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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium Theatre—"Too Much Johnson."

THEIR OWN DEATH BLOW

The developments of the past two days have served to open the eyes of the community, in a remarkable manner, to the real character of the clique of professional politicians who have come to be known as the "Kid" Committee.

The accusation made by this paper that the "Kids" proposed to effect an organization in Dawson distinctly Tammany lines has been verified in every detail. They have attempted a high-handed piece of knavery which could scarcely be rivalled by Boss Croker himself, and the fact that they have met with signal failure does not in any particular relieve them from culpability, either as individuals or as an organization.

Accepting the story as given over the signature of one of their own members, the affair reveals a condition of moral obtuseness which almost passes comprehension.

Briefly reviewed the circumstances are as follows: A slate committee composed of the most prominent members of the general committee was appointed for the ostensible purpose of preparing a list of available candidates. That committee delegated one of its members to interview the leading men whose names were under consideration and exact from them a number of promises, chief among which was an agreement to sign an undated resignation which should be given in charge of the committee to be used at its discretion.

BY THIS MEANS THEY PROPOSED TO RETAIN A STRING UPON THE CANDIDATES IN ORDER THAT THE FIRST MAYOR OF DAWSON MIGHT BE COMPELLED TO ACT UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES IN ACCORD WITH THEIR BIDDING.

The voters of Dawson are able to understand without any further difficulty the lengths to which this precocious outfit would go in order to accomplish their ends. The veil of alleged honesty of purpose under which they have so long masked has dropped completely from around them and they stand revealed before the community in their true characters.

Even their own organ, the News, fears to insult public opinion by offering a defense of their knavery. It merely asks the public to forget the circumstance and endeavors to shift the blame onto the shoulders of the individuals who were chiefly involved. The effect of this monstrous exhibition of political rascality has simply been to turn the eyes of the community toward the tax payers' committee which numbers in its membership and among its adherents the bulk of the responsible men of the community. To that committee the public looks for protection against the machinations of political tricksters, and the Nugget will hazard the opinion that its actions will be taken with due regard for the obligations under which it rests.

The community is merely waiting an opportunity to go on record against the corrupt practices which the "Kids" have sought to establish. Their latest manipulations have disgusted the decent citizens who have heretofore supported them, and they have left now only a disheartened, un-

organized remnant of their followers.

The taxpayers have a clear field before them, provided they continue to merit the confidence which the public now reposes in them. The "Kids" have delivered their own death blow.

Charges have been made that the officers of the wrecked steamer Walla Walla were intoxicated when the accident occurred. Almost without exception similar accusations have been made in every case of a like nature that has occurred on the Pacific Coast. In a number of specific instances to which reference might be made there is no doubt of the correctness of the charge. As for the present case there is not sufficient evidence at hand to warrant an opinion being expressed. Experience has proven, however, that men who are addicted to strong drink are not to be trusted with the responsibility of navigating a vessel of any sort. An appetite for liquor should be an absolute bar against men seeking such positions.

LITIGATION INCREASING

Number Cases Last Year in Territorial Court Exceeds 1000.

The year 1901, as seen by a glance at the books of the clerk of the territorial court, was more prolific of litigation than any previous year since the first formation of the high court. The court was first established early in '98, Mr. Justice Maguire being one of the Major Walsh party, which included Mr. Fred Wade, Captain Starnes and a number of others, which crossed the Chilkoot pass late in '97. The party in coming down the Yukon where they remained until February, then proceeded to Dawson over the ice. During '98 there were not many law suits, as everyone was too busy stampeding and accumulating the wealth which existed so plentifully, but the following year when things began to assume a more natural temperature then commenced the disputes which required the services of a court to adjudicate. In '99 there were 822 suits filed in the territorial court exclusive of criminal cases. In 1900 the number was slightly less, aggregating 796. Last year, however, the number was far greater than ever before, being no less than 1092. Of that number 859 were civil cases, 203 were small debts, 17 were cases in the admiralty court and 13 were cases heard by the court of appeals. Criminal cases are not included in the foregoing.

To handle such an amount of litigation, to prepare the cases and otherwise care for the interests of the litigants requires no small number of advocates. The book in which the barristers enroll their names discloses the fact that the bar of the Yukon territory consists of 47 members. Several of the number do not engage in active practice, two reside at Whitehorse and two, Messrs. Elgin Shoff and H. G. Lisle, have left the territory for good.

Robbed of Jewels. New York, Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thebaud, of Madison avenue, were robbed today of jewelry worth \$50,000. This was corroborated by Mr. Thebaud at headquarters, where, in company with a member of the firm from which most of the jewelry had been purchased, he gave the police a partial list of the jewels taken.

The valuables consisted in part of one pear-shaped diamond, said by Mr. Thebaud to be worth \$20,000; one pearl weighing 44 grains, said to be worth \$15,000; and 300 small ornaments, making up a total of about \$50,000.

The robbery is said by the police, and also by Mr. Thebaud to have been the work of a newly engaged valet who had been employed by Mr. Thebaud but two weeks.

The valet is missing, and the valet who resembled him is under constant police surveillance. Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud went to White Plains yesterday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willets. They were to spend Sunday with the Willets family. The valet accompanied them. This morning the Willets, Thebaud and several other guests, went to church. Soon after the return Mrs. Thebaud discovered that her diamond and opal were gone, but found that little else had been taken. Mr. Thebaud at once communicated

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DOG AIDS POLICE

By Digging Old Clothes From Under Building.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The Evanston police, with renewed hope of success in solving one of the most mysterious abductions or disappearance cases of recent years, today issued new circulars offering a reward for information concerning the whereabouts of Miss Florence Ely and her thirteen-year-old nephew, Frank Ely Rogers.

A description of Miss Ely is given but it is stated that the boy is in all probability dressed in the garb of a girl. Their non-success in obtaining valuable information concerning the pair hitherto is now attributed to the fact that the police had been asked to look for a woman and a boy. This new tack in the search is due to the discovery of the clothing worn by Miss Ely and the boy July 13, the day they disappeared.

A dog dragged from under a depot platform a bundle of clothing which the parents of young Rogers identified as having belonged to their son. A search disclosed Miss Ely's old garments. As the boy's collar was left with the clothes, it is thought certain that Miss Ely took advantage of the lad's girlish face and hair to dress him in skirts. It is thought that following the change of clothing, she and woman took a train for Wisconsin or Michigan and it is believed she is supporting both by giving instructions in music and painting.

A reward of \$500 for the apprehension of the boy or his aunt has been standing since last July.

Miss Cropsey's Death. Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 29.—Funeral services over the body of Miss Nellie Cropsey, whose body was discovered in the Pasquotank river after a search lasting several weeks, were held in the Methodist church here today.

At the conclusion of the services the body was placed in the Sunday school room, and later will be taken by Andrew G. Cropsey, uncle of the girl, to Brooklyn, N. Y., for burial. The citizens' committee investigating the affair acted as pallbearers today. The jail in which young Wilcox, who was arrested for alleged participation in the girl's death, lies only a stone's throw from the church. Wilcox knew the funeral was in progress, but showed no emotion. The guards were withdrawn from the jail today and permitted to go home.

Public sentiment is strong against Wilcox, but there is less talk of lynching, and some of the ministers today took occasion in their sermons to advise against mob violence. Wilcox absolutely refuses, under advice of his attorney, to say anything regarding the case. He asserts that the first statement made by him covers all he knows of the case. He is charged with the murder of the girl, and as the offense is not bailable in this state, he will have to stay in jail pending a trial. It is believed he will waive an examination and permit his case to go direct to the grand jury next March.

R. W. Turner, a member of the citizens' committee, asserted today that they would have sufficient evidence to connect Wilcox with the crime.

Woman's Brutal Murder.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 24.—A woman known as Lena Young was brutally murdered today in her apartments at a lodging house in this city, and George Gribble is in jail, charged with the crime. The woman's maiden name was Lena Wood. She claimed to be Gribble's wife. Gribble was found in the hallway of the house where they both lived in an excited frame of mind, with face and hands covered with blood. He declared that the woman had come home badly beaten, and that he put her to bed. She arose, after which he again placed her in the bed, and she died there in a few moments. The woman was frightfully beaten.

There being evidence of her having been jumped on. Her body in front was a mass of cuts and abrasions, and her face had been beaten out of recognition. She had also been strangled and much of her hair torn out by the roots. The room bore evidence of a terrible life and death struggle, blood having been splattered and daubed over the walls and furniture, and there was also considerable blood upon the floor. At the autopsy some of the woman's teeth were found in her stomach. After Gribble had been taken to the jail he kicked some of the blood off his fingers.

The coroner's jury found that the deceased came to her death by strangulation and bodily injuries inflicted by Gribble.

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The British officials usually link these various boundary controversies together as they are more or less connected. At present a modus vivendi exists as to the Alaskan boundary question, chiefly for the purpose of avoiding a clash along the border and holding each side in check until a final boundary is determined upon. It seems to be conceded on both sides that the modus cannot be carried on indefinitely and that sooner or later

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Early reports said that ten or twelve passengers had been killed, but it is now stated that the passengers got out of the way just in time to escape the landslide when it crashed down over the tracks. The accident occurred between 7 and 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The name of the conductor who was killed was Capt. Whitaker, and that of the engineer Fisher. Express Messenger Shannon is missing, and it is believed that he was drowned, the water being very high about the scene of the wreck. The fireman, it is said, was not killed and his injuries are not likely to prove fatal. A message from Reusens says the dead will not number more than four or five.

Several passengers from the scene of the wreck say that probably one or two passengers are buried under the debris, caused by the slide, but no names can be ascertained of any passengers known to the mishap occurred train to which the mishap occurred was known as No. 7. It left Lynchburg behind an engine, tender, baggage car and one passenger car, which was pretty well filled with travelers.

It is stated that the train had run into a rock slide without damage and the trainmen and some of the passengers had succeeded in pushing the passenger car back from under the cliff. They were trying to do the same thing for the baggage car when a second heavy slide came down. The car was overturned and Thompson, Fisher and Shannon were crushed. Conductor Whitaker was knocked into the river and drowned. His body has not been recovered. A shout of warning as the second slide came enabled most of those who were in danger to escape without injury. Fears are expressed that one or more passengers may have been caught, but so far as can be learned none is known to be missing. All the killed were residents of Richmond.

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