

BENEFIT FOR NEWMAN CHILDREN

An Entertaining Program Pleases a Good Sized Audience.

How a Gentleman in Dawson Was Lost and Found—He Would Have Been Satisfied Had His Friends Allowed Him to Stay Lost.

On last Tuesday evening there was tendered to little Margie Newman and her brothers, Willie and George, a complimentary benefit at the Monte Carlo theater. It is to be sincerely regretted that the unfortunate and unwelcome visitor known as the "Chinook" would have so unseemly visited Dawson at that particular time, for, under its balmy influences, the walks were made almost impassable from slush and running water, while the incessant pour from the eaves of the buildings, was a feature most disagreeable to pedestrians, the whole forming an inclemency preventing many who were certain to be present at the little girl's benefit from attending. Nevertheless, it was a good-sized audience that greeted the little beneficiaries upon the occasion, and when little Margie herself was upon the stage, the enthusiasm of the audience fully made up for whatever might be missing in numbers present.

The program, song, recitation, character sketches, dancing and specialties by a host of volunteers who had contributed their services most willingly as a testimonial to the children who had done so much to give to Dawson clean, enjoyable amusement.

The evening's entertainment opened with appropriate remarks by Capt. Jack Crawford, and a rendition of one of his own inimitable productions. Mr. W. W. Scott in sentimental song was highly appreciated. Mr. Geo. A. Noble, although suffering severely from a cold was at his very best, as his rich, baritone voice rose and fell from octave to octave in sweet refrain, and the audience vociferously applauded his numbers. Fred Breen, always funny as a comedian, was not less entertaining on this occasion under mention. The Estep, John and Annie, in character sketch and clog dancing, showed their earnest work. Miss Florence Clifford sang "Hearts" and "Sweet Alice Ben Bolt" charmingly. Mr. B. F. Trimmenger was in fine form when giving his exhibition of club swinging in which he ably sustains the title of professor.

Then came the little star of the evening, little Margie, the Princess of Klondike, who simply re-entwined the love and affection existing in the hearts of all Dawsonites, by her childish grace and sweet rendition of sentimental and character songs. At the close of her number, Captain Jack, carrying the little princess upon the stage in his arms, made a pretty little presentation speech and pinned to her breast a beautiful gold badge presented to her by admiring friends, while coins of all denominations, nuggets and boxes of candy rained upon the stage from admirers in the auditorium.

The second part of the program consisted of a characteristic darkey sketch by Willie and George Newman and which was well-sustained. Two handsome gold badges were also presented to them as souvenirs of the occasion. Mr. F. W. Howard provoked much applause in a southern sketch, entitled "Uncle Eph's Return," accompanied by Margie Newman, and received numerous recalls. Miss Lewis was a favorite in her singing and dancing. The entertainment closed with the enjoyable singing of Mr. Fred N. Tracy, with the Wondroscope pictures, and even when they had been seen the audience refused to be satisfied until Mr. Tracy had obliged with "The Klondike Vale," which is destined to be a great favorite with Dawson audiences.

Lost in the Labyrinths of Dawson.

Dawson is not a very large city, but its ways are many and devious. It hardly seems possible that within the comparatively limited confines of a town of this size a man could disappear entirely from sight and not materialize for a matter of 48 hours. But just such things happen right here in this good city of Dawson and friends are often kept for varying lengths of time in speculation as to the probable whereabouts of a wanderer.

In this connection a story is being told of a certain gentleman well known in the city who for some reason which even yet is a matter of guess work, was detained from his cabin for the larger part of two days and nights. A good many of the boys say the reason for it all is not so obscure as is generally supposed; but be that as it may be the story will be found an entertaining one.

It appears that the gentleman was first missed shortly after a certain banquet which occurred recently in Dawson. Of course it was nothing particularly out of the ordinary that after such an occasion a participant in the festivities should be somewhat late in returning to his cabin in search of rest. This is what happened in the case in question. But not only did the gentleman fail to materialize on that night but on the next day no news of his whereabouts could be learned.

Finally a zealous friend who conjured up in his mind all sorts of possible casualties, invoked the services of the N. W. M. P. In company with an officer and several constables a round of all the places of public resort was made, and a constantly increasing array of solicitous friends was sworn in and instructed to prosecute the search without intermission. "Visions of bandits, cutthroats and brigands were floating before the gaze of the anxious searchers and no stone did they leave unturned to advertise the loss of the missing prodigal.

When night arrived lanterns were procured and a steady march was kept up by the search brigade all through the weary hours. Finally when hope of seeing him again on earth had about vanished, discouraged and disheartened over the failure of their efforts, the mournful friends of the lost, headed by a captain of police, made their way to the missing one's cabin to discuss further ways and means of continuing the search.

Opening the cabin door the valiant officer accompanied by his followers entered. The former raised his lantern above his head and flashed it around the room. "What are you looking for?" came all of a sudden from one corner and the focused rays of the lantern disclosed the object of all their search. How much it cost the gentleman to square the account and just what measures he has taken to settle the affair with his friend who started the hunt has not yet been made public.

Creek Notes.

W. G. Crabb, who has been sick at the Saunders sisters road house at Last Chance since Oct. 15th is now rapidly convalescing.

The following are among the more recent strikes upon Dominion: No. 3 above upper discovery, Mr. Chisholm washed \$10.40 from que pan, and a little over \$6.00 in another.

Last Friday on No. 5 above upper, a pan of \$20.60 was cleaned up.

On 12 above upper last Saturday, one pan showed \$3.40.

Within the last few days good pay has been struck on 12 above lower.

On 25 below upper, 44 holes had been sunk without finding any pay, when suddenly the streak was struck in three holes.

On Hunker Mr. L. Conture, of the North West House, has commenced building a new road house at the junction of the new "cut off" and old trail, two miles from the mouth of Hunker.

J. S. Williams, 35 below on Hunker has completed and in operation, a "sided tramway" from his shaft to the creek bed, by means of which he is bringing down his pay dirt.

Evangelistic Services.

Evangelistic services have been commenced this week in the Methodist church. It is the intention to continue them until Christmas. The public are cordially invited to attend.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Colonel Evans, Major Bliss and Constable Dockett left for Selkirk on Tuesday morning. Sergeant Young is left behind for a few days rest, as the trip down had exhausted him.

Among other claims on Sulphur creek that are doing well is No. 7 above. Mr. J. E. Doherty, agent for McDonald & Morrison, the owners, states that laymen on the claim have reached bed rock and have taken out as high as \$1 to the pan.

The Yukon council met on Monday evening and spent several hours in discussing the sections of the proposed license ordinance. The meeting adjourned to meet again on Tuesday afternoon, at which time the council hoped to complete their task.

The health officer, Dr. Thompson, has issued an order forbidding the dumping of any more garbage or rubbish within the city of Dawson unless in properly constructed receptacles of a removable pattern and which have been duly inspected and accepted.

Andy Young who sells the Nugget so industriously and successfully, met with an accident during the heavy wind storm on Tuesday. A large canvas sign is stretched in front of the Nugget office and supported by a 2x4 upright. Andy approached the office for his papers just as a furious gust of wind struck the sign with such force that the upright was hurled to the ground, striking the unfortunate Andy a hard blow in the head. He says some of the boys are accusing him of having been in a row but the Nugget vouches for the facts as stated above.

A farewell party was tendered Charley Worden on Monday evening in view of his leaving for the outside next Wednesday. Professor Huson's orchestra furnished the music and the Pioneer ball was filled to comfortable capacity with pioneers and friends of the departing miner. Ladies were not wanting and as midnight served a regular made welcome by the hearty exercise furnished by the dancing. Mr. Worden is one of the most popular of Dawson's popular gentlemen and we wish him bon voyage and a safe return.

The high wind of Tuesday played "hobbs" with the signs around town. Hanging signs suffered the most and streamers across the street lasted no time at all. No one was known to be seriously injured, though several passers-by got struck with flapping ropes, canvas and frame signs, etc. The canvas-topped skating rink was unable to stand the pressure and ripped off the rafters and was only secured with much trouble from blowing entirely away. A little sewing and stretching when the wind moderates will be all that is necessary to make good the injury.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

W. Green played the game for \$25 and costs. It costs money to get into.

B. A. Reynolds was full, did not deny it, and escaped with \$20 and costs.

Jacob Harris wins and loses philosophically and did not stop to argue against an assessment of \$50 and costs.

R. McMill occupies his time as a target for other men's bets. For \$50 and costs he was allowed to continue.

Edmund DeCroix filled up to the neck but was jolly and good-natured over it. \$10 and costs was about his size.

Aubrey Crane did not know where he was at upon the last hilarious occasion. Noisiness is also punishable. \$25 and costs clears the docket.

J. McArthur is a jolly good fellow, but continued libations befogged his mind and loosened his tongue. \$25 and costs is expected to have an opposite effect.

J. Freeman paid \$25 and costs in currency for undertaking to carry 400 great a load. The load was light and unstable; hence an unsteady gait and unintelligible language.

James Hunter took one and felt funny—two and felt better. By arithmetical progression he wound up before his honor next morning and the point of the joke proved to be \$30 and costs.

A. Libout tried an inward application of "surgery" for his particular ailments. The remedy works two ways—in head and feet—and gives these points a tendency to change ends. \$25 and costs invariably straightens a fellow out.

A SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BLAZE

An Early Morning Fire Disturbs the Slumbers of Dawson.

Fraternity Temple Will Soon Be Ready for Occupancy—Winners of the Candle Contest Will Have Plenty of Light.

Williams' mill, located at the mouth of the Klondike river, was visited by a mysterious fire on Thursday morning, which in short order destroyed some \$6,000 or \$7,000 worth of property. It occurred about 3 o'clock in the morning and no one knows what started it. Behind the mill Mr. Williams had erected a long, low building. At one end were offices and sleeping rooms, at the other a stable for two horses and feed for the same. A pedestrian down the Klondike was the first to see the flames and rushed across the river through much water to give the alarm. People living near-by rushed to the scene, but the entire stable was involved by this time. Only one of the horses was inside, the other of the team being up the river with freight. The horses were as handsome a team as any in town and the one in the stable was burned to a crisp. The two chemical carts of the fire department appeared in time to render most valuable assistance in saving one-half of the building. The hay, feed, horse and stable were an entire loss, for it is hardly possible that horses will eat what was left of the feed. The hay was purchased when hay was \$600 per ton; feed in proportion.

Mr. Williams is outside, having left for Seattle among the very first over the ice.

Nearing Completion.

Mr. S. D. Grout, who has charge of the construction of Fraternity temple, is rapidly getting the building in shape for occupancy. He is working a force of men and now has the hall entirely enclosed. The windows are in place and the workmen are now engaged in calking the seams of the building with oakum.

The temple is a two-story structure the dimensions being 22x4 feet. The lower floor will be used for a reading room and as a place for social gatherings of members of the different orders. The second story will be divided into a lodge room and ante rooms. The work of constructing the building was not done by contract but is the result largely of voluntary contributions of labor from the members of the organizations which have joined forces in erecting it.

The first meeting in the new hall will occur on Saturday next when the Masons will hold a social session. The grand opening will take place about Christmas.

The Candle Contest.

The committee which had in charge the competition for the candles offered by Mr. TeKoller, of the Seattle-Yukon Transportation Co., has made its report. The prizes were offered for the best lists of supplies required by one man for a year's outfit in the Yukon. Twelve lists were handed in and examined. The committee after much deliberation decided to award the prizes as follows: 1st. A. McCrae; 2d. W. F. Collins; 3d. Jas. Herd; 4th. J. H. Campbell; 5th. David Marks.

Prizes were also offered for the most accurate estimates as to the population of the district. In the absence of statistics, the committee struck an average of the estimates of all the contestants and used it as a basis of awarding the prizes. The average was \$28,752.

R. F. Pease placed the population at 124,704 and was awarded first prize. J. T. Campbell, 139,000, second; A. Joyce and A. McCrae, each estimated the number of inhabitants at 138,000. Prizes 3 and 4 will be equally divided between them. "Pioneer," identity unknown, wins the 5th prize, placing the population at 119,500.

A Pleasant Souvenir.

The Elks Club gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on Monday night to engage in a very pretty presentation ceremony. Upon the occasion of a recent benefit performance given by the Elks there was a lady who worked indefatigably for weeks to make it the success it was, and that lady was Mrs. Wilson, the hostess of the Monday evening gathering. As was stated in the presentation address, the Elks never forget the helpless and never overlook a disinterested friend. The lady was presented with a charm upon a nugget pin, both of Klondike gold and Dawson manufacture. The charm is in the form of a shield bearing upon the obverse side a spray of three enameled forget-me-nots. Upon the reverse side, upon a smooth polished surface, are engraved the words "Your Brothers." These were much good speech-making, but Mrs. Wilson's simple words of acceptance told more of ingenious disinterestedness and earnest self-forgetfulness than a much more brilliant oration would have done. The "Best People on Earth" evidently thought so too. The festivities were kept up until early morning and were enjoyed by all.

What the "Globe" Says.

TORONTO, Oct. 4th.—The Globe prints editorial extracts from the correspondent of the London Times, just to hand, preferring charges against the Yukon officials and adds this comment: "The charges put forward by the Times correspondent are exceedingly grave and bring to the administration of the Yukon district. An investigation should be instituted without loss of time and it should be of the most searching description."

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