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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1901.

## LET THEM SMOKE.

Seriously considered, it would not seem wise to us that smoking should be prohibited in the free library. The institution was inaugurated for the purpose of affording a place where men might spend their spare moments in profitable employment and with as much comfort as possible.

The library was not intended by its original promoters as a resort for women and no arrangements exist for their accommodation. Even if the institution were conducted along the lines suggested in a communication recently published in this paper, it is very doubtful if any considerable number of women would be found in Dawson to patronize it. On the other hand, as a visit to the library at any time will amply demonstrate, there are always men enough on hand to tax the capacity of the building.

Rules which govern in long-settled communities cannot always be applied with safety in a newly settled district. The question of procedure at the library must be determined in the light of the conditions which surround us.

Dawson is very largely a community of men, a considerable portion of whom find themselves with no little time upon their hands. Before the establishment of the free library, almost their only choice for spending their spare hours lay between a cheerless cabin and a bar-room. Men coming to town from the creeks for a few days had only the latter alternative.

It was this condition of affairs which led to the organization of the library and very properly it was decided to conduct it upon liberal lines. Smoking is permitted—not because the directors of the institution believe the use of tobacco is something to be encouraged—but for the reason that they recognize the fact that smoking is one of the very few pleasures incident to the lives of most men in Dawson. As a matter of fact we are confident that the question, if left to the ladies of Dawson as a whole, would be decided in favor of a continuance of the present system. If smoking were prohibited at the library one of the main objects for which it was instituted would be lost.

## AN APPEAL COURT.

A court of appeal established in Dawson to which cases from the gold commissioner's and territorial courts may be taken will give the Yukon territory a judicial system suitable to all its requirements. At the present time a litigant must have a very lengthy purse to be able to carry a case beyond the local courts.

The system of settling appeal cases, especially where valuable mining interests are concerned, is unsatisfactory for several other reasons besides the expense involved.

The department of the interior has jurisdiction over this class of cases which form the bulk of important litigation in this territory. Departmental officers have political responsibilities of which regularly constituted courts are entirely independent. It does not necessarily follow that the rights of litigants are endangered on this account, but an appellant will naturally

feel more confidence in prosecuting his case before a court which is beyond the reach of political pressure.

The logical way out of the difficulty is the establishment of a full court of appeal in Dawson.

Gen. DeWet, now commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, is reported as having entered Cape Colony. As the Cape Dutch are known to be in many instances almost ripe for revolt this news is anything but encouraging. Lord Kitchener knew whereof he spoke when he called upon the war office for more troops. If the departmental people had depended more upon the suggestions of the officers in the field and less upon their own judgment, the war would have been brought to a much speedier termination.

Dawson has been the scene of very few murders and suicides this winter. In former days such things were of quite common occurrence. The mania for those particular classes of diversion has been pretty well overcome by the very effective manner in which our criminal laws are enforced.

If the amount of work contemplated for the coming summer is any indication of the amount which actually will be done there will be more men working on the different creeks within the next ninety days than ever before.

More sunlight. Have you noticed it?

## Will of Late Marcus Daly.

New York, Jan. 19.—The will of the late Marcus Daly, filed for probate at Anaconda, Mont., makes Mrs. Daly the sole executrix of the estate without bonds, makes her guardian of the minor children and gives her one-third of the estate. The remaining two-thirds of the estate is to be divided equally between Mrs. Daly's three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Brown, of Baltimore, and Misses Mary and Harriett Daly, and his son Marcus Daly, jr. In the event of the death of Mrs. Daly before the trusts imposed upon her by the will are executed, the four children of the testator, or the survivors of them are to be made the trustees and executors in her place, without security. Any of the children may, during the life of the trust, dispose of his or her share by will. The instrument, which bears date September 18, 1900, is witnessed by William Sculton, of Butte, Mont.; John C. Lalor, of Anaconda, Mont., and Dillon Brown, of New York.

The Marcus Daly estate is estimated at \$20,000,000 by those most familiar with it, though others have placed it as high as fifty to one hundred millions. The former figures is the one named by Mr. Daly himself as the nearest designating his wealth. The estate includes large blocks of stocks in the Amalgamated, Anaconda and Washoe Copper companies, and the Bitter Root stock farm of 22,000 acres, upon which there were until a few weeks ago, horses valued at \$1,600,000. The estate also owns the Anaconda Standard newspaper, two magnificent hotels at Anaconda and Hamilton, vast timber lands and great saw mills in different parts of the state, coal mines at Belt, Mont., and Diamondville, Wyo.; the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railroad, running from Butte to Anaconda, the Anaconda townsite, electric light, water and other companies.

## Prof. Garner With the Monkeys.

Wautauga, Tenn., Jan. 19.—Mrs. J. Welsh, of this place, sister of Prof. R. L. Garner, has telegraphic information from Mrs. Garner, who is in Boston, that the professor is alive and safe. Prof. Garner is now in the heart of Africa proceeding with his work interpreting the monkey language. He is a native of Sullivan county, Tennessee. It was recently reported from Boston that Prof. Garner had been killed in Africa.

## Beauties of a Glacier.

The fascinations of a glacier are as witching as they are dangerous. Aposiotic vision of a crystal city glorified by light "that never was on land or sea" was not more beautiful than these vast ice rivers, whose onward course is chronicled, not by years and centuries, but by geological ages, says a British Columbia correspondent of the New York Post. With white snow-cornices wreathed fantastic as arabesque and with the glassy walls of emerald grotto reflecting a million sparkling jewels, one might be in some cavernous grandeur of an ancient city. The ice pillars and silvered pinnacles, which scientists call seracs, stand like the sculptured marble of temples crumbling to ruin. Glittering pendants hang from the rim of bluish

chasm. Tints too brilliant for artists' brush gleam from the turquoise of crystal walls. Rivers that flow through valleys of ice and lakes, hemmed in by hills of ice, shine with an azure depth that is very infinity's self.

In the morning, when all thaw has been stopped by the night's cold, there is deathly silence over the glacial fields, even the mountain cataracts fall noiselessly from the precipice to ledge in tenuous, wind-blown threads. But with the rising of the sun the whole glacial world bursts to life in noisy tumult. Surface revulets brawl over the ice with a glee that is vocal and almost human. The gurgle of rivers flowing through subterranean tunnels becomes a roar, as of a rushing, angry sea, ice grip no longer holds back rock scree loosened by the night's frost, and there is the reverberating thunder of the falling avalanche.

## No One to Assist Him.

"I have called," said the reporter, "to see if you wish to add anything to our account of your wife's reception this evening. We have most of the details and a long list of names, including those who will assist her in receiving."

"No," replied the business man; "there's only one account that I'm expected to take any interest in, and there will be no one to assist me with that."—Philadelphia Press.

## Income Tax Exacted.

New York, Jan. 22.—The Evening Post says:

American holders of British government bonds today made known the fact that the 5 per cent income tax had been exacted from them by the English government. This unexpected action has materially lessened the return on their investment, and disturbs all actual calculations undertaken at the time the \$28,000,000 allotment of exchequer notes was made in the United States.

Representatives of local interests which have subscribed heavily for the bonds have already applied to the British government for redress, alleging that their securities are not, under the circumstances, subject to income taxation, and the American holders should be relieved from the burdens imposed.

A member of the American syndicate which placed the loan in this country said today that the British government was deducting the tax before interest payments were made to American holders, and so it has everything in its own hands. Some subscribers have already disposed of their holdings, and, altogether, several million dollars' worth have changed hands from the original subscribers.

The president of a large Wall street bank declared today that the 5 per cent deduction had caused him to sell his bonds immediately.

## A Lively Funeral.

Racine, Wis., Jan. 22.—The funeral of George Tomlinson, a pioneer of Racine, which was held Tuesday from the Good Shepherd church, was out of the ordinary; in fact, it is doubtful if a funeral was ever conducted on similar lines in the state. Tomlinson was an Englishman, who came to Racine in 1843. In 1849 he went to California and came back with considerable wealth. He became a Mason and also a prominent politician. Years ago he signified the desire that every Mason who attended his funeral should smoke the best cigar to be had in the city going to and from the grave, and that political friends should do likewise, and furthermore that every lady attending the funeral should be presented with a box of candy. A week before his death he called attention to his request, and it was carried out. About 50 Masons and friends smoked the cigars and as many ladies received the box of candies. Tomlinson left an estate of over \$5000.

## A Skeleton in Every Closet.

The expression "There is a skeleton in every closet" is said to have its origin in the fact that a soldier once wrote to his mother, who complained of her unhappiness, to have some sewing done for him by some one who had no cares or troubles. At last the mother found a woman who seemed to have no troubles, but when she told her business the woman took her to a closet containing a skeleton and said: "Madam, I try to keep my troubles to myself, but every night I am compelled by my husband to kiss this skeleton, who was once his rival. Think you, then, I can be happy?"—Ex.

## Inconsiderate.

"See here!" exclaimed the shopper, excitedly, "there's a man just dropped dead in that bargain crush!"

"How inopportune!" cried the floor walker. "We have not yet opened our undertaking department."—Philadelphia Press.

Fine fresh meats at Murphy Bros., Third street.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

## CURRENT COMMENT

### Doves vs. Polecats.

**Editor Nugget:**  
The great majority of the people for whom the library was originally intended and by whom it is now supported are men, women being in the vast minority. Had your correspondent in the "Dove and Polecat" article laid her grievance before the board of directors of the library she would not have been under the necessity of airing her troubles in public, in an article of almost a column in length. The "haziness" of the atmosphere in the library is, according to her statement at times, as bad as in a saloon. She does not state whether this is direct evidence, or only hearsay; but in either case her statement has to be rejected as overdrawn.

Now, as she herself states that doves and polecats should and would not live in the same place; and as it appears that on the one hand the polecats are in the majority and have the better right to the premises, as they sustain the expenses of the concern, especially designed for people who miss the home influences they formerly enjoyed; but that on the other hand the doves are determined to have the polecats come to their terms, or in default, drive them out of one of the few places which the poor fellows have in this wretched country where they can spend their leisure hours profitably. The question resolves itself to the following simple proposition: Let the "doves" support the present institution and make regulations there according to their own sweet will, and let the polecats hunt up other quarters where they can enjoy their book and pipe at leisure, without any impertinent or presumptuous interference. Yours,

POLECAT.

### Broke Into Jail.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The Record says: After victimizing Mayor Harrison and several hotels in Chicago and other large cities, as the police assert, H. F. Allen, alias W. O. Perry, railroad man, lawyer, politician and alleged representative in the Texas state legislature, has been arrested on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Allen requested Clerk Bering, of the Tremont house, to cash a draft on a private banking firm in Mexico, Texas. Bering wired the banking firm in Texas and learned that Allen had no account in the bank. Bering then took out a warrant. Allen, it is said, represented himself as the traveling auditor of the St. Louis Southwestern road.

### Unexpected Game.

They were talking about hunting in the suburban smoker, and one man who had been listening thoughtfully said:

"I killed a bear once."

"You?" There was a chorus of incredulity.

"Yes. It happened when I was younger than I am now. I was living in a prairie town not a hundred miles from Chicago and was accustomed to take early morning rides through the only piece of woods on the prairie, a grove of respectable size, but to me then a veritable forest.

"One morning I had a surprise. My horse began to snort and rear, and as I approached the track of the only railroad in the town I saw the cause of the disturbance—a bear was browsing along the tracks on the edge of the woods, a live bear, and as it saw me it stood up on its hind legs, frightening my horse into fits. As I had no weapon of any kind I decided quickly to go home and get a gun.

"Now, I did not believe that the bear would sit down and wait to be killed, but that is exactly what he did, and after I shot it a friend happened

along and helped me get him on the horse and carry him home. What two did not know about bears would fill volumes, but we knew enough to skin the unwieldy animal, and then I went to the leading butcher of the place and made a sale of the carcass, a whole bear not being available in my bachelor menage.

"The man said bear's meat was a great luxury and just now was very scarce.

"I inquired about the game laws and found I had not broken them, and then we helped the butcher fix up a place for his window. It read, 'Young Bear Steak Today.'

"I felt quite proud of my adventure, also, somewhat surprised at the ease with which I had bagged such big game, but the next day I had another surprise. My friend was looking for me, white with excitement.

"'Say,' he began, 'do you remember the Frenchman who went through here one day last summer?'

"'A horrible fear caught me. 'Do you mean the man who had the dancing bear?'

"'The same, and it was his bear you killed. It strayed back here a day or two ago, and he is here on its tracks.'

"And the mangy old animal was now posing as 'young bear steak.' I settled the matter with the butcher, and my friend hid the pelt, and we both had urgent business in Chicago, and that was my first and last bear hunt."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Fine line of pipes at Zaccarelli's.

When in want of laundry work call up phone 52. Cascade Laundry.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on and after March 1st, 1901, grants for all applications for relocation will be issued at the time the application is made, wherever the claim applied for appears open for relocation upon the records. The allowance of two weeks which has hitherto been made for holders of claims to take out a certificate of work will cease on and after March 1st. Holders of claims are warned, in order to avoid trouble with relocators, to take out a renewal of their claims on or before the expiration of their former lease.

(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL,  
c28 Assistant Gold Commissioner.

## GO AS YOU PLEASE RUNNING MATCH

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