

### YUKON ICE UNBROKEN

#### Still Firm in Front of This City

#### Little Change Either Above or Below—Water is Rising All Along the River.

People who risked their money and guesses that the ice would move from the river in front of Dawson by five o'clock of May 9th now realize that they were premature in the date selected. The ice may go out within 24 hours and 124 hours may see it where it is now. The nights continue so cold that mercury goes down into the twenties and not until almost the middle of the day is there much perceptible thaw.

The water in the Yukon continues

to rise at the rate of from eight inches to a foot every 24 hours and it is said that there has already been more rise now than previous to the going out of the ice last year.

The ice is still believed to be jammed at some point between Dawson and Ogilvie.

The conditions of the upper river and at Fortymile, as received by wire this afternoon, are as follows:

Ogilvie—Little change has taken place in the last 24 hours except that the river is rapidly rising, having risen four feet in the past three days.

Stewart—Ice remains unbroken but the water is rapidly rising.

Selkirk—The ice is breaking and jamming all along both above and below.

Five Fingers—The river is clear here but there is plenty of ice above, there being a big jam between here and Big Salmon.

Big Salmon—The river is clear from bank to bank, all the ice apparently having passed down.

Fortymile—There has been no change here since yesterday.

Minstrels Tonight.

Dawson's great, massive mammoth, mastodon, colossal aggregation of burned cork minstrel artists will appear for the first time in the A. B. hall tonight, when will be displayed such a pagentry of wit, humor and "saws" as never before edified an audience in the Yukon.

A white man can imitate a negro better than the negro can himself, and aside from Hicks, Fawyer, Pringle, Billie Spud and one or two others, very few negroes have ever been appreciated as minstrels and as black faced entertainers no negro has ever been in the same class as Billie Emerson, Cal Wagner, Milt Barlow, the Barlow Bros, Al Field, Billie West, Primrose, the Thatcher's, Haverley's and a hundred other minstrel kings that for half a century have entertained and amused the world. Dawson has some good minstrel talent and it will be seen in the performance of tonight and tomorrow night at A. B. hall.

If you put off going until the last night you will regret that you did not go both nights.

His Worship's Daughter.

Mayor H. C. Macaulay is even a prouder man today than on the day following his election to the honorable position he occupies, and the cause for his elation is that a baby daughter arrived to gladden his home yesterday evening. Both Mrs. Macaulay and the baby are both doing nicely, as is also his worship.

There will probably be a box of cigars at Monday night's council meeting.

### ANCIENT HISTORY OUTDONE

#### Greatest Catastrophe Ever Known Occurred to St. Pierre, Danish West Indies, Yesterday—Of 25,000 People Only 30 Escape Death by Fire.

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Paris, May 9.—The commander of the French cruiser Suchet has cabled from Fort de France, Martinique, under date of Thursday as follows: "Have just returned from St. Pierre, which has been completely destroyed by an immense mass fire, which fell on the town at about eight in the morning. The entire population of 25,000 is supposed to have perished. Have brought back survivors, only about thirty persons. All ships in the harbor were destroyed. The eruption continues."

This appears to be the greatest tragedy in many centuries, for neither modern nor even ancient history contains a record of so overwhelmingly destructive a torrent of death and devastation as engulfed the pretty West Indian city.

Commander Suchet reports that on Thursday the entire town of St. Pierre was wrapped in flames. He endeavored to save about thirty persons, more or less burned, from vessels in the harbor. His officers went ashore in small boats seeking for survivors, but were unable to penetrate the town. They saw groups of bodies upon the wharves and believed that not a single person, resident of St. Pierre at the moment of the catastrophe, escaped. The governor of the colony and his staff colonel and wife were in St. Pierre and probably perished. The extent of the catastrophe cannot be imagined. The captain of the British steamer Roddam was very seriously injured and is now in a hospital at St. Lucia. All his officers and engineers are dead or dying. Nearly every member of the crew is dead. Supercargo Campbell and ten of the crew of the Roddam jumped overboard at St. Pierre and were lost.

### CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

#### Burley and Bates Will Have a Go

#### Ten Round Match for a Decision Will be Pulled Off at the Orpheum.

The lovers of fist events are again to have the gratification of seeing two giants come together, Nick Burley and Billy Bates having signed articles yesterday. The match was arranged by Manager Pantages of the Orpheum where the go will be pulled off at 10 o'clock of the evening of May 23. The conditions agreed upon are for ten rounds for a decision and the championship of the Yukon and Northwest Territories, the winner to take 75 per cent. of the gate receipts and the loser 25 per cent. A side bet of \$1000 has been decided upon and each has posted a forfeit of \$250 that they will be in the ring ready to go on at the hour named. The referee will be selected either at the ringside or during the day before the match. Tom Chisholm is backing Bates and a rattling good go is anticipated.

Bates is by no means a stranger in Dawson, he having resided here for the past two or three years. He has gone up against such men as Billy Perkins and Frank Slavin, his go with the latter being a ten-round draw and one of the tinnest battles ever seen in the city. He has the advantage of youth, good wind, a long reach, has never abused the magnificent physique with which Nature has endowed him, and never could be called a quitter. Burley's fight with Slavin is of such recent occurrence and was so eminently satisfactory that he needs no introduction to the sporting public. He is as quick and agile as a school boy, fights clean and punches hard and there is no reason why the mill of the 23rd should not be as interesting as the one between Slavin and Burley.

Efforts of the three little Miss Chryanthemums. But he smiles no more. It so happens that the widow of the late D'Oyley Carte owns the copyright to all of Gilbert & Sullivan's operas, including the "Mikado," and it so happens, also, that the show has representatives in Dawson. These notified Mr. Pantages yesterday that his "Three Little Maids" song was an infringement upon the Carte copyright and he must cut it out or figure as defrauder in a suit for damages.

N. F. HAUEL, K. C.—Law office, Monte Carlo building, First avenue. Phone—Office, 129; residence, 86. —Dawson, Y. T.

The Man With a Price.

Joe Clark in his paper of May 2d says: he is a man without a price, thereby intimating that all others have a price.

I for one acknowledge that I have a price, which is seventy-five cents a pound for the best coffee on earth, to wit: Schilling's Best.

F. S. DUNHAM, proprietor of The Family Grocery, corner Second avenue and Albert street.

CROWN AND BRIDGE WORK  
510 PIER TOOTH  
St. Louis, Mo. 63102  
These are Outside Association Prices  
Dawson Dental Parlor  
Bank Building, Opp. N. C. Co.

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### MANAGER'S TROUBLES

#### Must Not Sing Airs From the "Mikado."

#### Manager Pantages of Orpheum is Notified He is Infringing on a Copyright.

Verily, the ways of a theatrical manager in Dawson are hard. It is not enough to be compelled to keep a bevy of soubrettes in good humor, to appease the ravenous appetites of a horde of comedians, to play adagio con espressione with the orchestra so they will be satisfied, to pay an enormous license and an equally altitudinous rent, but now comes the man, or in this instance a woman, with a copyrighted idea and demands her royalty or the music shall not be played and the songs sung. One of the cleverest things put on the Orpheum this season is a musical skit entitled "The Great Tycoon," in it being introduced the tuneless air "Three Little Maids From School" from the "Mikado," and therein lies the trouble. The song during the week has been sung in costume by three pretty girls and each night Manager Pantages wore a broad smile as he witnessed the efforts of the three little Miss Chryanthemums. But he smiles no more.

There is no doubt of it," was the reply," as very few if any orders whatever of any consequence have been sent out. They are simply afraid to alter what has happened in the past ninety days. The N. C. Co. can sell goods at a loss and not feel it, at least not for a time, where the small merchant with a limited amount of capital could not think of following such a suicidal policy. They feel they do not dare lay in a big stock of goods bought by themselves in the open market for fear that next fall their rivals may knock the bottom out of prices and land them high and dry. The only solution is that we shall have to go into business ourselves in order to provide the traffic necessary to keep up our lines. I think I am

safe in saying we can lay goods down here over our lines as cheaply as the N. C. Co. can via St. Michael and we will be able to supply the merchants in any quantity they may desire from one case to a car load and at a less figure than they themselves could bring the goods in. In addition to that it will afford them a tremendous saving in interest and storage charges in thus being able to buy in small quantities instead of having to lay in nearly a year's supply at a time. It was not our desire to enter the mercantile business and I long combatted the idea in my reports, but as matters have shaped themselves we are simply forced into it as a matter of self protection. We shall have our warehouses filled from top to bottom and will supply bona fide merchants in any quantity they may desire from one case up.

Another thing I might mention to you now that we are speaking of this subject. Yesterday I interviewed nearly every merchant in the city, told them our plans and they were all glad to hear of the move, we have determined upon and promised us their hearty co-operation. You see there is really no jobbing house here and heretofore the houses have had to purchase in large quantities in order to buy advantageously. Thus came the drafts, often at a time when it was an effort to meet them.

"Have you made any arrangements yet as to buildings?"

"No, I have not been advised so far in that respect, but that will be the least of our troubles. There are plenty of warehouses here and if necessary we can build others."

"What class of goods do you propose handling and what is your estimate of the tonnage?"

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### WILL BECOME MERCHANTS

#### W. F. & Y. to Enter the Commercial Field

#### Compelled to so They Say as a Matter of Protection to Themselves.

J. H. Rogers, agent of the White Pass and Yukon route received the following wire night before last which in a manner is self explanatory:

Seattle, Wash., May 7.  
Dawson, Y. T.

Important plans just perfected by which bona fide merchants will be supplied with staples by our company. Full particulars being rushed to you.

The significance of the foregoing message means that for a time at least the small merchants of the city will be enabled in the course of another month or two to buy goods here in case lots cheaper than they could get them outside with freight, duty and insurance added. During the course of a half hour chat had with Agent Rogers yesterday evening at the Zero Club he explained the position of his company about as follows:

"The first definite information I had on the subject was the telegram I have just shown you which I received night before last, so it is safe to assume that the reports which have been about town for the past few days are true. It is the intention of the company to engage in extensive mercantile pursuits for the purpose of supplying legitimately organized stores with their stock. Our business will be with the bona fide merchants strictly and not with brokers and jobbers, nor shall we do any retailing and thus enter into direct competition with our own customers. We feel that we can not persuade the smaller merchants to place their orders on account of the threat of the N. C. Co. to knock out all competition and put them out of business, so we will do the next best thing, bring the goods to ourselves and sell to them direct at cost with but freight and insurance added."

"Then it is true that some of the merchants have placed orders outside for goods this season?" was queried.

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### The Ladue Quartz Mill

IS NOW IN OPERATION.

We have made a large number of tests and are ready to make others.

We have the best plant money will buy and guarantee all our work in this mill and also in the

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JAS. F. MACDONALD,  
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Everything New. Elegantly Furnished  
Well Heated. Bar Attached.  
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PIONEER DRUG STORE

### A. B. Hall TONIGHT A. B. Hall

## Grand Minstrel Show

Produced by Arctic Brotherhood, Camp Dawson No. 4.

#### A REVELRY OF BURNT-CORK ARTISTS

A Colossal Production.  
Beautiful Ballads,  
Swell Costumes,  
Cake Walkers,  
7 New Acts.

75 Performers,  
Fine Darkey Melodie,  
Magnificent Scenery,  
Buck Dancers,  
Pleasing Specialties.

General Admission \$1.

## AUCTION

To be sold at public auction on the premises corner Princess street and Fourth avenue, where the goods may be examined, Saturday, May 10, at 11:00 a. m., all the salvage from the steamers Mona and Glenora, consisting of

- One 80 H. P. Locomotive Boiler.
- Two 60 H. P. Brick-set Boilers, Duplex Pumps, Steam Capstans, Steam Engines, Paddle Wheel and Shafting, Pipe and Fittings, Iron and Steel Castings, Tools, etc., as may be seen.

Also the damaged hulls of said boats as they lie in the slough on the west side opposite Dawson.

W. FURNIVAL, Auctioneer.

## THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Capital paid up (Eight Million Dollars) \$8,000,000.  
RESERVE \$2,000,000.

The Bank is prepared to purchase gold dust at actual assay value, less the usual charges for express and insurance, up to and including 30th April, 1902; after which date all dust will be subject to the proposed export tax.

D. A. CAMERON,  
Manager.

Dawson Branch.