

CURLERS CONTEST

Championship Games This Evening

Twelve Rinks Entered and Will Compete For the New York Life Trophy.

Tonight on the N. C. curling rink begins the series of games which has for its purpose the question of fixing the championship of the winter among the curlers and the final awarding of the beautiful silver cup presented last winter by the New York Insurance Company and won by Col. Rourke and his rink.

There are 12 rinks entered in the schedule, four of which will play each evening until the victors are decided upon. The following rules have been agreed upon as governing the contest:

1. Games to commence at 8 p. m. sharp. One point for each ten minutes delay to be forfeited by delinquent team until 8:30, at which hour game goes by default unless otherwise agreed upon by opposing skips.

2. Score book to be kept by caretaker and skips will be required to initial the result of each game on termination thereof.

3. Royal Caledonian Curling Club rules to govern these games.

4. No member whose dues are delinquent shall be allowed to take part in any of these games.

5. Fourteen (14) ends shall constitute a game.

The following rinks are scheduled for play this week:

Monday - Crisp vs. Norquay; Hingson vs. Young.

Tuesday - Richardson vs. Stewart; Moncrieff vs. McKinnon.

Wednesday - De Gex vs. Macfarlane; Bruce vs. Noble.

Thursday - Crisp vs. Young; Norquay vs. Richardson.

Friday - Hingson vs. Stewart; Moncrieff vs. Macfarlane.

Saturday - McKinnon vs. Bruce; De Gex vs. Noble.

To Sue R. R. Co.

Mr. Thos. Kirkpatrick is about to start an action here against the White Pass & Yukon Company upon what may be said to be new lines, but it will undoubtedly lead to several actions of a similar character. Mr. Kirkpatrick shipped last summer a large quantity of goods from Victoria to Dawson, paying at Victoria the full freight rates charged for through freight. When the goods arrived here Mr. Kirkpatrick was unable to obtain them from the railroad company until he had paid other and what in his action he will seek to show were exorbitant charges. He will sue to recover the difference between the through rate paid in Victoria and the excessive charges extorted from him here upon the delivery of the goods.

Mail From Down River.

Ben Downing's carriers brought in this morning eight sacks of mail from lower river points, two of which were for Dawson and the remainder for the outside. This will go out this evening. The mail from the south got in about two o'clock this afternoon, altogether ten sacks. Three of these are for the lower river and will also go out this evening. So as postal arrangements are running just at this time there can be no kick coming from anybody.

Excitement at the Forks.

M. B. O'Dell, the young lawyer, was at the Forks on Saturday and Sunday, returning this morning. He says that there is much excitement there in regard to the Treadgold concession, more than there is here judging from the surface. They have been counseled to wait and see what Dawson does, and on Wednesday evening they will hold a mass meeting on the subject. Several gentlemen from Dawson have been invited to speak at this meeting.

Small Fire.

Fire broke out on Saturday afternoon in a cabin at the corner of Albert street and Sixth avenue, occupied by Messrs. McLane and Campbell. The fire boys were quickly on hand and the amount of damage done was very slight.

Russian Like

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Princes Lutfulah and Sabagadid, sons of Damud Mahmud, the Sultan's

brother-in-law, who was recently condemned to death on the charge of inciting rebellion to overthrow the Sultan. The Princes will be sentenced to death by default as was their father.

To Prevent Collisions

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The practical demonstration of a new device to prevent railroad collisions was made here today to the entire satisfaction of all the railroad men.

In Kentucky

Louisville, Feb. 16.—Nine men were killed and many injured in a conflict with the Turner outlaws yesterday. Sixty citizens and police are engaged in attempting to arrest the party.

Horsefly N. G.

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—P. Morrison has just returned from the Horsefly diggings which he says are worthless. He says the boomers are using Klondike gold to exhibit as samples.

Seattle, Feb. 17.—Diver McHardy has gone to Fitz Hugh Sound to raise the Steamer Bertha.

Dominion Interfers

Victoria, Feb. 17.—The Dominion government has asked the British Columbia legislature to either amend or repeal its legislation of the last session containing anti-Oriental clauses.

Fitz and Jefferies Sign

New York, Feb. 17.—Fitzsimmons and Jefferies have signed for a 20 round match to take place between the 10th and 20th of May for the world's championship and 60 per cent. of the gate receipts.

Army Reductions

London, Feb. 17.—British army estimates show a reduction in expense of £25,000,000 from last year, although no reduction has been made in the South African forces.

The Prince En Route

Berlin, Feb. 14.—Prince Henry sailed on the Bremen Haven for New York. His ship is convoyed by the United States warships Cincinnati, San Francisco, Illinois and Olympia.

Gets Five Years

Victoria, Feb. 16.—Frank Nichols, the Italian slayer of Tom Westes, pleaded guilty of murder in self-defense. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years.

COUNCIL MEETING

City Fathers Convening This Afternoon.

Informal Gathering of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at Empire Hotel.

The first meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen will take place at the Empire hotel this afternoon at 5 p. m. By the provisions of the act, the first regular meeting of the board occurs on Monday, March 3, so that this afternoon will be wholly informal and principally for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the future welfare of the city. Mayor Macaulay will preside and all the aldermen will be present, with the exception of Mr. Wilson, who is now on his way outside.

The policy that it is proposed to pursue will be outlined and an expression of opinion will be taken upon the questions of interest to the city. The relations of the board are most harmonious and upon the convening of the council in regular session upon March 3 it will be found that but little time will have to be spent in becoming acquainted and arranging preliminaries before getting down to hard work.

Ballot Box Frauds

London, Ont., Feb. 17.—Inquiry has been opened in the alleged ballot-box frauds at this place.

Changes Hands

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The Northern Navigation Company has purchased the Beaty line of steamers.

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COURT IN CHAMBERS

Usual Grist of Motions Disposed of.

Sessions Will Begin at an Earlier Hour Until Further Notice.

During the hearing of a number of motions in chambers this morning Mr. Justice Dugas announced that from now on court would sit at 10:30 instead of 11 as has been the case through midwinter. The hour will be again changed to 10 o'clock some weeks later.

Judgment was given on the motion for an injunction in the case of Berry et al vs. Campbell et al, the motion being dismissed with costs.

In Cashman vs. Jones, counsel for plaintiff asks for an early trial, a motion for judgment having been argued and denied last chamber day. His lordship will examine the pleadings before granting the request.

In Maguire vs. Boyle a motion for security for costs was argued. Reserved.

Judgment will be rendered tomorrow in the case of J. H. Duncan vs. F. X. Gowans. The action is for the recovery of a one-half interest in the hillside claim adjoining 20 Gold Run which defendant is alleged to have procured by fraud.

There was a motion for judgment in Froman & Grisman vs. Gustavson, the amount alleged to be due being \$750.

Hegler vs. Bank of British North America stands for two weeks, pending the return of the plaintiff.

Grotschier vs. Morrison came up on a motion for security for costs, affidavits being filed by defendant by which it was sought to be shown that plaintiff was not out of the jurisdiction of the court and had no intention of returning to the Yukon. Stands for a week.

In Hoffman vs. Moe a motion was filed asking for a stay of proceedings pending the decision of the British Columbia court of appeals to which the case was appealed from the judgment of the lower court.

A stay of proceedings was granted in Meadows vs. Cummings until July 1 upon a bond in the sum of \$200 being furnished.

Bank of British North America vs. Hartley for one week.

There is no peremptory list for this week, there apparently being no cases ready for trial.

Enrolled as a Member.

M. B. Odell, who recently was successful in passing the law examination, today signed the certificate and was enrolled as a member of the bar of the Yukon Territory. The several oaths required were taken before clerk of the court Macdonald and the rising young barrister was presented by Mr. F. T. Congdon.

He Overdrew

Detroit, Feb. 16.—The collapse of the City Savings Bank is proven to have been precipitated by President Frank C. Andrews overdrawing his personal account to the amount of \$1,000,000. Andrews has been arrested.

Great Reduction

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—In return for a contribution from the federal government towards the erection of the Marconi telegraph station at Cape

Breton for carrying on the trans-Atlantic wireless system, the Marconi company has agreed to give a rate sixty per cent lower than the present cable rate. Government messages will be handled at a still lower rate and the authorities will be allowed to introduce the wireless system for the protection of shipping along the sea coast and the great lakes. An appropriation will be asked from parliament this session.

Livingstone Not Coming

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 17.—Rev. John Livingstone has reconsidered his decision to go to Dawson to take the Methodist pastorate of that city, preferring to accept a similar call at Petrolia, Ont.

Alverstone Refuses

London, Feb. 17.—Baron Alverstone Lord Chief Justice of England, absolutely refuses to open the famous case of Poulett against Poulett in which Viscount Hinton is endeavoring to recover the Poulett titles and estates.

New C. P. Steamer

Victoria, Feb. 17.—The Canadian Pacific Company has ordered from Swan & Hunter of Newcastle-on-Tyne a new iron hull, twin screw steamer that is guaranteed to make 18 knots an hour, to run on the Victoria-Vancouver route.

Famine in India

London, Feb. 16.—The famine outlook for India is alarming. In addition to lack of grain there is a plague of rats in Gujerat, Rajpootna and Central India that is destroying all crops.

Cost of Telegram.

The cost of sending the telegram to Ottawa denouncing the Treadgold concession, the result of the meeting of the Liberal association Saturday evening, was \$163.68.

Small Debts Court.

The next session of the small debts court has been fixed for Friday, March 14.

Takes Another Residence.

Mr. Justice Dugas today is moving his place of abode to the handsome residence recently completed on Fifth avenue between Mission and Harper streets.

Good Thing

Seattle, Feb. 15.—A four-corned rate war is imminent between Seattle and San Francisco lines operating steamers to St. Michaels and Nome.

Cloudburst

Dunsmuir, Cal., Feb. 15.—A cloudburst visited this place today, carrying away six buildings.

Row at Church

Chicago, Feb. 16.—A fierce conflict between rival factions took place in a Greek church here today.

KOYUKUK A BAD ONE

According to a Letter From F. C. Whalley

Says Saloon Men and Townsite Owners Have Sent False Reports to Boom Country

Frank C. Whalley, who is now in the Koyukuk, writes to his brother Ernest M. Whalley, the well known newspaper dealer of this city, under date of January 12th, which letter came in with the mail from the lower river this morning:

"Bettles is quiet just now. It will be news to you, perhaps, that its fixed population is only about fifty men. The rest of the Koyukuk population is scattered over hundreds of miles of country, one here and one there, and all at this time practically out of reach. It may be different next summer if the middle fork is good enough to support the crowd that is said to be coming.

"This leads me to say that in my opinion the resources of this section have been overestimated outside, and that it may bring in a crowd who will be disappointed. Our diggings did not come up to what was expected last year, and there has been nothing new found yet.

"I am on Hammond river, on claim No. 7 above discovery. I have a half interest in this. While we may get good pay on this particular creek I do not see anything in the country to justify a stampede in here, and all the reports that have been sent out to encourage this stampede have been made by saloon keepers and townsite boomers. These, of course, are the only ones who would benefit by the creation of a rush to this country.

"It is a good enough country to prospect in, but how is a man going to live? He must be idle for about nine months in the year, and there are but few claims here he could possibly get a chance to work on.

"I have claim No. 7 above discovery on Hammond but have only been here a week, and if you think it is fun living in a tent with the weather we have had, I don't. It takes us all our time to get wood to keep the fire going. I was on Marion creek before I came here and got nothing."

Very Important Meeting

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how does he propose to find the stakes that at one time perhaps closed the so-called reverted claims some of them staked in '87? Mr. Treadgold going to have an array of detectives employed in keeping track of all the claims in the country and finding out whether the assessment work has been done on them or not?

"Now what does Mr. Treadgold give in return for this extraordinary concession? He supplies the water from the Forks down with 50 heads of water in 1905. The supply of 50 sluice heads of water may be boon to the hillside miners, but they will be required to pay about twice the amount per inch, they have been paying hitherto, for the creek claim owners, if they do not open up their claims would be under the necessity of fluming sluice heads of water over the claims in order to be able to pay their claims at all.

"The whole thing seems to be a same old story—ignorance of conditions and the needs of the area here.

"As to the deplorable effect of blanketing of the country, that is well known and appreciated for a discuss."

Seven Years for Lewis

Spokane, Feb. 16.—Attorney A. Lewis was yesterday sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for defrauding a client, Mrs. Bauer Platt.

Want a Fight

Buffalo, Feb. 16.—The Fort Buffalo International Athletic Club of this city will give 65 per cent. of the proceeds for a fight between Jeffries and Sharkey.

Whist Club.

The meeting of the whist club which was called for this evening has been postponed. The next meeting will be held at the residence of J. U. Nichol.

Cattle Dying

Denier, Feb. 16.—Many thousands of cattle are dying in this state exposure and starvation.

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