

**THE AMES MERCANTILE CO**

Is Not in Big Commercial and Steamer Combines

Reports to the Contrary Notwithstanding — Will Operate Independent Fleet of Steamers.

That the Ames Mercantile Company is not in the combine mentioned in a telegram elsewhere in this paper was verified by the receipt at the Dawson house of the company of the following telegraphic message from San Francisco this morning:

"Ames Mercantile Co., Dawson: It is reported and believed there is good foundation for the report that the A. C., A. E. and N. A. T. & T. companies are trying to effect consolidation. Reports are being actively circulated that we will join the combine which is entirely wrong. Contradict the report at once as there is no authority for connecting us with it. We are independent. Full particulars by mail."

The above indicates that one large concern at least is yet intending to go it alone in Dawson. In fact the Ames Mercantile Co. is preparing to operate a fleet of steamers this season and this point promises to be the center of great activity next season, as it is the intention of the management to operate a fleet of river steamers flying the "A. M. C." flag, both up and down the river and arrangements are now being perfected for that purpose. The company has a big business in Nome, the largest of that city.

Both the Nome and Dawson enterprises are doing principally a wholesale business, the management believing that the best returns are obtainable when large invoices are sold to the miners or smaller stores.

As this company proposes keeping out of the deal, the outcome will be watched with no small degree of interest.

**Mad Dogs Galore.**

A large, fine malamute dog, the property of Mrs. Dormer, who lives on Fourth avenue near Sixth street, went mad Saturday evening and for a time made things in the neighborhood exceedingly lively. Mrs. Dormer left the dog in the house while she went to town and when she returned the house was in a state of demolition. The dog had chewed tin cans, torn down shelves, broken up furniture and generally created havoc. He managed to escape but returned several times during the night and created further disturbance by fighting with other dogs in the neighborhood. The next morning he was caught and taken to the pound and later was killed. Poundmaster Borrow says that the rabies are more prevalent now than at any time during the year. He has averaged killing one a day or a week now and it looks as if the number might be increased. One dog which he shot yesterday morning near the town station had bitten about 40 other dogs before he was killed. The situation is rather a serious one and it is not an altogether unwise move to carry a good stout club when walking around the outskirts of the town.

**Tonight's Banquet.**

The banquet to be given this evening at Pioneer hall in honor of the new commissioner, Hon. Jas. Hamilton Ross gives every promise of being a pronounced and unqualified success.

Arrangements have practically been completed concerning all details of the affair which will be most elaborate in every respect. Pioneer hall has been tastefully decorated for the occasion and the menu provided is in every way commensurate with the importance of the occasion.

The banquet will begin at 8 p. m. sharp and it is especially requested by the committee that everyone be present at that hour.

A suggestion has been made to the committee that admission be given to ladies during the toasts. The members of the committees express much regret that they are unable to make such an arrangement but the space occupied by the tables and the small size of the hall, precludes the possibility of accommodating spectators. All the seats provided for by the committee will be occupied as nearly all tickets had been sold at the hour of going to press.

**Pinkert Not in Combine.**

To allay any anxiety that may have arisen, attention is called to the fact that the name Ben Pinkert does not appear in our telegrams as being in the combine of the big companies. This is cheering because important.

**BACK FROM TANANA.**

Mark Bray Returns From His Copper Property.

Mark Bray, the well-known Dawsonite and mining man, has returned from an eight months' trip into the country contiguous to the headwaters of the Tanana river which is several hundred miles from where prospectors for gold located claims last season. Mr. Bray is not after gold this time, but was there doing representation work on a number of copper claims which he owns and which give unmistakable evidences of great richness. Mr. Bray's location is within six miles of the proposed railroad line from Valdes to Eagle and is readily accessible either by a railroad or wagon road. The A. E. Co. is interested with him in the property which is certain to be very valuable at no distant day. Although he has had all that country practically to himself during the winter, Mr. Bray has stood the isolation remarkably well and, but for the effects of a remedy he applied to one eye for snow blindness on his way to Dawson, is looking as though he had spent the winter at the Astor house. The remedy he applied cured the snow blindness but a repetition of the dose would have ruined the eye. Mr. Bray will return to his property later in the season.

**Prevention Society.**

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held a very interesting meeting last Saturday night when a number of the members were present.

It was decided to accept the offer of the A. C. Co. placing at the disposal of the society one of their warehouses for the bench show. A board of managers to arrange for the show and also to select judges to qualify the classes of dogs to be admitted was appointed and the following gentlemen were named as the board: F. W. Clayton, Dr. Cook, H. G. Wilson, C. B. Zabriskie, Max Kohn and E. B. Condon.

The patronesses selected are Mrs. Dugas, Mrs. Major Wood, Mrs. Capt. Starnes, Mrs. D. W. Davis, Mrs. H. Te Roller, Mrs. D. B. Olson and Mrs. Alex McDonald.

Each of these committees have power to appoint additional members to their respective committees.

Another meeting will be held Thursday evening when the arrangement of classes will be discussed in detail and anyone who is qualified to judge of any particular class of dogs is invited to be present. The meeting will be held at the Board of Trade rooms at 8 o'clock.

**Ask For More Wages.**

Youngstown, O., March 31.—The furnace men of the Mahoning and Shenandoah valleys have decided to demand a 10 per cent increase in wages to take effect on April 1. The demand will be submitted to the employers next week. A settlement is probable without resort to a strike.

Mrs. Dr. Slayton has opened parlors in the Portland building, she having recently returned from an extended visit abroad. Madam Slayton is an expert reader of the hand and is said to have made some remarkable prognostications by the reading of the lines on the outstretched palm. She is also an expert phrenologist.

**Peking's Proper Name.**

The proper name of Peking is Shun-tien-Fu; its literary name, Yen. In China it is referred to by the loyal as the Purple Forbidden City. The royal palaces are there. It has been the capital of the empire since the beginning of the fifteenth century. The English and French forces entered it in 1860. The population is variously estimated at from 500,000 to 1,800,000. No official census has ever been taken. The resident atmosphere is distinctly hostile to all foreigners.—Chicago Times-Herald.

**Enthusiastically Indorsed.**

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**PERJURY CHARGED**

By Justice Dugas in Morgan-McConnell Case.

This morning the case of Morgan vs. McConnell which was on trial in February and which had been postponed for further evidence was resumed before Justice Dugas.

Before the further examination of witnesses the justice charged a direct case of perjury in the former evidence of either McConnell or Hill, whose evidence was directly opposed to each other, Hill claiming to have a power of attorney.

The suit was brought for the recovery of \$1000 on a promissory note given by Hill to the plaintiffs and signed by Hill as agent for McConnell.

An effort was made this morning by the plaintiff to have Hill added to the defense, but the justice overruled that motion as the proper proceedings had not been complied with.

Three witnesses were examined to prove the existence of the power of attorney from McConnell to Hill and while they testified to the existence of a certain document in which McConnell gave certain powers to Hill yet as the document in question had been destroyed and the witnesses could not prove the signature and as McConnell denied the existence of such a power of attorney in which Hill was authorized to borrow money for him, the justice dismissed the case with costs.

Jacob Rosenfield, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was remanded for trial until Thursday morning owing to the absence of the prosecuting attorney.

Justice Craig was sitting in chambers this morning hearing motions for trials.

**COMING AND GOING.**

The sun yesterday did great execution on the snow.

Mail from the outside is due to arrive in Dawson tonight at 7 p. m.

Mail for Barlow City and Clear Creek will close on Wednesday the 17th inst. at 5 p. m.

L. H. Pontius, of Gold Run and H. C. Hamilton and wife of the Forks are registered today at the Regina hotel.

Thos. Wooden, of 37 above Sulphur, D. E. Morris and Andy and Alex Paxton are guests at the McDonald hotel today.

Mr. L. L. James returned yesterday from a trip to his logging camp on the N. A. T. & T. Co. concession, 50 miles up the Klondike. Mr. James reports the trail still in good condition.

Mr. C. W. Bowhay the well-known Adams Hill miner returned recently from an extended trip outside. He is taking a steam plant to Quartz creek where he is interested and expects to work on a large scale this summer.

Harry Hershberg's guessing contest will close on the 28th of this month, so get your guesses in now and win the complete swell outfit which he is offering to the one who guesses nearest the time as to when the ice will start moving.

Mr. John H. Scott formerly revising clerk for the W. P. & Y. R. R. has been selected to take the cashiership of the company recently made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Mortimer. Mr. Scott is a man of large experience in transportation affairs and is in every way worthy and capable of the high position he now holds.

The showhouses this week have arranged exceptionally good programs. The Standard will produce the four-act drama "My Partner," the Orpheum will open with Heards' minstrel medley and then will follow an olio of musical merit with living pictures by Flynn's Gaiety Girls and one of Eddie Dolan's clever sketches. The Savoy will open with Dick Maurettus' farce "A Crowded Hotel," to be followed by the regular artists in new pieces.

**Notice of Dissolution.**

The firm of McCarty & Phillips, freighters, located on Third street south between Fifth and Sixth streets is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. All outstanding bills are to be paid to F. G. McCarty, who succeeds to the business. (Signed) M'CARTY & PHILLIPS.

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