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## MAY 17TH IS THE DATE.

### Full Valuation for Improvements to be Allowed.

### Discovery, Taku City and Surprise Will Follow Suit.

May 17th is the date decided upon by the Government for the sale of city lots. After that date the present chaotic condition of affairs will cease to exist, building will revive with a rush and upon all sides there promises to be an activity that will mean much for the future of Atlin. Many intending builders are holding off commencing operations until the ownership of lots is settled, but, when once the right and title to property is fixed for a certainty, they promise to push the work to as early a completion as possible.

The Government is making heroic efforts to establish a relief to the present condition of affairs as speedily as possible. Mr. J. H. Brownlee, the Government land surveyor, and his corps of assistants have already accomplished much in straightening out the tangle. In the last 60 days they have surveyed the entire townsite, laid out the streets, etc.

We publish an authorized interview with Mr. Brownlee, which fully explains many questions that have been giving considerable trouble and anxiety to intending purchasers of property for sometime past. Any one making improvements can count upon receiving full value for his labors in case he fails to bid in his property and owners of improvements can count upon being given every possible advantage over outside competitors when the sale takes place, which should relieve the minds of many who have expended considerable labor and capital in making improvements.

"Where improvements have been made," said Mr. Brownlee, "the lots will be sold subject to the improvements up to the time of the sale. Bona fide occupants of lots and owners of improvements may be assured that outside competitors must pay them full valuation for improvements in addition to the price bid for the lot. The valuation of the improvements will be made by myself and an experienced builder selected by the Gold Commissioner."

"Holders of lots are invited to consult the blue print map of the town and to send in a brief statement to me of the valuation of improvements on the lots not later than May 10th, on blanks to be furnished. In cases where there is more than one claimant to the improvements on a lot and it is sold to a third party appraisement will go to the party proving his claim after the sale is over."

"The town of Discovery on Pine Creek will next be placed on the market, probably not before the 15th of June. The general conditions applying to Atlin will also apply to Discovery, Taku City and Surprise City, which latter sales will follow after Discovery in the order named."

"With reference to the upset price at which lots will be offered it has not yet been decided by Gold Commissioner Graham and myself if we will announce previous to the date of the sale the lowest price at which the Government will sell the lots but further information upon the subject will be announced in time for your next issue. It is the intention of the Government to reserve from sale at least two lots in each block. These lots will be leased to occupants at a fair rental, as will also any lots that may not bring the upset price at the auction sale."

"It is the intention of the Government to make considerable improvements in this district, such as constructing trails, grading streets, etc. The appropriation for this work has been very liberal, but at the present time it is not available for expenditure. I have reason to believe, however, that the Government Agent and Gold Commissioner will authorize certain urgent expenditures in the very near future, such as grading the business portion of First street and constructing a wagon road from Atlin to Discovery. Additional improvements will be made from time to time as the funds are available."

"Another matter I desire to speak about at this juncture which I am confident will be of considerable interest to a great many miners now here, is the survey of the 60th parallel or boundary between British Columbia and the Northwest Territories now in progress. The inter-provincial boundary is about 28 miles due north of here. This work is in charge of my chief assistant, Mr. R. C. Lowry. In this connection I might say that Mr. White-Frazer arrived in Atlin on Monday and has established an observatory in town. Both Mr. White-Frazer and Mr. Lowry will now direct their energies to establishing the boundary at Surprise Lake, and after completing their labors at that point, Mr. White-Fraser will proceed to Teslin Lake. The boundary at this point crosses Teslin about twenty miles north of the south end of the lake. I shall be pleased to supply some further survey information at a later date."

### Beautiful Atlin.

Our young city has had such wide advertisement that the word Atlin is in the English speaking world's mouth to-day. In every centre of the United States and Great Britain this burgh has had much attention. There is no better advertisement for a new city than the simple word gold. Attracted by the magic power of the yellow metal men leave home and native land and enduring the most trying hardships have gone to the uttermost parts of the earth. Under such influence the thousands have taken the bit in their teeth and come to these shores in pursuit of wealth. Thus a healthy city has risen as in a day on one of the most magnificent of cites. All that nature could do has been done. In situation, in access, in beautiful surroundings, in the possession of as charming a body of water as there is for its size anywhere, and in other natural features she is unexcelled. So since men and women have been flocking in, though only a few months have elapsed, enterprise and industry have been doing the rest and the new comer already stands surprised at the rapid strides which have been made. Everything of course cannot be done in a day, but much is being rapidly accomplished and only time is needed till the rough cabins and the canvas tents will give way to edifices of commanding appearance and comfortable quarters. A great deal is already being done in this line. Some citizens with faith in the district and faith in Atlin as the centre and distributing point are not slow to put their hands down in their pockets and dignify the city by erecting first-class buildings. This is the more commendable because it is no laughing matter to erect a good building in Atlin.

The outside commercial world has been attracted here and so fully are the demands met by the supplies at hand that you can have just what you want from a needle to a fully-equipped hydraulic plant. All forms of business are represented by men who want to win honestly. To say that this in any particular is a boom town is to misrepresent the facts. There is no evidence at present, no matter what may occur in the future, of the semblance of a boom. And so may it remain. The worst thing that could happen would be to have a set of sharpers put properties on the market at inflated prices. The collapse always comes and the end is worse than the beginning.

One thing that requires immediate attention is street improvements. But it is supposed the Government will give due attention to this matter at an early date.

There are two other things, however, that require the most serious consideration and what is done should be done at once. The first is proper sanitary regulations with regard to accumulations of all kinds of filth and excrement, and the second is some method by which the people can secure fresh water. If due attention is not given these matters we may expect in the course of time a sweep of disease that might be avoided, but if it comes will have very disastrous results.

## SUICIDE AT DISCOVERY.

### James Freeman Shoots Himself Through the Heart.

A short time before THE CLAIM went to press news was brought from Discovery that a man named James Freeman had committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. The deed occurred at 12:30. No details are at hand as to the motive that inspired the rash act. Deceased was a married man and lived with his wife at Discovery.

### BROKERS' ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED.

Among the first branches of business to complete an organization is that of the brokers and real estate agents. At the meeting for organization purposes last night the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Vickers; vice-president, L. D. Kinney; secretary-treasurer, Joe Clark; executive committee, Messrs. Maitland, Thain and Jones; committee on rules, Messrs. Aubin, Campion and McLeod; committee on privileges, Messrs. Inglehart, Jones and Vickers.

With such a staff of officers the handling of the mining and real estate business should be kept on a healthy basis and nothing will conduce more to a feeling of rest in the district than to know that our commision agents are striving to do what is best for the division as a whole as well as looking to the immediate present.

B. C. Holgesen, M. C. [illegible] on a visit to the district.

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## LOCATION NOTICE.

Take notice that we have this day located this newspaper as a paying proposition, to be known as THE ATLIN CLAIM, four pages, sixteen columns.

Its general policy is to furnish such news as the publishers can gather from week to week.

We have done some little prospecting on the foregoing property and secured some colors. But we have just scratched the surface as yet and have no doubt as work continues a good showing will result.

Yet, while we have established THE CLAIM as a business proposition it is our intention to serve the public to the best of our ability. We desire to fulfill the first duties of a newspaper and that is to supply the news. Too many papers think the first essential is to supply advice. In our news columns we will print nothing of an unreliable nature, and will certainly refuse to be a party to any schemes that have for their object the booming of any particular section of the district. Nor will we lend our ear too readily to reports of rich strikes, except good evidence is produced. We may make mistakes. They will not be wilful ones.

Our editorial columns will espouse all that makes for the good and welfare of the people of the district of Atlin. We are bound to no party or set of men, and will commend or censure as we feel the occasion demands. Our columns will at all times be open to intelligent and honest discussion of any question that may be agitating the public mind.

In conclusion we hope the foregoing sentiments will commend THE CLAIM to the best consideration of the people of Atlin.

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It will soon be time for the citizens of Atlin to prepare for munipal organization.

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Atlin is a model mining camp. The writer has seen but one drunken man on the streets. But perhaps this may be accounted for by the quality of the "good stuff" supplied.

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We were honored the other day by a visit from two old Victoria printers, Messrs. Cullen and Warde. Both being anxious to set the first type in Atlin they collaborated the following:

While we were strolling out one afternoon on the lookout for 'stray items of news—and invitation to "liquor up"—our attention was called to some claim stakes with fearful and wonderful heiroglyphics inscribed on them. One prominent stake bore the following inscription: "I hereby claim ten thousand feet, straight up in the air." It is safe to say that this claim, at least, will not be jumped.

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The government are daily deriving a very large revenue from the people of Atlin district. It is to be hoped that at no distant date some of the money will be spent on the streets of the city and Discovery road.

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A mischievous report was set in circulation during the week to the effect that the sale of town lots would be postponed for another month. Enquiries at the Commissioner's office elicited the statement that it was a canard.

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Our attention has been called to the fact that there are a number of sick people in the city who are in need of proper attention. Whose duty is it to attend to these cases? Something must be done; if not by the government then by the citizens.

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Customs Collector Menzies informs us that goods may now be bonded from any port of Canada direct to Atlin. The people will fully appreciate this. A trip over the Fantail is peaches and cream compared with running the gauntlet of the customs officials at Log Cabin and Skaguay.

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The month of April last year was an exciting one. It witnessed the beginning of the Spanish-American war. On the 19th Congress, by resolution, declared Cuba free and independent. Minister Woodford received his passports on the 21st and four days later Congress passed an act declaring war to exist. May 1st Dewey achieved his wonderful victory at Manila.

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## THE DEATH LIST.

About three miles from the city and on the road to Discovery lies the silent city of the dead. At present it contains the remains of five persons. The following is a list of those who have been buried there.

A man by the name of Sinclair while skating on the lake last winter, was drowned and was interred there.

Sam. Gustin, while on the trail, took sick with pneumonia and died at Golden Gate.

Wm. Cronk, formerly a section man on the C. P. R. and a resident of Port Moody, died on March 29th of pneumonia, three days after his arrival in town.

Daniel Robertson, a man who spent six years in the Klondike and had acquired a large fortune there, arrived here April 1st and died the same night. He had just been on a visit to his home in the east to recover his health and was on his return to Dawson. The trail being good he concluded to come in and visit this camp. While on his way he took sick and arrived here in a state of collape. He has one brother in Dawson, and another one passed him on the trail on his way out.

Another sad event was the death of Mrs. Turner, wife of Dr. Turner, dentist. The lady was taken sick with pneumonia between Log Cabin and here. She arrived here on the 4th and expired on the 5th. It is said Mrs. Turner was the first white woman to visit Atlin, having come here with her husband last August and staked a claim on Pine near Discovery. Among those who knew her she was very highly respected.

Last week Ex-Deputy Collector Floyd, of the U. S. customs, died of pneumonia at Taku. The remains were taken back to Skaguay for burial.

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## A PIONEER.

On Saturday April 15th a 7-lb. baby girl was born to Mrs. Lowry at the pioneer hotel, the Atlin House. The event is especially interesting from the fact that she is the first white baby born in Atlin. The little stranger is lusty and healthy and seems proud of her distinction. We understand it is the intention to name the child Atlintoo Marie. Quite a number of people are of the opinion that the government could not do better than present the little one with a town lot, and in so doing honor our youngest pioneer. Dr. Monro was the attending physician.

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It has been ordered that all garbage and manure must be removed to the nuisance grounds which are located as follows: One south of block 22, corner Vicar avenue and Third street, and the other block 32, corner Sixth and Discovery.

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A horse died of glanders on Discovery street last week. To prevent the spread of the contagion the horse was cremated.

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Notices have been posted on the lake at certain points notifying people not to water their horses within fifty feet of these holes, they being reserved for the domestic supply.

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The Board of Health would advise all people to boil the lake water before using it for drinking purposes.

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# OUT FOR DISCOVERY

## Behind Dogs Scheduled one Breath in Sixty Miles.

### Miss Simson Tells of How She Tried to Brake Her Sled with French Shoes and the Finish.

"I have lived in London, spent years in Paris and made occasional trips to Berlin," said Miss N. Simson to a CLAIM man on Wednesday morning, "but 'mushing' it on an Atlin dog team is royal sport indeed, when a discovery post is in the balance. I have had more sport in six days than potentates extract from pouching in six months.

"I'm a fullfledged miner now, and my native friends have christened me Giete-Hauto—the Indian for snow-fish. Since my advent here the dusky warrior and the maiden too have been frequent visitors to my store and one day last week one of their number more venturesome than the rest—Dick is his name, by the way—while imparting information to a customer, a man of merit in the west, drew me into conversation and prospecting was the theme.

"'I take you,' said Dick.

"'Locate a claim for me,' returned Miss Simson.

"'You not come you not get,' he replied.

"'Will you let me have discovery if I go,' anxiously asked Miss Simson.

"'You can have a hundred discoveries,' echoed the guide in a raised voice.

"Plans were perfected and last Saturday found us on McKee creek. Seven comprised the party. At McKee we found a man down with pneumonia. From there we struck over to O'Donnell creek. At this point my pleasure commenced. One of the party volunteered to carry me over. No, said I, if it is good enough for you it is for me, and in I plunged, courting the water with no dislike. At first the water was cold and the sensation awful, but as the former rose my spirits rose also. Up to my waist in water thus did I cross the first stream. I had no gum boots; not much; just these innocent-looking overshoes covered my pedal extremities, pointing to a discarded friend under the table.

"We crossed and recrossed a dozen creeks, I think. They all appeared alike to me until we reached one where foot holes had to be made in the banks to allow of exit. I led off the caravan in such places. What fun. I laughed till there was no laugh left in me. We usually started off with a song but the apex was reached in funereal silence.

"I was asked if I could handle snowshes. Never did, I answered.

"'Here's your chance,' said Dick.

"I put them on over my arctics and spent an hour or two hunting for a level spot on which to serve my apprenticeship.

"I'm getting ahead of my story, by the way," continued Miss Simson. "The morning we left workmen on Mr Rose's building noticed our departure and advised Mr. Rose of their suspicions. The men wanted to stampede. They said if there was a woman in it it was something good. Mr. Rose told them that a woman with pluck deserved no interruption. This quieted the human torch and the men resumed work. Another man, of Scottish descent, got wind of the strike and left that morning. I am personally acquainted with him and is a visitor to my store. He secured other information, I have since learned, from one of our party.

"To go back to the snowshes. I took them off and rested awhile. We were all resting. I had taken a box of chocolates with me by way of variety and we consumed them all on the side of the trail. This chocolate box was like a stranger in a strange land until this Highland Scotchman came along. When his eye fell on the box he yelled out Eureka, I'm on your trail, and away he went. He finally joined us, though had we known of his coming things might have been different. The dogs we had were of the best and are scheduled one breath in 60 miles.

"We moved on from here and after swimming, floundering and diving under trees we emerged at an Englishman's camp, where two loggers were keeping him company. Here we camped and here I learned my first lesson in how to wash dishes a la miner. You take the plate or dish to be cleaned and place it in the snow. Leave it there till boiling time and the trick is done. Quite easy.

"The loggers, in turn, became restless, and half an hour after our departure they were whistling and waiting for their dogs. I was the rear soldier of our party and was first to meet them. They took pity on my snowshoes, for they invited me to fill the gap on their sled. They were travelling light—a lunch, pick and shovel. Our boys being a considerabe distance ahead I accepted the invitation. I never went through space before on so short a notice. They yelled to the dogs and away went the team like a ball from a cannon. The only way I could retain my hold was by striding it. I tried to brake it by putting my heels on the snow. I had French shoes on and at the conclusion of the ride they bore another name. Yes, they travelled fast. In vain did I try to reef my garments. At the finish they looked like canvas on a storm-tossed bark. The climax came, however, when rounding a bend on the trail. The unsuspected jerk tossed me into a six-foot snow bank and there I remained till help came.

"Yes, I got Discovery, and the surface dirt, washed in a small frying pan, yielded 75 cents. I located five claims," she concluded.—(dialogue between Taku Jack and Miss Simson in the front part of the store.—Jack—Miss Simson, you are the only square woman in the country. Miss S.—I never knew it; I always thought I was round.)—"and I am thinking of selling out my store and go prospecting. The creek bears my name—Simson creek."

Miss Simson is a Victoria lady, and is receiving the congratulations of her numerous friends.

# A WHISKY FAMINE

## Will Spread Its Wings Over Atlin if Detention Continues.

### Thousands of Gallons at Skaguay.

"Whisky is to a mining camp what iron is to a manufacturing one," said W. Haywood on the Fan Tail on the way in from the coast, "and if liquor cannot be gotten in before the trails break up Atlin and the surrounding district will see a famine. About 1,000 gallons are at present absorbing Skaguay aroma in a bonded warehouse, awaiting the pleasure of some local officials whose heads have become enlarged in consequence of the heavy traffic inward. Private parties, for private use, also have had their Scotch tied up. It is really provoking to have Canadian liquor detained at an American half-way station when an order from a Canadian official, for the present at least, could have remedied the evil until such time as the Federal authorities had included the boundary question in their deliberations. We are about 4,000 miles away from the governing centres, and although we have red-hot wires large bodies move slowly, and if precedent is any index to the future, we'll have to wait for about a twelvemouth before we can get our shipments through.

"Yes, we massed three shipments into one at Vancouver and sought to outwit the American authorities by having the three shipments come through to Log Cabin with one convoy, but we were outlawed, as it were.

"The whole trouble arose" he continued, after taking a fresh hold of the gee-pole, "over some parsimonious adventurer whose money line was not fully developed in the palm of his left hand. He was bringing through a case or two of rye. At the Summit he refused to pay further transit to Log Cabin and appealed to the Canadian authorities. He was advised that it was not compulsory to pay him and thereupon the convoy was relieved of his charge and sent back. After a succession of these events the Skaguay officials grew quite tired and finally refused to release liquor unless a written order was given that convoys would be unmolested in transit to Log Cabin. This order never came and there the matter rests.

"Dawson liquor, going in by Skaguay, is similarly treated. Jack Carr, the carrier, who won renown by bringing out from Dawson the story that Andree had been seen prospecting for a balloon on one of the northern creeks, likewise has a large shipment stored at Skaguay with a time-limit contract harnessed on to it. Carr said if relief did not come soon they could keep his liquor and put it up at auction."

Since this matter was in type Mr. Haywood received a letter from his partner, J. Byrom, at Skaguay, who left here last Sunday, stating that the liquor had been released.

## THE GOLD HOUSE.

"I'm looking for a name," said Jack Leatherdale at Discovery on Sunday, "and I can hardly make up my mind to it. It is no trick to build a house in this country, but to pick out a suitable name is another thing. The 'Gold' House sounds well, and its affinity to Pine creek leads me to select it. Yes, that's the name, and next Saturday evening will find her armed to the teeth and replete with everything that even a Parisian could wish for.

"Forty by 50 feet and two stories high are the dimensions of this, the 'warmest baby' in Discovery. Dave Burton, my partner, who has earned the reputation of having hauled the heaviest load that was ever brought into Atlin, will manage the hotel bar and diningroom, and it is safe to say that under his cunning hand no guest will feel ill at ease in the Gold House. Jack King, a man of merit in the culinary line, will serve that department.

"I'm going out prospecting after the opening," he went on. "While in here the early part of the year, in company with W. Haywood, we secured something like ten claims. These we propose developing immediately and for this purpose nine men will be taken to our claims on Spruce to do the preparatory work of whipsawing and building sluice boxes, and other work incidental to opening up claims."


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# NOTICE.

# SALE OF GOVERNMENT LANDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sale of lots in the townsite of

**ATLIN, B. C.,**

At Public Auction, will be held at the

GOVERNMENT OFFICES

on the

## 17th Day of May, 1899

Particulars and conditions will be announced at the time of sale.

J. D. GRAHAM,
Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Dated April 25th, 1899.

The sale will be held from 10 to 12 and from 2 to 4 each day.

Terms: One-third cash, one-third in six months and balance in one year.

Parties having improvements on lots are requested to send into the Provincial Survey Office, one week prior to sale, their valuations of improvements on blank forms to be furnished by the Provincial Surveyor, to whom they must be returned.

J. D. GRAHAM,
Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works.

We have made arrangements with John McCarthy for the exclusive handling of THE CLAIM on the creeks and at Discovery. Permanent subscribers at the latter will have their papers left at the Gold House until such time as the luxury of a post-office is afforded them. Our subscription rate is $5 a year, payable ahead of time. Single copies 25c.

## PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

The Atlin General Hospital will be opened Monday, May 1st.

H. B. Cameron, auctioneers, open at their new quarters on Pearl street, Monday.

There is a local handicap on the event of "Jim" Russell's arrival. He is expected in to-morrow.

Mr. M. Williams, representing the Col. Pearse Hydraulic Syndicate, left for the coast Thursday night.

Fox, the watchmaker, Atlin, First Street, near Discovery Street. All work warranted; charges moderate.

G. R. Annibal and M. J. MacGregor arrived in town during the past week and will depart for their claims shortly.

The Oddfellows will meet at Kinney's hall at 10 o'clock to-morrow to attend divine service at 11 in the First Presbyterian church.

R. A. Lambert and R. A. Jackson have completed a 400-foot wing dam on their property on Pine. They intend running her day and night.

A. C. James, special postal agent, came in with mail last Friday and left again Sunday. He states that he will make every effort to get mails in as long as possible.

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The very latest in regard to the mails is that they will close at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Nothing definite can be learned as to when the last mail will go out.

Services will be held in the First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Discovery, on Sunday at 10:30 and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Rev. John Pringle, B. A., minister.

C. Milne, of the Parsons Produce Company, leaves tomorrow for the coast. He has succeeded in moving the mansion from the hill and now is next door neighbor to Tom Dunn, on First.

Ex-Ald. Shaw, of Vancouver, is at Discovery. Like many another he is waiting for the snow to go. He expects to be able to leave for Dixie in about two weeks, where he will put six men to work.

Mr. Michael Reynolds, of Spruce Creek, was brought to the city on Monday suffering from a very severe and painful attack of scurvy. He is recovering under the treatment of the Medical Health Officer.

Oscar Doelfaey and party are meeting with success in working a bench claim about 100 below on Spruce Creek. Although the ground has to be thawed with fires they are averaging nearly $15 a day to the man.

The survey party defining the 60th parallel or boundary between British Columbia and the Northwest Territories are expected in town to-day. They then proceed to Surprise Lake to establish a boundary up there.

By the last mail Mr. Brownlee sent a large sepia drawing of Atlin to the Government at Victoria; also a topographical map of Atlin and surrounding district. Possibly, the outside world will think we are somebody.

M. G. McLeod, manager of the Russell House during Mr. Russell's absence on the coast, is branching out into the real estate business. He is well and favorably known and should secure an extensive clientage.

Chas. R. Oubridge, proprietor of the Pine Tree Hotel, Discovery, is applying for a license to stretch a net across Pine, at the mouth, so as to be ready for the 1st of June. He will then establish a wood yard out of stakes.

A number of parties are co-operating and opening up Watson avenue to Discovery on Pine. The road is already open for three miles. Twenty men are at work. The builders say it is one mile shorter to Pine and three to Spruce.

Some tentless vandal levanted with Jack Percival's tent one day last week, while he was at breakfast. He does not mind losing the tent, he says, but if the borrower will return the blankets and the nightshirt he would ask no questions.

Little Willy Holmes, formerly of Vancouver, takes after his father, and is a money-maker wherever he goes. He got rid of five claims on Spruce last week. Outside parties were the buyers and the money came through the Bank of Commerce.

The latitude of Atlin is 59 deg. 34 min. N. Longitude 133 deg. 37 1-2 min., or nearly an hour slower than Pacific coast time. The mill whistle is nearly local time. The mills should get time daily from the Provincial survey office. Nothing like being accurate.

No wholesale house on earth errs less than the type supplier. One in a thousand is the average. We found this chance when we unpacked our furniture and discovered that no spacing for our ad. type had been sent. We are using the "dust of saws" to fill the vacuum.

W. A. Clark, representing Kelly, Douglas & Co., Vancouver, who took sick on the trail while on his way in and was in the hospital for 17 days, is almost his former self again. He is tickled to death over his beach claim on Simson creek. He hasn't got the biggest thing on earth, but 'opes to have.

Geo. R. Crowse, secretary of the Klondike Placer Mining and Development Company, Ld., Windsor, Ont., recently arrived with a party of ten men and six tons of supplies. Under A. C. Van Meter, field superintendent, work will be at once begun on the company's claims on Pine and Spruce.

Atlin is minus an undertaker. We would much prefer this to continue. But since death and traders' licenses are sureties in any community, it would be well to acquaint you with the name of W. C. Kolb. He is a new arrival, an undertaker, funeral director and embalmer. Anything bearing on this line will find him, if left at this office.

Anyone who heard Hon. Charles H. Caton's humorous lecture, "Mrs. Grundy," a short time ago, will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing his discourse on Wellington and Napoleon, Friday evening, May 5th, in the Kinney hall. Hon. Mr. Caton is a word-painter of the first water, and we bespeak a bumper house for the worthy cause he is assisting.

We regret to have to record the death of two old men during the week. The first occurred on Wednesday afternoon about 1 o'clock, being a man by the name of Vance, of Portland, Ore., aged 67 years. He had suffered for some time with erysipelas. On Thursday John Peters, a native of Helgoland, aged about 71 years, died from pleurisy. Both were sick for some time at the International hotel before being taken to the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen did all they could to care for the old men, but they were too far advanced in years to survive their sickness.

Saturday is Gregory & Co.'s lively day. They sell by auction on that day and bargains may be had.

Clarence N. Ravlin, representing the San Francisco Chronicle, arrived in the city last Saturday. The gentleman is much impressed with what he has seen.

W. R. Dockrill & Co., druggists, on Discovery street, have a handsome place for an invalid to step into. If you need a pill, prescription or a writing pad, he'll supply you. They have a branch at Discovery.

The law of nature that everything that comes after is an improvement on the first, may be justly applied to hotels. The transition stages may be viewed from Log Cabin to the B. C. Hotel on First street. This house is new and has the latest improvements.

Humors of the trail. When a farmer goes to town he usually blows out the gas. This is habit. When a nineteenth century city man strikes Tepe No. 1 on the Fan Tail and is last to retire, what do you think he does? He fumbles round the candle looking for the electric key. This is habit also. Campion, I'll let some other girl tell the other story.

Mr. Rosselli, one of our local lumber kings and carpet manufacturers, is a man of many parts. He can adapt himself to managing a sawmill as well as cutting wind on a yearling. The Vancouver Jockey Club lost a good man when he left. He is at present making extensive alterations and improvements around the mill. Men have been working all week clearing and grading Lake street in that vicinity. When these changes are effected access may be had to the mill by this new thoroughfare.

## FREQUENT QUESTIONS.

### The Commissioner Briefly Answers a Few.

About the busiest man in town is Gold Commissioner Graham. From early morning till late at night he is pressed for information. Added to this are his regular routine duties. His staff of six clerks are only able to keep up with the work by working overtime. It was necessary for the representative of THE CLAIM to make a date a day ahead before he got an interview with the gentleman. Mr. Graham stated he was quite willing to give any information that would be of interest to the public.

Asked when the judge would arrive to settle the disputes over claims, he said he did not expect him before June. He had no knowledge who would be selected.

Nearly 5,000 claims and groups have been recorded and about 100 mineral claims.

"There seems to be considerable complaint about having to take out a license to cut firewood?" queried the reporter.

"I only insist on those paying licenses who use the wood to make profit, such as hotels, restaurants, etc."

"What about street improvements?"

"Appropriations were made at the last session of the Legislature for this district, but I have not received any instructions from Victoria."

"Can aliens work for other parties on claims?"

"I see no reason to prevent them."

"What are your chief complaints?"

"Against the payment of the different licenses. This is a matter in which I have no discretion. The law is laid down for me and I must follow it."

"When do mining licenses expire?"

"Those taken out before the 1st of May run one year from the date marked thereon. If taken out after May 1st they expire on the 31st of the same month. Thereafter licenses will run to the 31st of May of the following year."

The Commissioner has been very sick during the past week with an attack of la grippe.

MINERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

Seventy-five miners congregated in Chas. R. Oubridge's building at Discovery last Saturday night to form a miners' protective association. Space compels us to limit the publication of their aims and objects to three sections: "(1) This association shall be known as the British Miners' Protective Association. (2) This organization shall have for its object the mutual information, benefit and protection of the free miners of Atlin district. (3) This organization shall be composed exclusively of British subjects."

A physician informs us that the general health of the community is very good.


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By

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Applications for Land.

Sixty days from date hereof I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to lease or purchase three islands for agricultural purposes. I herewith acknowledge pumping station rights previously applied for) containing twenty-nine acres more or less and situate opposite Atlin townsite in a westerly direction on Atlin Lake, each island being staked with an initial post on its north-western extremity.

W. S. C. PLAZA.

Atlin, B. C., April 19, 1899.

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