

## NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING.

Will Be Erected Within the Next Six Months.

Plans for its Construction Have Been Accepted—The Appropriation Has Been Made.

No one could offer the least criticism respecting the manner in which the local postal affairs are administered. Since the appointment of Postmaster Hartman, the office has been thoroughly systematized and the service has been constantly improved. Under the circumstances, the management of this particular branch of the government is exceedingly creditable; but Mr. Hartman and his able assistants are performing their manifold and onerous duties at a great disadvantage. The postoffice building is ill suited to the purpose for which it is now used. The inconvenient entrance discommodates the public, and the arrangement of the interior affords no facility for the transaction of business by the postal employees. The officials at Ottawa long since realized the existence of conditions which are prevalent here, and the initial preparations for the improvement of matters were made some time ago. The government is the owner of a lot situated on the southwest corner of Third avenue and Third street. The property has frontages of 50 feet on Third avenue and 100 feet on Third street. Upon this site it is proposed to erect a well appointed postoffice building.

The plans for the new structure were drawn last December. They have been submitted to the proper officers at Ottawa, and have been approved and accepted. The specifications provide for a two-story building to be 70 feet long and 37 feet wide. The lower floor will be devoted exclusively to the postal department. The entrance will be placed at the corner of the structure. The upper story will be partitioned into offices for the customs, crown land and register departments. The building will be constructed of lumber, and the interior will be finished with British Columbia cedar. Fire proof vaults will be built in the new structure and on top of it a clock tower will be erected. Adjoining the postoffice there will be a one story building, which will be used by the customs officials as an examining warehouse.

In the last session of parliament, an appropriation of about \$154,000 was made for the construction of government buildings in Dawson; this amount included the sum necessary to commence work on the new postoffice. It is expected that during the present session of parliament a further appropriation will be passed for the specific purpose of erecting the building now proposed. Mr. F. N. Fuller is superintendent architect for the Yukon territory, and in speaking of the matter recently, he said:

"We are waiting now for authority from Ottawa to call for tenders for the construction of the new postoffice. My opinion is that the structure will be completed within the next six months."

In all probability Dawson's expectations of a modern postoffice building will be realized before the end of the coming summer.

### Police Court.

Evidently a new brand of whisky has been received in Dawson which could be very appropriately called the "speechless" brand, as Arthur Ganiel, who was before Magistrate Perry this morning on the charge of having been drunk last night, could articulate only in a low whisper, the libations having robbed him of his voice. Arthur did not attempt to exercise his vocal organs by remarks in extenuation of the crime of which he was charged. A fine of \$10 and costs was imposed which was paid.

The dog case which has been mentioned nearly every day for a week, and in which J. Andrews is accused by Chas. Swain of having stolen a husky dog valued at \$150, is still on tap and was again continued this morning until witnesses appear.

### Public Library Concert.

An excellent concert and entertainment was given at the Dawson Library and Reading Room on last Monday evening. All the numbers were well rendered and evoked hearty applause.

The following selections comprised the program: Address, Commissioner Ogilvie; musical selection, the Yukon Field Force Band; recitation, "Casey at the Bat," Commissioner Ogilvie; song, "Barney O'Hea," Mrs. Davidson; recitation, "A Baseball Game," Commissioner Ogilvie; musical selection, the Fire Brigade Band; song, "True till Death," Mr. Craig; musical selection, the Yukon Field Force Band;

song, "The Rose I Sent," Corporal Cobb; musical selection, the Fire Brigade Band; recitation, "Mr. Smith's Cheap Sale," Miss Ross; song, "Anchored," Mr. G. Hanbury; musical selection, the Yukon Field Force Band; "God Save the Queen."

Among those present were: Mesdames Perry, Thompson, Smith, West, Boyker, McDonald and O'Donnell, the Misses de Lobel, Misses Robinson, Freeman, Booge and Perry, Major Perry, Dr. H. H. Hurdman, Col. McGregor, Messrs. Lockwood Perry, Mangold, Cowan, McAdams, McLean, Finnie, Smith, McDonald, Layfield and Mathison.

### Where Is It?

A gentleman for whom this makes the third winter in Dawson remarked to a Nugget representative this morning that there is considerable less garbage lying on the surface of the river this spring than was there a year ago. When asked if he meant to convey the impression that more garbage is scattered around the town now than last year, he replied that such had not been his intention, but that possibly such is really the case.

It may be that the description of Saratoga once written by "Brick" Pomeroy is applicable to Dawson at the present time. "Brick" described Saratoga as a city with Queen Ann fronts and Mary Ann backs; and it is possible that the conditions of many back yards in Dawson today can not be determined by an inspection of the front.

### Water Running in Sulphur.

Dr. L. O. Wilcox, who is extensively interested in mining property on Sulphur creek, is authority for the statement that water was freely flowing the entire length of that stream yesterday and that the only thing to prevent the work of sluicing is the fact that some of the claim operators have provided dams whereby to obtain a head of water. The present thaw came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky, with the result that not one in a dozen of the creek denizens were prepared for it.

### Slowly Improving.

Thomas McMullen, manager of the Dawson branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is still slowly recovering from the recent severe injury to his right foot, which indisposition was augmented by an attack of the unusual severe colds now prevalent in Dawson. By using a cane and plenty of time, Mr. McMullen is now able to reach his desk at the bank, but it will be some time before he could shine to advantage in a hockey game.

### Another Mail Tomorrow.

Allowing six days for the mail to come through from Bennett, another consignment is due to arrive some time tomorrow or tomorrow night. The last mail received was one day late for the reason that owing to a blockade on the railroad, it was two days late in leaving Bennett, one day being made up on the ice. The mail due tomorrow left Bennett last Friday evening and is expected by Postmaster Hartman to arrive on time.

### Gold Commissioner's Court.

No cases are being heard by Commissioner Senkler today. This morning A. N. C. Treadgold and Thomas D. Rockwell entered a protest suit against F. B. Davis, C. E. Powell and E. Stephen. The plaintiffs are the owners of creek claim No. 30 below discovery on Sulphur; and they allege that their property rights are being violated by the defendants, who own the adjoining hillside on the left limit. The trial of the action has been fixed for April 14th.

### Territorial Court.

The case of the Williams Mill Company vs. Dr. Isidore Bourke and Mary Bourke still occupies the attention of Justice Dugas in the territorial court. The plaintiff has submitted its evidence, and the testimony of the witnesses for the defendants is now being heard. The action will probably be concluded today.

### First Avenue Improvements.

Louis Golden, the well known Dawson sport, has secured a two thirds interest in the First avenue lot formerly occupied by the opera house building, and he expects to complete negotiations for the remaining interest within the next ten days. As soon as he acquires title, Mr. Golden will commence the erection of a saloon and club house. He expects that his new place of business will be opened for the public on or about May 15th.

### Modern Machine.

Conrad Meyer and son, Otto, of Whatcom, Wash., arrived over the ice yesterday, bringing with them a steam thawer, the result of their own inventive genius, and if what they claim for it is true, it will completely revolutionize the system now in vogue here, or rather the means of operating the system. The improved device is of such a nature that the amount of wood neces-

sary for a common family cook stove will raise and keep 140 pounds of steam in the machine. The Messrs. Meyers will probably give a practical exhibition of their new device in the near future; and if it is as represented it will be of great interest to operators of mines.

### Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 16 degrees above zero. At 9 o'clock this morning the instrument at the barracks recorded 25 degrees above. At noon, the thermometer registered 38 degrees above.

### A Useful Present.

Through the kindness of Dr. Yemans, resident agent of the Empire Transportation Company, the Good Samaritan hospital is the recipient of a very valuable collection of surgical instruments. The donation was made for the benefit of the female ward.

### Joslyn at Skagway.

Falcon Joslyn, a Dawson mining broker and formerly an attorney of that city, is in Skagway on his way to Seattle. Mr. Joslyn was once in the law business in Seattle. He was the first American lawyer to practice in Dawson, but took down his shingle when he got deeply interested in mining.—Skagway Alaskan.

### Sure Signs of Spring.

While the merry note of the pee-wee has not yet been heard in the land, and may not be, as that glad partner of gentle spring may not exist here, although it is the accepted herald of warmth and sunshine in all states east of the Mississippi river, there are equally strong indications of its advent right here in Dawson. Take any afternoon these days at 3 o'clock; enter one of the many club rooms and you will see posts vacant which have for the past five months been filled with chair warmers, and those who have followed the little ball in its circuitous route until it has reeled off many miles, or watched the dealer who pushes off two cards and then stops for the players to place chips—these fellows are all out basking in the sunshine, and their coat collars are not turned up, either. This, and the fact that ladies are noticed to linger in front of windows where scant displays of millinery are in evidence, are indications of spring which can not be controverted or otherwise construed.

### No Meeting Tonight.

While tonight is the regular weekly meeting of the trustees of the board of trade, there will be no meeting held; not that there is no business for consideration, but that what business there is of such nature as to be better brought before the entire board, which will not meet before two weeks from tonight. Progress is being made on several matters which will be brought before the board at its next meeting and which can not properly be disposed of by the trustees.

### INTERIOR OF AFRICA.

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upon them with rifle fire. This staggered the cannibals, as they had never before seen a gun or a white man. Mr. Grogan shot two and the rest retreated. He says the Belekas are by no means repulsive to look upon. Although small, they are well built and have good features. Men and women go about stark naked and their long hair gives them a peculiarly wild appearance.

Proceeding along the west coast of Albert Lake, Mr. Grogan found the natives terrorized by raids of the Belgians. He declares that he thoroughly investigated this matter, and found that the Belgian troops were in the habit of crossing the frontier, had shot large numbers of the inhabitants and had carried off young women and cattle, tying up and burning the old women, while white Belgian officers were present. He adds: "From the north of Albert lake to Lake Mweru the whole country is in a state of chaos. It is administered by incompetent Belgians. Often the noncommissioned officers and troops are of the lowest type of natives and they are almost invariably cannibals."

The Daily News and Daily Chronicle comment editorially in a serious strain upon the interview.

### Open Again.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Erickson, who own the California Lunch House at 56 below Bonanza, have reopened in an entirely new cabin. The old place was flooded out some time ago, and for this reason the new house has been built. Old patrons of the place are coming around again and all pronounce it better than ever. The best of everything is always served on the table, which accounts for the enviable reputation enjoyed by the California.

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### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Gold sack, containing dust, valued at between \$50 and \$65. Reward if returned to this office.

LOST—A dark yellow dog, between mastiff and hound; has a large claw on one hind leg; name, Duke; \$10 reward for return. Notify Ed Hering, Nu get office, or 27 below upper, Dominion.

LOST—Brown russet pocketbook, containing miners license and papers; lost between 76 below Bonanza and Klondike bridge. Charles Schaefer. Leave at this office for reward.—P21

LOST—By Henry Braatz, large, black morocco pocketbook or wallet, containing his lodge and recording papers. Finder may have the money in pocketbook and \$50 more in cash now on deposit with cashier at Dominion saloon, to which place he shall return it.—P22

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RUFUS BUCK—Plans and surveys of underground workings. Third avenue, opposite Dr. Bourke's Hospital.

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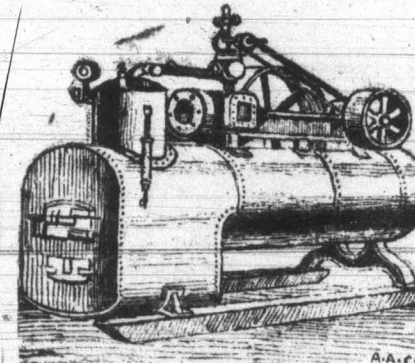
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