the miners, and after investigation the miners were pardoned, a new Premier installed and a new code of mining regulations established that was satisfactory to all.

We deny riots, or anything approaching one, and have no hesitancy in saying there will be nothing of the sort attempted or thought of here—although we are reliably informed that at one time last winter it came very nearly to pass. Our Australian friends merely cited the riots in their country to show how little abuse the subjects of Great Britain will stand there as compared with all they have to put up with here.

It is stated that the Administrator of the Yukon district has the power to set aside any and all of these obnoxious regulations.

Does he hold that power?

If he does hold that power, why does he not come to the relief of the camp and with one stroke of his pen wipe off this blight?

Royalties have been knocked off "where to collect would be a positive injustice." Is it not the most apparent thing to everybody here that any royalty whatever is a positive injustice? Then why not knock the whole thing off. It's a parallel case. If one can be done so can the other.

It takes time for resolutions and grievances to go to Ottawa and get back. Work should already be in planning for the coming winter. But as stated before, most of the mines will be shut down except for assessment work, unless the owners can know more definitely where they are going to get off at.

Will the Administrator do for the

district that which it needs first to stimulate development and keep this large population busy and thus make them contented? Then would the sun shine on the camp again. Scowling faces would be all smiles, and instead of the mad rush from the mines and the country there would be a rush to the mines, and the output next spring would startle the world with its greatness.

Will the Administration say the word? Organization has been made by loyal Canadians to work for the correction of these unjust mining regulations, and they will accomplish their end in a peaceful way, and as promptly as the distance between Dawson and Ottawa will admit of. But to allow work to proceed at once, the Administrator should exercise his prerogative and abolish the royalty, at least at once.

WHY THE ROYALTY WAS IMPOSED.

Present the royalty proposition which is receiving so much discussion just at this time, it may be mentioned that at the time Mr. Tom O'Brien was at Ottawa last year in the interests of the miners his efforts to get a reduction of the royalty and other important concessions were largely neutralized by the miners and prospectors themselves who gave to the newspapers of the world the statement that from \$8 to \$1000 to the pan was the result of digging on the newly discovered Dominion creek. And this right at the time when Mr. O'Brien was pleading poverty and trying to impress our rulers that the district could not possibly be worked with such charges on industry and enterprise.

Mr. O'Brien is inclined to believe from what passed at Ottawa that even should the royalty be abolished there would immediately be put in its stead a poll tax or some other means of raising a revenue adequate to cover the expense of the proper government of the district. The poll tax proposition as against the royalty has some supporters on the ground that in paying the expenses of government alone from royalties the burden falls upon one class alone—the owners of producing mines. The poll tax would catch all alike, business men and miners, and speculators who come in with a big outfit in the spring which they sell out at a handsome profit and then take the quickest way out to escape the winter.

OUR BAD STREETS.

It is becoming quite a common thing to see teams mired down on our main thoroughfares, some with and some without loads. Some good work is being done by the teamsters in conjunction with the property owners; slabs are laid down and covered with sawdust and then you have a clean, substantial piece of road for the summer. But the spots so improved are mostly on one side of the street, and separated by unimproved stretches which are a menace to both horses and teamsters alike. It is only by having the proper authorities superintend such work that it can be prosecuted in a consecutive and workmanlike manner. The government is doing some work on the trail up Bonanza creek by corduroying the worst places, but with the exception of a frail bridge over the slough and the chopping out of a few roots at the south end of town, Dawson is being left to work out her own salvation. Hardly a day passes but more or less rain falls and the streets would be a disgrace to a week-old camp, let alone a two-year old city of fifteen thousand inhabitants. British Columbia has expended hundreds of thousands of dollars in and in building roads to districts not nearly so important as Dawson, and her highway to Askeroff, blasted for miles out of the solid rock, is the pride of that corner of the world; but the peayune policy of the territorial government is simply to let us "paddle our own canoe," as we shall soon have to do literally as well as figuratively on the streets of Dawson.

IT WILL BOB UP.

Under the head of "Martial Law," our contemporary starts out to pat the administration on the back. It points to the excellent order of the city, the few

fight, murders, robberies, drunken brawls, etc. Does any person deny that the police protection is unexcelled? Isn't it the pride of every citizen? But is police protection all the people want? Because we have this splendid protection and good order, does it lessen the fact that we are practically under martial law? That the voice of one man in this district is supreme and from his edict there is no appeal? Decidedly no. Who inaugurated and organized the magnificent police service of Dawson? Was it not a man whom every one admired and who has now been sent from us? Does our brother editor know that the beautiful and affectionate letter presented to Capt. Constantine by the Pioneers Association and citizens of Dawson was most reluctantly signed by some of the powers that be? Why was he sent from us after the good work he had done, and when he was so close to the hearts of the people? Our contemporary boasts of having interviewed "many prominent saloon-men."

The interview might as well have been made by an officer, for in the case of either the answers would have been the same. But unrestrained and unawed they speak their minds, and that most forcibly. But at the tail end of its article, even the *Sun* drops behind a cloud and has to admit that something is wrong, and then smooths things over by telling what will be done.

The people are glad to know on which side of the fence that paper is. As a toady to the administration it has lost all prestige and will be regarded with suspicion. A paper without a policy is like a dog without a home—kicked at every corner and run from every house.

Our esteemed contemporary boasts that it is the pioneer newspaper of the Klondike. True, it issued two days ahead of *The Nugget*, but *The Nugget* was so close on its trail that we think both are pioneers. It is not usual for rival newspapers to select the same day for publication, and as our contemporary had already chosen Monday of course it gave them the lead. If Brother Swinehart thinks the boast will avail him ought we shall not call him down. But in his mad rush to get to Dawson and get out the first paper our brother editor traveled day and night and brought a limited plant and a still more limited stock of paper. *The Nugget* slaved along with a first-class plant and a year's supply of stock. With the early boasting of the *Sun*, its inglorious setting may come only too soon, and *The Nugget* may write its obituary under the caption of "Another Pioneer Passes Away." But we hope the boats will get in Brother Swinehart's stock and allow him to continue publication. There is held here for two papers, and competition insures to the public more news for the same money.

SHAFTER'S ARMY REPORTED LANDED.

Sampson Will Proceed to Batter Down Moro Castle at Once.
New York, June 19.—A special from Mole St. Nicholas, dated midnight, says: A government dispatch boat has just arrived here and the officers forwarded rush dispatches to Washington. It is said that the dispatches announced the safe landing on Cuban soil of Shafter's army of 16,000 men. It is reported that parts of the army landed at three different points, one of them being Guantanamo. Admiral Sampson feels himself free to attack Moro Castle. The admiral is certainly informed that the gallant Hobson and his crew are no longer confined there, so he is going to wipe Moro off the face of the earth. With the dynamic guns of the *Vesuvius* and the batteries of his warships he would have smashed the castle long ago, but Hobson was imprisoned there and Sampson and his crew think that as a coward puts a child or woman before him to ward off a blow, so the Spaniards put Hobson and his crew of marines in Moro to avoid the bombardment of that fortress. One dynamite shell from the *Vesuvius* would leave the gray old fort a smoking ruin.

For a Good Meal
Visit the Yukon Hotel Restaurant. Everything well cooked and served in the best possible manner. Open from 6:30 a. m. to 11 p. m. A. H. Griffin, proprietor.

To those within the Arctic Circle
We send Greeting O. K.
We supplied many of you with your first one good by marking this advertisement O. K. for mailing them a copy of this paper.
LOUCH, AUGUSTINE & CO.
815-817 First Ave. SEATTLE

GREETINGS FROM
GUS. BROWN CO.
Leading Clothiers and Furnishers
511-515 Second Ave. SEATTLE, WASH.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
R. R. SPENCER, Cashier
GOLD DUST bought or advances made awaiting mint returns. Proceeds of drafts or dust sent us will be remitted to any point named, or credited as may be directed. Accounts solicited.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Of Seattle, Wash.
GOLD DUST BOUGHT AT ASSAY VALUE
If dust or drafts are sent us, proceeds credited to account or remitted to any part of the world.
LESTER TURNER, Cashier.

The Scandinavian American Bank of Seattle
Andrew Chillberg, President
A. H. Soelberg, Cashier
GOLD DUST bought or advances made awaiting mint returns. If dust or drafts are sent us, proceeds credited to account or remitted to any part of the world.
Railway and Steamship Tickets to all points East and Europe. Alaska Tickets sold via fast and commodious steamers.

Yukon River Gold Dredging Co.
OPERATING ON FORTY MILE CREEK
N. W. T.
Offices: 513-514 New York Block
SEATTLE, WASH.
P. A. MORGAN, Secretary.

CARROLL, JOHNSON & CO.
STEAMSHIP AGENTS
Operating Steamers from PUGET SOUND POINTS TO ALL PORTS IN ALASKA
Also operating steamers on the LAKES of the headwaters of the YUKON
Office: 116 W. Yester Way SEATTLE

MINE OWNERS
Our Mr. Thomas is in Europe selling mining properties and we are in a position to buy claims. If you want QUICK SALES see us. Unquestionable references furnished.
THE THOMAS INVESTMENT CO.
Collins' Building, Seattle, Wash.

Eggs! Eggs! Eggs!
LaMont's Crystalized
...Eggs...
No Breaking. No Bad Eggs. No Shells. No Waste.
Fed to GREELY IN THE ARCTIC
Purchased by
HUNDREDS OF GOLD SEEKERS
for the Klondike. Used and endorsed by the management of this paper. The real article can be seen at our office. Pacific Coast Headquarters: G. Fred LaMont, SEATTLE, WASH., U. S. A.

HAND-
...BRAND
Evaporated
Fruit and
Vegetables
ARE THE BEST
as they have been used in Alaska and Mining Camps of the Northwest for a number of years, and have given highest satisfaction. Ask your outfitter for them.

THE HORSESHOE
Col. W. E. McKee
SENDS GREETINGS to many friends, and kind wishes for a PROSPEROUS RETURN
DROP IN AND SEE US WHEN IN SEATTLE
THE HORSESHOE LIQUOR CO.

Garden and Flower Seeds
Have been left at this office for disposal at low figures. These seeds are quick growers and early maturers. Call at once as stock is small.

OPENING

Rules of
"Jumping"
Possible
the North
The open
creek hill
ed in min
biggest st
hill claims
upper disc
discovery.
good many
prospecti
last year.
I effect
these don
of what gro
fiden what
missioner
mation has
therefore
profit by kn
itself after
men have sq
hope of bei
when the gr
fle. Many
will seek
opened.
The gold
with the p
ertain reg
ing the str
vent any un
mer who ha
staying; an
claims in se
sume piece
not allow th
have not be
tained perm
office to pros
II. Thus, H.
for record, th
is really se
prospector of
who is ende
The thous
naturally lo
mation relat
office and ha
questions on
a stick of fir
claims in the
which one n
something ab
information.
Your claims
hooves a man
thing before
claims, howe
career of use
tory nor driv
The Stewart
tributaries h
district and
his right to fo
have been se
more rights
Lastly, but
embraces the
and all the le
with four mo
each miner in
sixteen claim
many more as
buy.
There has b
Salmon and
The stamped
who agreed to
where he had
large amounts
The story soon
with the glo
hundred more
been learned
Pelly of any
yet too soon
Many of the
spring will re
Frencheman
hole is now do
and dry but w
with about eig
Up White-ri
rush. On the
failed to find
the other trib
peets are such
The steambo
sing left Daw
American sid
overhauled bef
gine traded to
good marine
bought the saw
party of (twen
vote themselv
territory.
Th
Dawson's met
recently streng
water natator
tank are 40 fee
water ranges
taken from the
clean. It is el
heated to a com
steam.

OPENING OF DOMINION BENCHES

Rules of the Gold Commissioner Relative Thereto.

"Jumping" Will Be Prevented as Much as Possible. Number of Rights a Man has in the Northwest Territory.

The opening up for location of the Dominion creek hill claims on and after July 11 is regarded in mining circles as going to occasion the biggest stampede and rush of the season. The hill claims in question are those lying between upper discovery and No. 130 below the lower discovery. The country embraced contains a good many claims and has been withheld from prospecting and location since November 15 last year. Despite the proclamation to this effect there has been a large amount of prospecting done and many men are perfectly aware of what ground they want and have a good idea what is to be found upon it. Gold Commissioner Fawcett has decided that this information has been gained illegally and that therefore these men should not be allowed to profit by knowledge gleaned from the ground itself after it had been declared closed. Some men have squatted on forbidden claims in the hope of being the first to get in their stakes when the ground should be opened to the public. Many already have in their stakes and will seek to record the instant the ground is opened.

The gold commissioner is not at all pleased with the prospective rush and has adopted certain regulations with a view, first, to showing the strictest impartiality; secondly, to prevent any undue advantage being taken by the men who have already been prospecting and staking; and thirdly to prevent conflicting claims in several men wanting to record the same piece of ground. The commissioner will not allow the recording of any claims which have not been located by miners who have obtained permits from the gold commissioner's office to prospect the ground on and after July 11. Thus, if a man afterwards presents a claim, for record, the books are first referred to and it is readily seen whether such man is the real prospector of the ground or merely a "jumper" who is endeavoring to "head off" someone else.

The thousands of strangers in the district naturally look to the local paper for all information relative to the gold commissioner's office and have besieged the Nugget office with questions on every matter from the cutting of a stick of firewood to the size of the various claims in the district. The number of claims which one man can stake in the district is something about which there is a deal of misinformation. A man can stake and record but one claim in the "Dawson" district, so it behooves a man to make sure he has found something before staking. The recording of four claims, however, does not necessarily end his career of usefulness in the North West Territory nor drive him over to the American side. The Stewart and Pelly rivers with all their tributaries have been set apart as a separate district and a man may there again exercise his right to four claims. The two Salmon rivers have been set apart as a district with four more rights to each and every individual. Lastly, but not least, the Hootalinqua district embraces the Hootalinqua river, Teslin lake and all the leading waterways and tributaries with four more rights of record, thus giving each miner in the Yukon District the right of sixteen claims by right of location, also as many more as he chooses or has the money to buy.

A Stampede to Pelly.

There has been quite a stampede up Little Salmon and over the divide to the Pelly river. The stampede was occasioned by an Indian who agreed to pilot a party of prospectors to where he had seen some white men digging large amounts of the precious yellow metal. The story soon leaked out, and the party of ten with the pilot were followed by six or eight hundred more people. Nothing has, so far, been learned from returning miners from the Pelly of any particularly large find; but it is yet too soon to look for it.

Many of the people who have arrived this spring will remember the shaft being sunk by Frenchmen about a mile up Big Salmon. The hole is now down thirty-eight feet, still frozen and dry but without uncovering bed-rock, and with about eight cents to the pan in the dirt. Up White river there has also been quite a rush. On the first tributary a forty-foot shaft failed to find bed-rock or prospects of gold. On the other tributaries and main stream the prospects are such as to keep the crowd at work.

The Iowa Leaves.

The steamboat Iowa, built at Garaboo Crossing left Dawson Wednesday evening for the American side. Her machinery was completely overhauled before starting and her sawmill engine traded to the Arctic Sawmill for a pair of good marine engines. The Ladue Sawmill bought the sawmill outfit on the Iowa and her party of twenty-one men have decided to devote themselves to prospecting on American territory.

The Swimming Baths.

Dawson's metropolitan pretensions have been recently strengthened by the addition of a fresh water natatorium. The dimensions of the tank are 40 feet by 18 feet and the depth of water ranges from 3 to 8 feet. The water is taken from the Klondike and hence is pure and clean. It is changed every 24 hours and is heated to a comfortable degree of warmth by steam.

"DON'T BELIEVE IT"

That's the Familiar Saying; But Dr. Graham Now Says "That's So."

Prevarication is a disease which is believed by old-timers to start its ravages on a fellow's veracity as soon as he lands at Dyea and to increase in virulence, in inverse ratio, as he nears Dawson. However that may be, it is an undoubted fact that a man gets more and more skeptical as he advances along the trail, until his mind reaches such a point of blank unbelief that he would give almost anything for a guardian who would relieve him of responsibility and tell him what he might believe or disbelieve in safety. To such a pass had come Dr. Graham, who for a few days has been a Dawsonite. Late on the evening of July 1st he was seen sitting on a stump on Dawson's main thoroughfare, and pondering, like Poe's raven. He wanted to know the date of the week, and someone had told him it was Friday night. Whether to believe or disbelieve his informant was a momentous question. His heart was heavy and sad at the depravity of human nature which made such circumspection necessary. As he idly swung his right leg over a pool of moss water at his feet, he spied an officer approaching, dressed in the brown canvas suit and cloak of the N. W. M. T. "Officer, would you kindly inform me whether this is Thursday or Saturday night?"

The policeman replied politely that it was Friday night, June 1st, and then moved onward.

Graham's heart fell. His own positive conviction was that it was Saturday, and then again when you can't trust a policeman, who can you trust? Ah! Another officer from the other direction. In his eagerness the doctor stood up ankle deep in the water-hole aforementioned.

"Officer, would you kindly inform me whether this is Thursday or Saturday night?"

The policeman gazed steadily at the doctor for one full minute, and then, with a laconic "Friday, sir," moved onward.

Graham sat down disconsolately and commenced a long meditation on the duplicity of all humanity, and policemen, in particular. Lifting his feet gingerly from the black water beneath him, he absent-mindedly smashed a mosquito on the side of his neck and gazed with unseeing Chee-cha-to eyes into the distance.

Ah! once again an officer; this time walking swiftly and erect. That, surely, was the man to tell the truth, if ever there was one. "Officer, would you kindly inform me," he began, when the officer spoke up quickly and sharply: "To-night is Friday, and don't ask me again. That makes three times in ten minutes. I don't know but what I ought to take you in for safe keeping, anyhow."

The disconcerted doctor dropped his hat in the mud, in his hurry to get up, and with great vehemence assured him that he would believe him if he said it was Monday or every day in the week in one. The doctor bowed himself back to his tent and removing his footwear, retired to rest with many upliftings of the heart that he was not as other men, and could tell the truth once a week anyway.

Secret Orders Booming.

Indications point to very active work in secret society circles before the winter sets in. The number of lodge men in Dawson is very large and steps toward organization have been taken during the past two weeks. The fact that cases of sickness and absolute destitution have been brought to public notice has hastened the work of organizing the different lodges in order that unfortunate and deserving members might be properly cared for. On July 2 a meeting of Odd Fellows was held in Pioneer Hall. About 200 members representing nearly as many lodges were present and from every standpoint the meeting was an unqualified success. It was decided at that meeting that immediate action must be taken to afford relief to members of the order who might stand in need thereof. To this end a movement was placed on foot to secure a building of some sort in conjunction with the orders and the sum of \$200 was subscribed on the spot for the prosecution of the work.

Col. O. V. Davis, of Spokane, and degree Mason, has interested himself largely in the work of bringing the members of the different orders together. Through his efforts a register was placed in the N. A. T. Co.'s store and all Masons invited to enter their names therein. Up to date some 500 names have been secured. Col. Davis expresses himself as being greatly pleased with the outlook and states that a Masonic body will soon be instituted under the Manitoba Jurisdiction.

Steps will be taken at an early date to organize the K. of P.'s and members of the G. A. R. and a public bureau of information under the direction of the lodges may be looked for in the near future. Altogether, appearances indicate a very active fall and winter in secret order circles.

Deaths on the Route.

Recent arrivals report the untimely death on Lake Lebarge of the Rev. W. J. Lyon, an Episcopal minister, of Gloucester, Eng., who was to take the mission at Selkirk. A Japanese cook, who was with him at the time, was also drowned. The pair were driven ashore by a gale and were forced to lighten their large boat by throwing out some of their outfit. They made the landing and decided to take their Peterborough canoe and save such of the stuff they could see still floating on the water. The canoe was overturned and its smooth sides and bottom presenting no hand holds to cling to, they soon sank out of sight. Mr. Lyon is a gentleman well known and liked in the North

West Territory, he having until recently occupied the vicarage of Mazonia.

Hugh Ross, who was with a party of five, including the Rev. Dr. McDonald, all of Inverness, Scotland, was drowned on Thirty-mile last week, by being wrecked on that same rock which has wrecked over two hundred boats this year. The reverend gentleman was left clinging to the upturned boat, while all the others excepting Ross made their way to shore on the floating wreckage. Owing to the speed of the current, for two hours and a half every effort to rescue the doctor failed; but at last another boat came so near being wrecked that its stern grazed the rock and the distressed divine made a jump for the rudder.

Gold on the American Side.

The accounts being brought in of the gold being found on the Alaskan streams are very gratifying. The prospects on Seventy-mile and Eagle creek are exceptionally good, with some of the claims down to pay dirt and producing well.

Al. Mayo is also showing very coarse gold from Munook, where \$85,000 was washed up from eighty feet of ground this spring. White creek, the first stream up the Munook, is giving prospects of 15 cents to the pan.

All the streams have been stampeded; but it is no worse than elsewhere, and M. B. Crane is authority for the statement that supplies are very reasonable. Bacon is 18 cents and flour \$3.50 per sack.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the officer commanding the Northwest Mounted Police, at Dawson, has been requested by me to carry out the following regulations:

1. All logs, timber, lumber, cordwood and other obstructions must at once be cleared from the front street.

2. Campers occupying the streets and private property must move their tents elsewhere. At present the streets are blocked, private property is impeded with, and the sanitary condition of the town is threatened.

All campers can secure statters' rights on the plateau above Dawson at the upper end of the Bonanza trail. There is also ample room for the campers on the flats opposite the city. Dated at Dawson City, June 17, 1898.

J. MORROW WALSH, Commissioner of the Yukon.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the hearing of disputes with regard to the ownership of the undermentioned mining claims on Dominion Territory is referred with, and the sanitary condition of the town is threatened. The Yukon district, will be begun Thursday, the 23rd day of June instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be continued thereafter from day to day until disposed of. Hearing each day to be begun at 2 o'clock in the afternoon: Below upper discovery, No. 11 A, 12, 23, 25, 26 A, 33 A, 35 A, 34.

No. 17 above lower discovery, and No. 34 below upper discovery, No. 12 and 13, 2 A, 2 B, 4 A, 31, 32, 46 and 47.

THOMAS FAWCETT, Gold Commissioner.

Marie Riedeselle

Leading Professional Masseuse

From 184 West 11th Street New York City

Now has parlors at

Front Street, Half Bk. North of P. O.

DAWSON CITY

and give

Massage Treatment and Russian and Plain Baths

Rheumatism successfully treated

Scurvy prevented and cured

by new method

Lost vitality restored

T. O. LEDESAY H. T. WOODIN

LINDSAY & WOODIN

Real Estate and Mining Brokers

Reliable information regarding claims in any district cheerfully given

Correspondence solicited

KLONDIKE CITY N. W. T.

OPEN ALL NIGHT

THE

Pavilion Restaurant

J. D. CHASE, Manager.

Oysters Served in Every Style

EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS

McCONNELL & PARKER

Dealers in

General Merchandise

Highest cash price paid for provisions and all kinds of merchandise.

BLUE TENT Cor. First Street and Third Avenue

B. STAUF G. K. ZILLY

STAUF & ZILLY

Mining and Real Estate Agents

Mining claims bought and sold

Drafts Issued and Cashied.

CLAIMS HANDLED FOR NON-RESIDENTS

We will exchange currency for gold dust

The Alaska Exploration Company

Operating the elegant river steamers

LEON

LINDA

And ARNOLD

Connecting with

Palatial Ocean Liners

AT ST. MICHAEL

Direct for San Francisco, Cal.

We are in the field for business. Our stores and warehouses are now in course of construction at Dawson and other points along the Yukon river.

L. K. FULDA, Agent. For further information enquire of SYDNEY HANSARD.

BLANK BOOKS

Time Books

POCKET BLANK BOOKS DIARIES

Lead Pencils, Pens and Ink

WRITING PADS

Loggers' and Carpenters' Carbons and Pencils

Document and Business Envelopes

Legal and Journal Cap

Fine Stationery and Desk Supplies

Also Poker Checks, Dice and Dice Boxes.

And all kindred supplies in stock at office of

The Klondike Nugget

Room of Townsite Company's Office

A FINE LINE OF

LADIES' FOOTWEAR

AND

GENTS' PUMPS

AT

B. A. LEITZ

Front Street, Opposite Pioneer Saloon

PRICES REASONABLE.

Joslin & Griffin

MINING BROKERS

High Class Mines

... a Specialty

FIRST ST., BET. FIRST AND SECOND AVENUES.

Will soon have line of

NOTARIAL BLANKS IN STOCK

THE DOMINION

Finest Brands of

WINES, LIQUORS

AND CIGARS...

FIRST STREET DAWSON

ABOUT THE YUKON RIVER FLEET.

Belated Steamers Arrive From Down the River.

The Five Fingers Successfully Ascended by Two Boats—The Willie Irving Will Run Through to the White Horse.

Another winter-bound steamboat to arrive is the Alice, of the A. C. Co., which came in on Wednesday night. She brings in about seventy-five passengers and some three hundred tons of freight. On her last trip but one, last fall, she could only get as far as Fort Yukon, on account of the low water in the river. She returned to St. Michaels, and on her upward trip was caught by the winter but a few miles above the mouth of the river. Her winter experience was very much like that of other winter-bound boats, some of her passengers scattering over the snow to all points of the compass. The most of her passengers coming up were taken on at Fort Yukon, Circle City and Forty-mile.

The river is reported to be very shallow and very bad for navigation between Fort Yukon and Circle City. The Alice laid on a bar there for nine days and to get off again was compelled to unload nearly everything she had aboard. However, she came in looking as neat and trim as if right from the dry dock.

The Alice left Thursday for St. Michaels with 12 passengers. The A. C. Co. sent out no gold on the steamer, but among the various passengers in amounts of \$20,000 and less, was a total of \$751,000 in Klondike dust. Some few of the passengers are destined for Forty-mile, Fort Yukon and Mumook; but the majority are bound direct to Seattle.

Better Late Than Never.

The Gov. Stoneman and Hattie B., two tugs which left San Francisco last summer with barges in tow for Dawson City, arrived Wednesday afternoon minus the barges. The Hattie B. was frozen in at the mouth of the Tanana river and spent the winter there. She has been just eleven months on the way. She transferred her passengers and freight at Tanana from the barge to the Seattle No. 1, which arrived here last week.

Coming up light she ran high and dry on a sand bar twenty miles below Fort Yukon. The river was falling an inch an hour at the time, and soon left her seventy-five feet from water. Five miles below Fort Yukon they found the Gov. Stoneman on a bar and spent seven days getting her off. The Gov. Stoneman had a similar experience, but improved the winter by rebuilding and improving the boat, which was cut in two in the middle and a twenty-foot piece inserted.

Now they are confronted by the problem of a change of flags. Under the U. S. flag they cannot ply between Canadian points on Canadian waters. If they desire to change to the Union Jack they must pay a 10 per cent duty on the hull and a 25 per cent duty on their machinery.

To Rink Rapids in Forty-Eight Hours.

Captain Barrington, of the dashing little steamer, Willie Irving, took her out on her last trip Thursday with the resolve to have her pace the distance between Dawson and Rink Rapids in forty-eight hours at the outside. She will then tackle the Five Fingers with every expectation of making a continuous trip to White Horse Rapids. This summer is the first time a boat of any kind has made ascent of Five Fingers, and this seeming impossibility has just been accomplished by the steamers Ora and Goddard. To those who have descended to Dawson through these seething waters Captain Barrington's undertaking may appear a bold one, but the Willie Irving is a stouter craft than either of her predecessors in the attempt and no trouble at all is anticipated by those in charge.

Her passengers and mail will connect at the Rink rapids with saddle horses for Pyramid Harbor, which point they expect to make in seven days from the time of leaving Dawson. On her first trip the Irving took 22 passengers, 10 of whom took horses for Pyramid Harbor, and 12 weeks. Two hundred and sixty pounds of gold dust was taken out, one party alone leaving 156 pounds.

She brought down 12 passengers from Pelly and Rink rapids. Some of her passengers report that the Goddard is broken down at this mouth of the Hootalliqua river.

The Merwin Leaves.

The steamer W. K. Merwin left Wednesday for St. Michaels, with about twenty passengers. Her sailing date was Monday; but, owing to the many claims made upon her, her sailing was delayed. The claims were on various grounds, most of them being for delays and damages to goods from the long winter in the ice.

Ticket agent Churchill, though unconnected with this line, volunteered to unravel the mess incourtesy to Mr. Roberts. At the time of leaving everything had been settled satisfactorily to all.

For Frisco in an Open Boat.

G. L. Christensen and Frank Johnson will leave next Sunday for San Francisco in an open boat. The boat is made of steel, and was designed and put together at the head of Bennett by Mr. Christensen. Both men are sailors, and they and their friends confidently expect that the trip will be made with safety. The boat will lie for the rest of the week at the foot of Fourth street.

She is 23 feet long over all—35 feet on the keel and 3 feet beam. Exclusive of the wood work about her she weighs in the neighborhood of 300 pounds and will carry 5 tons. Christensen came into the country with the intention of making the trip out in a small boat, provided he could secure a partner with sufficient nerve to tackle the voyage. He reached Dawson, July 20, and secured Mr. Johnson to go with him on the return trip. Both men are sailors from boyhood and understand the perils and hardships incident to a trip such as they have undertaken. In 1888 Christensen was wrecked on the Samoan Islands. From there, in company with a number of others he sailed for San Francisco in a boat 32 feet long, successfully accomplishing the trip in 47 days.

He estimates that the present trip will take

60 days, and provisions for that time will be carried on board. Procuring water will be the most difficult problem for the men to solve; they expect to take 350 gallons from St. Michaels, but may call in at Dutch Harbor and Vancouver to replenish. Should their water supply hold out a straight course will be held for San Francisco. They estimate that the boat, when it reaches its destination, will have covered a distance of 5,600 miles, including the trip from the lakes to Dawson.

A MASS MEETING

To Be Held This Evening to Consider Resolutions.

In front of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s store this (Saturday) evening at 7:30, a mass meeting will be held to consider resolutions affecting the amendment of mining laws and regulations. A committee has been at work for several days preparing statistics and drafting the resolutions, and the matter will be presented in an intelligent manner and the meeting be able to act promptly and with full knowledge of the situation. A strong petition will doubtless be prepared and presented to Major Walsh, asking him to suspend some of the most obnoxious regulations until action can be had at Ottawa, in order that work may proceed for the coming winter.

Every man in the camp is interested in the working of the diggings to their full capacity, but this meeting is intended for the mine owner, the prospector and the investor. These three classes should turn out en masse and help push the good work along.

Death on the Yukon.

Louis Lang met his death last Tuesday on the Yukon river, just above Dawson, near the mouth of Reindeer creek. He and two partners were in a large boat, which they called "The Midnight Sun." They carelessly allowed their boat to drift in where the current was swift and had undermined the bank, causing trees to hang over the stream in a manner dangerous to any craft within reach of their sweeping arms. The boat's mast caught in the trees and the boat was instantly swamped, and the occupants and their outfits thrown into the river. At last accounts the body of Lang had not been recovered, though searched persistently for by his companions. A large part of the outfit was fished from the water and spread out on the bank to dry.

The Case of Anders.

J. F. Anders called at the Nugget office on Sunday to protest against the publication of the article in Saturday's issue headed "They Did Not Get the Letters." Mr. Anders professed to be righteously indignant at the article mentioned and yet could not and did not deny a single fact there given. That he took certain letters from people in Dawson from whom he collected a mail fee of a dollar and upwards is not denied. That he returned from Selkirk with the story that he had paid some other man to take out the letters—this also is admitted. That the letters were afterwards found in his baggage by the police is easily demonstrated and undeniable. And so on with the other facts. Mr. Anders declared that he had tried faithfully to get the letters out and would have sent them by the first mail, even without being coerced by the police.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Nothing is known at headquarters of the reported incoming of the governor-general.

Late arrivals assert that when they left Benet there were probably a thousand men at work upon the Skagway railroad, and are expected to have it in operation in three months.

The proprietor of the Jolly Old Timer is nothing, if not a law-abiding citizen. On Friday night someone told him it was Saturday, and he looked up at midnight and went to bed for the usual long Sunday sleep.

One of the immediate effects of the good time Friday night was the walking of the streets all night by roommates without latch keys. From this on Mr. Wilson, always have Mr. McFarland leave the key under the door mat.

P. E. DeVillie, known from one end of Alaska to the other as "French Pete," has opened the Central Market with a select line of cigars and tobacco. His many years experience in the meat trade enable him to offer a large selection of the best meats at cut prices. Give him a call. The only point at which tab is kept on the newcomers to the Yukon is at Taggart post. On June 19th the official register showed that 3,822 boats of all kind had cleared from there, containing 11,371 men and 240 women. At that date there were nearly another thousand boats in sight.

Dr. W. W. Tribune arrived in Dawson a few days ago, and while fixing up his office up town left his cache on the water front by the tent of some men who had come down the river with him. On Saturday, when he started to move everything to his new quarters, he discovered himself to be short a sack of sugar.

Mining Notes.

No. 31 above will be three weeks longer on the clean-up.

No. 38 above finished cleaning up on the 4th, and the owners are well satisfied with the result.

Nos. 12 and 43 above Bonanza will finish cleaning up about July 15. The claim is now working double shifts of sixteen men. Clean-up will reach the \$100,000 notch. Mr. Price, one of the owners, expects to leave for San Francisco soon after the clean-up.

Our contemporary has a mining note to the effect that at a recent auction one claim sold for \$15,000 and another for \$17,000. One of the companies that has done all the auctioneering of claims in this city desires to correct the statement, as the lowest claim was disposed of at auction was three ounces.

A store building is being erected at Cornsack's Fork, and will be ready for occupancy in about two weeks. The promoters intend putting in a large stock, and contend they will sell at Dawson prices. A hotel will be run in connection with the store. San Francisco people are behind the enterprise, and will erect some six or seven buildings.

Church Notices.

Services on Sunday next, as usual, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Religious services at Pioneer Hall, Sunday, June 10th, Rev. C. J. Larsen, Supt. of M. E. Mission of Alaska, will preach at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Church services for the Scandinavian population of Dawson will be held in Pioneer Hall, at 3 p. m. on Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. in Good Samaritan Hospital, Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Inverness, Scotland, will preach the morning sermon, and Rev. E. M. Dickey, of Skagway, will preach the evening sermon. Bible class at 3 p. m. and V. P. S. E. meetings on an open air meeting will be held by Rev. D. Court in Klondike City at 3 p. m.

A Chance for Everybody.

Mr. W. H. Churchill, agent for the Columbia Navigation Co., will give a first-class passage ticket, including meals and berth from Dawson to Seattle, free, to the party who first reports to him sighting from Dawson the first steamer of the company from the outside to arrive here. Mr. Churchill expects the "Monarch" of "Soviet-cign" to be the first of his company's fleet to arrive.

Staple and Fancy Sundries. Complete stock, Kelly & Co., Druggists, Front street.

Finest perfumes. Pioneer Drug Store. Second ave and 2nd st. E. Shoff.

Fine line of Domestic and Imported Cigars. Kelly & Co. Druggists, Front street.

Fresh Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Oranges, Lemons and Nuts; also fine Caudies, next to the Monte Carlo, R. J. Gandolfo, proprietor.

Finest line of soaps and perfumes, Kelly & Co., Druggists, Front street.

In Rome do as the Romans do; in Dawson as the Dawsons do. Buy your drugs at Pioneer Drug Store, 2nd ave. and 2nd st. E. Shoff.

Have your prescriptions filled by Kelly & Co. Druggists, Front street.

For a Fancy Lunch

Choice pastries and the finest coffee—call on the Vienna Bakery and Coffee House.

We solicit your dispensing; accurate work, Pioneer Drug Store. E. Shoff, Second ave. and 2nd st.

Try the Can Can Restaurant and Short Order House.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS
P. D. CARPAR, M. D.—Physician and Surgeon
The Forks.

DR. RICHARDSON—University of Toronto, M. C. P. & S. O. M. B. C. M. C. M. M. C. N. W. T. Dr. Norquay, University of Manitoba, M. M. C. Manitoba. Office open day and night.

LAWYERS
C. M. WOODWORTH—Advocate N. W. T., Notary, Etc. Office opp. New England.

BURRITT & MCKAY—Advocates, Collectors, Notaries, Commissioners, etc. Commissioners for Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia.

STENOGRAPHERS AND TYPEWRITERS.

EXPERT TYPEWRITING.—Writing from dictation a specialty, and all work where speed and beauty figure. Legal documents of all kinds drawn. Reasonable rates. R. I. Beldner, with Sydney Hansard, opposite Dominion saloon.

MRS. NELSON, Expert Typewriter and Stenographer. At office of Stauff & Zilly.

DENTISTS
R. G. CAIDWELL, Dentist, Office opposite the Dominion.

WANTED

WANTED.—To represent a claim. Address Oliver Ohlsen, care of Nugget office.

WANTED.—To represent a road claim for interest of cash. Address J. L. B. S., care of Nugget office.

WANTED.—Situation as waitress in restaurant. Jennie Jensen, care Klondike Nugget.

WANTED.—Benzine or gasoline at Nugget office.

WANTED TO TRADE.—Will trade a half interest in a mining claim for a year's provisions. Inquire for M., at this office.

WANTED.—A partner with from five to ten thousand dollars to start a manufacturing business in the United States. One hundred thousand dollars profit the first year. Reference given and required. Apply at the office of this paper.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Owner desiring to leave the city at an early date will sell a valuable lot on Second avenue, between Third and Fourth. Inquire at Nugget office.

FOR SALE.—Will sell two claims on Swedish Creek, near discovery, at a low price. Owner desiring to leave the country. Inquire at Nugget office.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—Positively one of the best mines on Hunker creek. Full claim, well-developed and equipped. Plenty wood and water. Royalty paid on this year's output. Small percentage of the ground touched. In excellent shape to begin operations. Have urgent business which demands my presence outside, so rather than remain and work my ground will sell it for cash at a sacrifice. Also have claim in the twenties below on Bonanza. Investigation invited. Address, Sour Dough, this office.

PAVILION THEATRE

ONLY SHOW IN THE CITY

First-Class Artists Only. Complete Change of Program Weekly

CROWDS GREET THE PERFORMERS NIGHTLY AND ENCORE EACH ACT

Best dance floor in the city. First-class music. Everybody dances after the show.

If You Want to Enjoy Yourself Thoroughly—Visit the Pavilion

LOST AND FOUND

LOST.—Black Huskie dog; white breast and feet. Answers to name of "Saxon." Suitable reward will be paid for information leading to recovery of dog.
FRANK W. SPENCER, Klondike Hotel.

FOUND.—Demand note for \$300. Same can be had at Nugget office on identification of owner and paying reward to finder.

The Red Star Laundry

MRS. SHOWERS, PROPRIETOR
All classes of Laundry work. Ladies' Fine Laundry a specialty. Work called for and delivered.

NEAR KLONDIKE BRIDGE

THE POPULAR TRAIL

...TAKE...
THE BONANZA CREEK FERRY

Shortest and best route to

Eldorado, Bonanza, Hunker, Sulphur, Dominion and Eureka

Good trail from A. C. Co.'s store to 60 below on Bonanza.

ELDORADO SALOON

HALL, MCKINSEY & YOUNG, Proprietors

KLONDIKE CITY

Finest Brands of

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

THE GOLD STAR STUDIO

LANDSCAPES, PORTRAITS, PEN AND PENCIL SKETCHES, OIL PAINTINGS

The largest collection of winter and spring views of Dawson and mining districts.

GUSTAF NORDSTROM, G. C. BALE, Artist, Photographer.

Seattle-Yukon Transportation Company

W. D. WOOD, Seattle, President.

90-92 Columbia Street, Seattle, Wash.

Seattle No. 3 and Barges will leave Dawson for St. Michaels and down river points on or about July 25, and connect with our A. I. S. Alliance for Seattle.

THE PACIFIC-ALASKA EX. CO.

Operates over our line and handles Express Matter for all points.

Orders for freight coming in will be handled promptly. Goods insured on transit and stored at Dawson and other down river points 90 days free of charge. This enables miners to prospect with a light outfit, and call for their goods when permanent camp is located.

We are the only established company carrying freight for shippers to the various points on the Yukon.

For rates and other information, call on H. FERRELLER, Agent, Library Bldg., Dawson.

Buildable Lots for Residence and Business Locations

FOR SALE BY

Harper & Ladue Townsite Co.

Office

Corner Second Street and Fourth Avenue

T
VOL. L
Ex
DO
Orde
MAJ
While Th
ure t
-TH
the
"There's
For days
turned tow
place most
that would
One disap
lowed anoth
gold commis
of a long su
Major W
whole busin
"The adm
minion cree
start to finis
of the whole
Good for M
tically admi
have known
viz.: That t
competent to
Be he ever
commissione
in such a ma
much crook
the public sh
body, has be
someone to
have taken t
tiously gain
selves that y
honest prosp
As evidence
the gold com
ers, the mud
sufficient.
Against the
adopted by t
no show wh
"where they
read what fol
For the pas
places in t
have borne th
NOTICE—A
lon Creek, in t
since Novem
by the G
prospect bill
procured from
on July 11th, pr
be allowed to p
Creek, who hav
All parties wish
find a suitable
permitted to re
On the aft
stampede
sual. Amou