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BRILLIANT MASQUERADE

Largest and Finest Ever in the City

Second Annual Bal Masque of the Arctic Brotherhood a Howling Success.

A kaleidoscopic panorama of brilliant hood costumes, bewitching beauties and beaming beaux was the vision that greeted the eyes of the spectator at the A. B. hall last night. It was the second annual bal masque of the Arctic Brotherhood and the peg that was driven high up in the social scale as a result of their first attempt last season must now be elevated to a still more lofty position. Nothing before has ever been seen like it in the city. It was to Dawson what the Arion society annual ball is to the New Yorker and the big yearly blow-out of the Cercle Francaise to the Chicagoan. It was great; yes, it was immense. Not only were the girls prettier, but they were more handsomely gowned than ever before, some of them being stunning creations, ravishing, bewitching. It was not the old worn-out masquerade consisting of a number of moth-eaten costumes, the wearers' faces hidden beneath paper mache masks, but there were new ideas introduced, well-known best characters were represented and not a few of the gowns worn by the ladies were made specially for the occasion. The decorations were splendid, endless quantities of hunting and flags giving a tone and warmth to the huge building indescribably pleasing. Shortly after 9 o'clock the crowd began to arrive but it was not until an hour later that the gaiety had begun to have full sway. All the galleries were soon filled with spectators, those not in masquerade, and their enjoyment in endeavoring to pick out their friends in the fantastic crowd below was apparently just as keen as those who comprised the motley throng. It was not until the grand march had begun that the large number in costume became evident. The hall was filled, those masked numbering by actual count 124 and not taking into consideration a great many who wore merely a domino and were not in costume. Everything conceivable seemed to be represented. There were tall girls and short girls, pretty girls and some whose counterfeit faces would jar a cobble stone, girls with blonde curls and girls with the raven tresses of a goddess, Persian beauties, Algerian hours, French demiselles, Spanish señoritas and just plain girls. The costumes of the gentlemen were equally diversified, the best sustained characters running to the comic rather than an attempt at elaborate detail. Right in the midst of a two-step when the minute hand pointed at 12 o'clock Mr. Fremuth gave the signal to the drummer who fired several pistol shots and the new year was ushered in. The dancers all ceased in amazement not realizing for a moment the significance of the volley, then the orchestra played "Auld Lang Syne," everyone sang and congratulations and good wishes were exchanged for the next five minutes. The pause was also the signal for unmasking and many were the surprises enjoyed, some of the disguises being so clever that the most intimate friends were deceived. Who was the best in the part assumed would have puzzled any judge on earth. It must be conceded that Mrs. Hooley (Miss Kellon) as Sis Hopkins was inimitable. Her makeup was perfect, even to the pig tail hair, gingham dress and striped hosiery. One lady complimenting Mrs. Hooley on her character said she was splendid but it seemed a pity to spoil such a pretty face with such

a grotesque-makeup. Miss Robinson was both petite and chic in the costume of a vivandiere and one could almost imagine hearing the "Aux armes, citoyens!" Somewhat similar was Mrs. Harold Malstrom, a duplicate of Blanche Bates as Cigarette. The most elaborate gown was that of Mme. Aubert, a most stunning creation of the time of Louis Quinze with a Watteau effect. Miss Riccagni wore a strikingly handsome costume of pale blue covered with lace and a huge chiffon hat. Miss Ratcliffe made a bewitching Janice Meredith.

Among the gentlemen were so many that were par excellence that it would be hard to say which excelled. Jakey Kilne made a picture of Col. Reichenbach absolutely true to the cartoons of Bud, eyeglasses, goatee, cap with a big button on the top of it, dangling sword and all. Jakey did a little electioneering for his friend, passing out cards upon which was inscribed "Vote for der Kernel, U. S. Army retired." Hugh McDiarmid, as Wandering Willie Waterhouse from Walla Walla, Wash., would have deceived his own mother. His makeup was so good that people with whom he came in contact immediately afterward began to feel creepy. Fred Atwood looked and acted Gillette in "The Private Secretary," and Alex. McLachlan reproduced "Uncle Heine," Opper's familiar creation. Dr. Edwards was good as a German keller, taking an order from Fremuth for zwei weiss mit kimmel, eins schoppen and drei schnitten Culmbacher. J. S. Cowan was Lord Chumley and Dr. Sutherland the Count of Monte Cristo.

Hall did the catering, serving an excellent collation from 1 to 3. Very few of the dancers left until the last number on the program had been played and that was 6 o'clock this morning. The following is a list of those in mask and the character represented:

- Mr. John L. Sale—Mexican. Mrs. John L. Sale—Folly. Mrs. R. H. Pritchard—Colonial dame. Mr. M. H. Craig—College professor. Miss Ratcliffe—Janice Meredith. Miss Riccagni—Mme. Maintenon. Miss Jones—Aphrodite. Mr. A. W. Complin—Gipsy. Mr. Peter Stell—Dutch. Mrs. Peter Stell—Goddess of Liberty. Mr. E. Singleton—Mephistofeles. Mrs. E. Singleton—Calendar. Mr. T. Ross Moulton—Butcher. Mr. Joe Farr—Uncle Sam. Mr. K. Latimer—Politician. Miss Russo—Sailor. Miss Kernell—Precilla. Mr. C. F. Burkhardt—Court costume. Mrs. Courtney—Algerian. Mr. J. R. Miller—Dick Deadeye. Mrs. Yagzer—Morning. Miss Ida Bodien—School girl. Mr. J. J. Carey—Court costume. Miss Aubert—Louis Quinze. Miss Bernier—Algerian. Miss Lorena Ames—Topsy. Mr. J. McNeely—Court costume. Mrs. Hall—Jockey. Miss Alverdes—Court lady. Mr. H. H. Woodworth—Court costume. Miss Zaccarelli—Baby the Egyptian. Miss Dooley—America. Mr. A. Allayne Jones—Monk. Mr. A. Voge—Go as you please. Mrs. A. Voge—Norwegian peasant. Mrs. Anderson—Cinderella. Mrs. Ross—Ae of clubs. Mrs. John Stangle—Fireman. Mr. Jake Kilne—Der Kernel. Mrs. Jake Kilne—Gipsy queen. Mr. A. S. Smith—Mikado. Mr. Bert Day—Clown. Mrs. Harold Malstrom—Cigarette. Mr. Harry Lawrence—Naval cadet. Miss McCormack—Red cross. Mr. J. C. McLagan—Admiral. Mrs. J. C. McLagan—Red cross. Mr. F. A. Douse Jr.—Spanish. Miss Florence McQuiken—French. Mr. G. B. Thorne—Irish. Mrs. Gordon—Swiss peasant. Mr. Ted Cullen—Court costume. Mrs. George Auten—Red cross. Mr. Stanley Seacore—Clown. Mrs. Stanley Seacore—Maid Muller. Mr. W. H. Johnstone—Coster. Mrs. J. L. Meder—Erin. Miss Eisenbeiser—Spanish dancer. Mr. Nat Darling—Persian prince. Mrs. Mitchell—Colors. Mrs. Hooley—Sis Hopkins. Mr. J. S. Cowan—Lord Chumley. Mrs. Krueger—Little girl. Mrs. Brockmiller—Fancy. Mrs. Zemple—School girl. Mrs. H. C. Davis—Grecian. Mr. Wm. Brewitt—School girl. Mr. E. F. Crawford—Court costume.

MRS. SMYTHE'S DANCING ACADEMY. Fancy and Ballroom Dancing taught. Class lessons Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 10. Private lessons arranged for. Socials twice a month. Lessons \$1.00. Eagle hall, opposite Nugget office.

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THE BOY MAKES SOME RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

- Mr. Theo. Snow—Cake walk. Dr. Sutherland—Count of Monte Cristo. Mrs. Sutherland—Little major. Mr. Alex. McLachlan—Uncle Heine. Mrs. H. M. Martin—Summer girl. Mr. Percy Overton—Comic. Mr. George Brewitt—Court costume. Miss Lindsay—Grecian. Miss McAndrews—Court costume. Mrs. Ames—Nurse. Miss Robinson—Vivandiere. Mrs. John Farr—Red riding hood. Mr. Hugh McDiarmid—Weary Willie. Mr. Pierre Ledieu—Gipsy. Mr. A. E. Maynard—Gipsy. Mr. Wm. Gibson—Gipsy. Mr. M. R. Riley—Thaddeus. Mr. J. H. Rogers—Black domino. Mr. C. F. Rhind—Legion of honor. Mr. Wm. Muir—Sailor. Mr. A. Noel—Court costume. Mr. Mont Malby—Yellow Kid.

POLITICAL VISITING

Mayoral Supporters Make New Year Calls on Each Other

Wm. M. McKay, the chairman of Mr. McLennan's campaign committee, and several of his friends, this afternoon made a New Year's call upon George Edwards, the chairman of Mr. Davison's committee, at the rooms of the latter and they had some good natured banter together. Mr. Edwards asked what majority the McLennan men claimed, and Mr. McKay replied that he believed each candidate was claiming to have seven hundred votes, and as there were but six hundred voters at least one of the candidates must be a little out on his figuring. Mr. Edwards laughing responded that he only claimed six hundred, and Mr. Bethune, his assistant, said they were not voting dead once at this election, and told a reminiscence or two about elections of the past. Then Alex Macfarlane told a story or two, and the best of good humor prevailed among the supporters of the two candidates for mayor. The supporters of Mr. Davison held a meeting at South Dawson this evening.

SOME NEW YEAR'S RESOLVES

Mr. Woodworth: I haven't made up my mind yet. I have sworn off several things since the last campaign. George Black: I do not see my way any clearer than I did this time last year. Jim McKinnon: I am the only one left of the "Kid" committee and have nothing left to swear off. Alderman MacDonald: I have said all that I am going to say for publication. What will you take? Jeff Davison: I'll swear off any thing and every thing to secure my election as mayor. It's a cold day, isn't it? Major Phillips: Too busy swearing about the voters' lists to swear off anything. Lieut. Hutchinson: I swore off last year and only swore on again last night. Dan Matheson: No water in mine, thank you. I swore off water the first week after I tackled the "Gusher." W. F. Thompson: I swear to get up no more Indian uprisings as I find it interferes with my Moosehide circulation. John Bechtel: I swear off everything except the Healy cure. George Butler: Too much swearing going on, and too much good cause for it. Acting-Commissioner Wood: Acting-Legal Adviser Senkler is the only one legally qualified to swear in this office, though perhaps Dr. Brown might oblige you. I have never heard him but he may do it on the quiet. Acting-Legal Adviser Senkler: Excuse me, was it a water right you were enquiring about? Dr. Brown: I have sworn off swearing. Willie Bittner: I have sworn off hockey and dancing parties. They keep me out too late. Tom O'Brien: I've sworn off talking about the vote of Fortymile. About a dozen fellows claim to be carrying it around in their pockets. Max Landreville: Mais, queque vous voulez quand je suis candidat? Pas possible. Sergeant Smith: You had better see Major Cuthbert about it. Mr. Justice Macaulay: I want to see all the other fellows swear off and the police court job made a sinecure. Dr. Alfred Thompson: I decline to give you a lien upon my conduct for the coming year. You might foreclose. John Borland: They say the use of tobacco stops a man's growth, so I am going to swear off abstinence from smoking and buy me a pipe. Harry Jones: Don't put anything in it about me. They'll think it refers to the other Harry Jones. John R. Grey: I am going to swear off mending my own socks and shall do as Harry did when I go out this spring. Col. Reichenbach: I swear off all American titles and honors and politics. Billy Fairbanks: I swear off all that's coming to me in the Second Avenue fire and hand it to Chief Lester. Chief Lester: Ditto, ditto, ditto, and hand it to Billy Fairbanks. William Thornburn: I am a sweet thing and yet there are no flies on me. I am going to Fortymile to live after the Yukon election. Dr. Z. Strong: When the barber and the razor pull together something is bound to give, and I am just as confident of being elected as are fifteen other candidates for alderman. All the Nugget staff: "Happy New Year" to everybody.

LABOR CANDIDATE

Meeting Held at Boorman Hall, South Dawson, Last Night. Despite the fact that South Dawson is an aggregation of homes, in most of which there was an observance of the holiday season, the meeting announced of the supporters of the labor candidate for the Yukon council, George K. Gilbert, was largely attended. Mr. Gilbert made a speech, outlining his platform and his policy in the event of being elected, and was followed by several other speakers. There was no opposition to Mr. Gilbert and the meeting was harmonious and enthusiastic.

HOMESTEADS

Will Now be Granted to Alaska Settlers. Washington, Dec. 18.—A substantial victory in behalf of the most important legislation that has been proposed for Alaska in many years was won today in the senate committee on public lands. The committee informally, but with great heartiness and without a dissenting voice, endorsed the bill for granting homesteads of 320 acres in Alaska, with the important amendment that the taking out homesteads and maintaining them for five years, title may be obtained without government surveys. This disposes of the difficulty

NO DECISION YET.

Venezuelan Affairs Discussed in London and Berlin.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—President Roosevelt and his cabinet had one of the most extended and important meetings today that has been held this fall. Foreign affairs consumed the entire time of the session. The Venezuelan situation was discussed but no conclusion was reached different from that which has actuated the president and his advisers throughout the consideration of the trouble between Venezuela and Great Britain and Germany. From an authoritative source the information is obtained that there will be no recession on the part of this government with respect to questions involving Venezuela or any other of the governments of South or Central America as laid down by the President in his message to congress. Every detail of the development in Venezuela is being carefully scrutinized. It can be said authoritatively that no apprehension exists in the minds of any of the administration officials that serious troubles growing out of it will accrue to this country. It is believed that both Great Britain and Germany will act within the arrangements which originally was presented to this government and to which the United States passively assented. The Old Homestead—Auditorium.

Small Blaze at the Cecil

One of the guests at the Hotel Cecil last night carelessly threw down a lighted match, from which the fringe on a lounge took fire. But those present had both common sense and coolness and they immediately carried the burning lounge into the street, where the fire was quickly extinguished. The Old Homestead—Auditorium.

Abas and Spoons as Food

In some countries the people eat abas, in Sweden they mix them with rye and flavor the stew with urandy, they make a dish of pressed abas and soften it with milk until it looks like our chocolate. In Africa the children roast large white abas and eat them by the handful like popcorn. Travelers who have visited them say that they taste like almond paste. Many people cook and eat the locust. They boil them in salty water, roast them in oil or fry them in butter. Sometimes they dry them and grind the locusts and make the powder into bread by adding a little water. The Mexicans are fond of roasted spiders. They also dry the eggs of a certain water fly, grind them into flour and sell it by the sack. This flour is sweet and much used for cakes. These are only a few of the many queer things eaten by the boys and girls of other lands. The children of our own country often eat roasted grasshoppers and say that they taste like parched horse corn, or maize. There is likely to be a good match at the hockey at the rink this evening. The Mounted Police meeting the Dawson Amateur Athletes. The police band will play during the game. Auditorium—The Old Homestead.

Cause of Stage Fright

An expert claims that stage fright really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from this fact that persons in Dawson contemplating appearance should be careful of their diet and always buy groceries of Dawson, where they are always sure of getting the purest and best. Auditorium—The Old Homestead. Will take for one or two good dogs for their use during the balance of the winter. Apply Nugget office. Auditorium—The Old Homestead.

FRANCHISE ARGUMENTS

Bill Was Thoroughly Discussed Yesterday

Will Come Up Again Saturday and Terms May be Agreed Upon.

For three solid hours the council yesterday in special session wrestled with the railway franchise proposition and to a casual observer were no nearer to a solution of the problem at the conclusion than at the beginning. The pros and cons on both sides of the question were argued over and over again, rehearsed and handed out in every conceivable way and the end was always at the starting point, the railway company desiring First Avenue and nothing else and the objectors to the bill fighting against it. One small matter was decided satisfactorily to all concerned and that is the proffer of the right and its acceptance by the road to build as far as Princess street. Both sides were ably represented and the points in dispute were thrashed out to the most minute detail. A meeting of those against the franchise is to be held tomorrow at which it is presumed a committee will be appointed with power to act. The council will hold another session Saturday afternoon and every effort will be made to have the matter definitely settled and passed by Monday evening, which is the last meeting of the present board. At the meeting yesterday afternoon all the members of the council were present, also Thos. O'Brien, W. H. Parsons and Arthur Davey representing the railway and D. A. Cameron, H. G. Wilson, Maurice de Lion and Curley Monroe appearing for the petitioners against the bill. Mayor Macaulay at the beginning stated the objects of the meeting, reviewing the main features of the bill and expressing the hope that a satisfactory conclusion would be arrived at that would be acceptable to all concerned. Acting under his instructions the city clerk had prepared a statement showing the assessment of those favoring the bill and those against it. The former which included all the large companies amounted to several millions while that of those against the bill aggregated \$293,000. Leaving aside those pertaining to the large companies the assessment of the remainder amounts to \$245,000, somewhat less than those against the franchise. The mayor gave it as his view that more consideration should be paid to the railway than to the wholesaler. The scheme for the road to go behind the wharves was gone into, also that of entering the city via Sixth Avenue. The speaker said he thought he expressed the sentiments of all the council when he stated that they unambiguously were favorable to the road as were practically all the other taxpayers of the city. The only difficulty was to grant the road as a franchise that would injure no one. Nearly every one present had something to say in regard to the project, viewing it from the light in which it rested according to their business interests. Murphy stated that he was favorable to the railroad, but in the face of the petition no strong opinion could be expressed. The bill unless amended to extend to Queen street, said Curley Monroe would not consent. (Continued on page 4.)

MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT. A. B. HALL. In the interests of the candidature of R. P. McLENNAN. All candidates for mayor and aldermen are invited to be present and participate in the meeting.

A Happy New Year. Thanking the public for their patronage during the past year and hoping for a continuance of it in the future. JOHN L. TIMMINS, Second Avenue. Royal Grocery.

