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From Tuesday's Daily. LAME APOLOGY. It is both pathetic and amusing to see our contemporary squirm and wobble under the load it called down on itself by its famous four-column headline article regarding the alleged wrecking of three wood-laden scows by "terrible storms that have been sweeping over the west coast," but of which the Homer that reached Seattle from St. Michael on the 14th made no report.

It is understood the captain's telegram will read. That is another gem that has not been explained, but we advise our contemporary to cut out its explanations. The more it flounders around in the quagmire into which it precipitated itself the more it soils its clothes.

However, if we are to have any more explanations, give us a treatise on the cause of the scow heading, also on just how it came to be understood that the captain's telegram would read a certain way.

PECULIAR CASE. The state department has been urged to take up the case of Charles Lillywhite, formerly a resident of this state, and demand on his behalf damages from the British government. Lillywhite was an Englishman who came to this country, became naturalized and took up a claim in Pierce county. He subsequently went to New Zealand, where he has resided for many years past, and where he intends to reside permanently in the future, according to his own statement.

Lillywhite undoubtedly has a good claim for damages against the British government. He has been wronged, and he should be recompensed. At the same time, there is no conceivable reason why the government of the United States should interest itself on his behalf. Lillywhite, it is true, was naturalized in the United States and remained here long enough to take advantage of his citizenship rights and enter a piece of government land. Since then, however, he has abandoned this country, and has taken up his permanent residence under the government to which he originally owed allegiance. He has renounced all of the duties of American citizenship, and left this country for all time.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN

Did anyone ever stop to think of the relics of former days and former organizations that exist in Dawson? In many cases these relics are little more than a memory, yet they exist. Only two old-time organizations can now make a good showing of life and one is the Y. O. O. P. a most healthy and flourishing order, the other the old volunteer firemen which, while not now an active organization, the boys are here and, when occasion demands, can get together as was proven on Victoria day.

Of the old miners' union Col. MacGregor alone remains. As an organization the Dawson Board of Trade exists only as a memory. The ears, tail and vertebra of a flying squirrel purchased by Dr. J. N. E. Squire of a Peel river Indian for a cash consideration of \$2.50 are all that remain of the Yukon Museum and the doctor is still shy the \$2.50.

The local Society for the prevention of cruelty to dogs and other animals, being nothing but a fad in the first place, has joined the everlasting throng of "has beens" and now reposes with other bric-a-brac on the shelf of eternity. Like mining, it is necessary in order that an organization be held intact, to do a certain amount of assessment work. Any half-dozen people can get together and organize a mutual benefit throwing association, every night in the week, but unless a certain amount of assessment work is done they revert to the shades of obscurity and another failure blots the page of Time's day book.

FAITH FENTON

Visits Ottawa and Tells of Klondike Affairs. Mrs. Faith Fenton Brown of Dawson City, wife of Dr. John Elliott Brown, territorial secretary for the Yukon, is at the Russell, and will be in the city for a few days. She is going from here to Montreal and Toronto, and will return to Dawson in September. She made the trip from Dawson to Ottawa in two weeks, although she stopped for a few days in Skagway and Vancouver. Her journey to Dawson three years ago occupied five months. Mrs. Brown says life in the Yukon is now very comfortable and she predicts for it a large permanent population, although no one now looks upon it as a permanent residence. Its mining possibilities are by no means exhausted. New creeks are continually being discovered, and though the claims are all staked out immediately, many are afterwards abandoned and may be appropriated by later arrivals. Quartz has recently been discovered, and it remains to be seen if it is in paying quantities.

One of the things which Dawson is most in need of, Mrs. Brown says, is telegraphic communication with the rest of the world, but she hopes this will be remedied before she returns. One of the chief obstacles to comfortable living will be fully appreciated by eastern housekeepers. It is lack of servants. Mrs. Brown is well known in the literary and newspaper world, "Faith Fenton" being a familiar name to many Canadian readers. Ottawa Journal, July 9.

IN SOUTH AFRICA

Kitchener Says Unmounted Soldiers May be Withdrawn. London, July 14.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated at Pretoria: "Broadwood's brigade surprised Reitz, capturing Stein's brother and others. Stein himself escaped in his shirt sleeves with one other man only. The so-called 'Orange River government' and papers were captured." Lord Kitchener also reports that Schaepe's command as announced in the Associated Press dispatches early last week, burned the public buildings in Murraysboro, Cape Colony, and some farm houses in the vicinity. According to further advices from Lord Kitchener, the columns under Featherstone and Col. Dixon have reached Zeerust, Western Transvaal. They met with opposition and made some captures. The British casualties were one officer killed and three officers and twenty-four men wounded.

London, July 15.—Lord Kitchener has advised the government—that it is possible to withdraw a large number of infantry regiments from South Africa, amounting virtually to the greater part of the unmounted army. At the same time he requests that he be supplied with more mounted men. The government is considering this, according to the Daily News, and will probably be guided by Lord Kitchener's advices. "It is also contemplated," says the same journal, "if the infantry is largely withdrawn, to concentrate the British troops along the Natal railway between Durban and Pietermaritzburg, and between Johannesburg and Pretoria, thus carrying gold and provisions for the troops by a shorter route than the Cape Town to Pretoria way be abandoned."

London, July 15.—"Gen. Broadwood," says a dispatch to the Daily News from Bloemfontein, "surprised Reitz due east of Lindley at dawn last Thursday, July 11. He took twenty-nine prisoners, including Gen. A. Clowse and Gen. Wesel, Commandant Dwaal, First Cornet Pelt Stein (President Stein's brother), Thomas Brain, secretary of government, and Roches de Villiers, secretary to the council. Stein himself fled without coat or boots. General DeWet is believed to have been present."

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STANDARD THEATRE

Producing Nat C. Goodwin's "In Missouri" This Week. In the production of Nat C. Goodwin's play "In Missouri," the players at the Standard theater this week show their versatility by appearing in characters which are wholly different from those in last week's production and in some respects the play this week is different from any that has ever been staged in Dawson.

It portrays a picture of the life of the Missourians during the earlier days when bad men were wont to roam through the country and stage robberies were not an infrequent occurrence. The play more particularly deals with the everyday life of the Varney family and shows the honest hearts clothed in the rough exterior of the people of that country, and also portrays the disappointment of a girl who has returned to her simple surroundings from a college education and her desire to get out into the world which would lead her to run away from her home and her true lover with a man of whom she knows nothing and who, although of a genteel outward appearance, proves to be one of the worst villains in the country.

While the action of the play is not as lively as in some of the plays which have been produced it is because of the slow nature of the people whose lives are being reproduced. But nevertheless it is a good, wholesome play and one which will undoubtedly have a large patronage this week. W. C. Bohman as Jim Radurn, the sheriff, and Vivian as Kate Varney, eldest daughter of Joe Varney, take the leading roles. Alf. C. Layne as Joe Varney takes the part of the old man which is his best role. Wm. Mullen as Dave a simple country lad is a character in which he has made himself popular. Marjorie Holden as Elizabeth, portrays a good picture of a sleepy, lazy country girl. P. C. Lewis, as the part of the villain as Mr. Travers; Julia Walcott as Mrs. Varney, has a part in which she appears to her best advantage as a fussy old lady. A. R. Thorne as Col. Bollinger, Bob Lawrence as Sam Fowler, Gus Saville as Bill Sobar and Martin Egan complete the cast.

The synopsis of the play is as follows: Act 1.—Living room of Varney's home with the partition out. An evening in June. Act 2.—Joe Varney's blacksmith shop the following morning. Act 3.—Evening of the same day. The train robber. The sacrifice. Act 4.—The following morning. A square understanding. Jim shows his hand. Not now; some other time. The Coles who have a world-wide renown and who have become popular in Dawson are still at this theater and at the close of the play give a new set of tricks on the double trapeze.

China Compiles. New York, July 15.—A dispatch from Washington to the Herald says: China has formally complied with the demand of the powers that she suspend "for five years all official examinations in all the cities where foreigners have been massacred or have been subjected to cruel treatment," but she has done it in such a way as to rob the suspension of the punitive character desired by the foreign governments. The emperor has issued an edict suspending the examinations not only in the guilty districts, but throughout the entire country for a period of five years. Instead of announcing that this is a result of the ill-treatment of foreigners the edict explains that the emperor desires to give the students in every province an opportunity to prepare for an entirely new and modern system of examination.

The United States has not agreed to the foreign ministers in Peking demand that a special punishment be administered in those districts in which foreigners were outraged. This government is anxious that the powers should retire from China as promptly as possible. While China has in the matter of examinations, turned a difficulty, it is pointed out that the other terms demanded are exceedingly rigorous, and that it will be difficult for the imperial government to comply with them and at the same time preserve its prestige at home. To Prevent Lynching. Richmond, Va., July 15.—A resolution aiming to prevent lynching was introduced in the Virginia constitutional convention today by Mr. Wedigo (Republican). It provides that the governor shall offer a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of every person who shall engage in the offense, and the crime shall be murder in the first degree where the hanging or lynching is accomplished, and the governor shall pay \$1000 to the heirs of any person lynched, the money to be charged to the county or city in which the crime was committed.

Bad Boys. There are two or three small boys in Dawson that unless put under restraint very soon will bring disgrace to themselves and sorrow to their parents who now look upon the little rascals as perfect saints. In fact, scarcely a day passes that these boys do not lay themselves liable to arrest, part of their pastimes being to smash over-ripe eggs on cabin doors when the occupants are from home, devastating gardens, and store houses. Last night these lads in question were seen with a repeating rifle which they said had been given them by a man. Anyone having lost a rifle will obtain further information by calling at the Nugget office. Number your houses and get your mail. Standard letters approved by Commissioner Ross are now being placed on all stores and residences. crt

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STEAMBOAT NEWS.

The Dawson arrived Monday at noon with a few passengers, a heavy cargo of freight, and the crew from the captain to the pantry boy clad in the deepest mourning. Prior to the last trip of the Selkirk the Dawson held the record on the up river run, but she holds it no more. Hence the crepe. The Selkirk on her last trip made the run from dock to dock in 2 days, 16 hours and 45 minutes, beating the best previous time held by the Dawson, by 2 hours and 25 minutes.

The Wilbur Crimmins arrived from Whitehorse Sunday evening with 12 passengers, 6 horses and a small quantity of freight. The present year promises to be memorable in shipping circles in more ways than one. For 18 years the old A. C. Co. has kept a record of the breakup and closing of the river, the movement of the ice at St. Michael and arrivals and departures of different steamers, and in all that time the latest date in the season for the first arrival from St. Michael is the 22d of July. That, too, was at a time when the steamers wintered on the lower Yukon and had to go to St. Michael for their cargoes before returning up the river. It is only very recently that boats have been pulled out on the beach at St. Michael and wintered there, ready in the spring to load up the moment the ice broke up. In view of the delay in the arrival of the boats this year extraordinary conditions must certainly exist at the mouth of the river. What it is can be but a matter of conjecture, but it is reasonably certain the delay is due to the ice. The Russian priests located at Andreafsky report that in 1898 an ice gorge formed a few miles below their village which held on for 10 days and raised the water in the Yukon 40 feet, flooding all the islands and low lying land for miles in extent. The ice in the Yukon is always out before that in Bering sea breaks and yet the latest date in 18 years for the ice in St. Michael bay to break up was nearly a month earlier than the present date—on June 25, 1896. The earliest date of record for the clearing of St. Michael bay was May 31, 1888. Word may be received via Seattle and Skagway as to the condition of the sea and lower river before a boat arrives at Eagle. Sets were offered this morning that a boat would be in this week.

The excursion down the river Sunday was more liberally patronized than the two former ones. Fully 175 people enjoyed a Sunday outing, returning at 11 o'clock in the evening. As the Whitehorse pulled out for up river points Monday at noon she hurled defiance at the Dawson and by her steam whistles gave notice that she intended to endeavor to wrest the broom from the Selkirk which the latter recently took away from the Dawson. The Whitehorse carried 32 passengers, among them being the Stewart bridal party.

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