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ALWAYS IMPROVING.

There is a greater quantity of fresh potatoes in Dawson at the present time than was the case last winter, but at the same time the price at which they can be bought is higher than it was a year ago.

To our way of thinking, this is a proof of the fact that people in Dawson are living much closer to the ordinary lines of civilized life than ever before. The old era of bacon and beans has gone from Dawson never again to return unless through some unforeseen emergency. By actual experience it has been demonstrated that there need be no essential differences in Dawson in the manner of living from what is customary in the social and commercial centers of the outside.

Along with the bacon and beans idea the moccasin and manitold hose theory has been exploded so far as concerns people living in town. A single thickness of hose and felt shoes have sufficed for most people while a great many have worn the ordinary footwear with the addition of arctic overshoes for outdoor wear.

The traditional bunk and spruce lumber table are giving away to the ordinary household furnishings, and the interior of many a rough looking log cabin is a veritable revelation of comfort and refinement.

The "terrors" which, in the minds of most people outside, are inseparably associated with Dawson and the Klondike, exist now and will in the future only as matters of recollection.

It seems to be an almost foregone conclusion that when the November election rolls around, McKinley and Bryan will again confront each other as the candidates of the two leading political parties of the United States. Should history repeat itself to this extent, it will almost undoubtedly follow that a repetition of the result of the contest of '96 will ensue. There does not appear to be any considerable competition against Bryan for the first place on the Democratic ticket, for the very good reason that men who otherwise might contest with him for the honor have no desire to be set up merely for the purpose, laudable though it be, of being knocked down. Bryan will probably have a walk over in the Democratic convention, but before the country-well; that's different.

The patriotic fund is being added to very largely throughout Canada. The Toronto Globe is taking contributions to the fund and some time ago had forwarded to headquarters a sum considerably in excess of \$10,000. It is believed that Canada will raise a sum in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million of dollars before the returns are all in. The public school children, various secret orders and in fact organiza-

tions of all kinds are lending their aid in furthering the movement. Conan Doyle's statement that Kruger will be remembered as the man who federated the British empire seems to have been no idle speculation. If all the colonies are as loyal as Canada in standing by the mother country in her hour of need, the conviction will be forced upon the world that the links which bind the component elements of the British empire together are of the most enduring nature.

It is to be hoped that the severely cold weather is over. The unusually long continuance of extreme cold has resulted in a great deal of sickness, a number of cases bordering upon pneumonia being reported. People who may be susceptible to this class of diseases should be particularly careful while the weather is in a transitory condition. On the whole, the health of Dawson has been admirably maintained during the winter and a little extra precaution just now on the part of people afflicted with colds and kindred ills will prevent anything in the nature of a general run of sickness.

The dispatches of yesterday tell of war being waged between the Boers and Zulus. The Boers have invaded Zululand and are devastating the country and destroying the property of the natives wherever they are able to do so. The Boers have always considered the natives as possessing no rights which they were bound to respect and naturally the Zulus will take advantage of the opportunity now presented of squaring up a few old scores. The Boers have thus far assumed the aggressive, but it appears that a general onslaught of the Zulus is to be anticipated.

Should the Boers succeed in their determination to capture Cecil Rhodes and force him to pay a ransom of \$10,000,000 for his release, they will have exacted the largest sum ever secured for a similar demand. The historic ransom paid by Caesar did not approach the magnificent sum which the Boers expect to receive from Rhodes. However, the South African multi-millionaire is still safe at Kimberley so far as we know at present and every day brings relief nearer to the beleaguered town.

Knights of Pythias.

All members of the Knights of Pythias are requested to meet at McDonald hall at 1:30 p. m. Sunday to attend the funeral of the late Scott Lindsay.
DONALD OLSON,
LEROY TOZIER,
Committee.

Papa Matt Neilly.

The following letter was received by the Nugget, and while we do not know Matt Neilly we congratulate him on general principles and will smoke with him any time he sees fit to bring around the cigars. The letter is:

Astoria, Or., Jan. 29, 1900.
To the Editor of the Klondike Nugget:

I wish you would please publish this item in your paper for me:

I wish to inform all the friends of Mr. Matt Neilly of Dawson City, N. W. T., that he is the father of a big baby girl; born the first of January at Astoria, Or. Please send a copy with this item in to Mrs. Ida Dyer, box 592, Astoria, Or.

For toilet articles see Cribbs & Rogers.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

Senator Lynch has always declared himself to be an ardent admirer of women. His protestations in this respect were so frequent and earnest that ultimately he convinced the ladies of his susceptibility to "light that lies in woman's eyes." But the reputation of this quondam gallant is a thing of the past. On last Thursday he celebrated the anniversary of Washington's birthday by banqueting, in sumptuous style, 50 of his friends and acquaintances. None of the gentler sex were invited. While the senator, as Belshazzar of old, was enjoying the mellow wine and choice viands he was warned in no uncertain manner of the day of reckoning. Mrs. Edwards sent to him a large bow tie, neatly arranged in varied colors. Governor Ogilvie, though he disclaimed the prophetic attributes of a Daniel, readily perceived the latest meaning of the Grecian gift. He explained the red portions of the tie—which color greatly predominated—as indicative of war; the strands of white were emblematic of the fact that the senator's adversaries would be comprised of comely females; the knot of blue portended the feelings which would be entertained by the gay deceiver at the termination of the social combat.

Now, the senator threatens, in the event of hostilities, to resume his daily practice on the violin. This dire menace has occasioned the occupants of buildings in the vicinity of the Hotel McDonald to intervene for a peaceful settlement.

Crown Prosecutor F. C. Wade intends that the people of Canada shall be informed of conditions as they are in the Yukon. Recently, he mailed to the Toronto Globe a complete set of photographs of the entertainments which have been given in Dawson during the present winter. Accompanying the pictures are the programs of the different events. The Globe, which circulates in every province and hamlet of the Dominion, will reproduce in one of its Saturday editions the photographs of such affairs as the St. Andrews ball, the masquerade during Christmas week, the benefit for the widows and orphans of British soldiers, etc. No better plan could be devised to enlighten people on the outside as to the character of the social affairs in Dawson. Many wives and daughters who have been detained in Canada by false reports respecting our manners and customs, will insist on spending next winter with their husbands and fathers in the Klondike. The old mode of life in the Yukon has been superseded by better methods. The dance halls and gambling rooms are no longer the principal places of resort. Dawson, within the past year, has improved most wonderfully her social status. At the present time her clubs and entertainments compare favorably with those of any town of similar size on the outside.

The Stroller has no thought of dictating to the Yukon government. Such things are foreign to his nature, besides he does not think the Yukon government would stand for it. In an humble way, however, the Stroller will venture a suggestion—only a mild suggestion—which if not acted upon will not seriously impair the standing of the government neither will it greatly inconvenience the Stroller. The suggestion is that in case a man skilled in the use of edged tools, a carpenter, should be so unfortunate as to be sentenced to do a term at labor on the royal woodpile, that he first be made to exercise his skill as a tradesman by planing off the threshold of the entrance to the police court room, in that the door, after the knob is turned, may be opened without the necessity of a person having to throw himself against it a la battering ram. Such work on the part of a person skilled in the use of edged tools would also do away with that ear split-

ting screech heard every time the door is opened or closed.

With the exception of a few days in the early part of February, intense cold weather has prevailed since the first week in December. The continual low temperature has affected the health of many members of the community; for most of the patients in the hospitals are confined because of pulmonary or rheumatic troubles. The moderation in the weather is indeed welcome; but no doubt there are some who regret exceedingly to see the thermometer rise above zero. The wood choppers and sawyers have been doing a rushing business this winter. A healthy man who was willing to work had plenty of opportunities to earn a Nome starter during the past two and a half months. Henceforth the services of this class of laborers will not be so generally required as heretofore. The wood chopper and his companion, the water carrier, will soon lose their respective occupations by operation of natural law.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 14 degrees below zero.

At 9 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 2.5 degrees above.

This noon the official instrument recorded 4 degrees above.

We make a specialty of prescriptions, Cribbs & Rogers, Druggists.

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A Boon to Miners.

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