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## MISS GATES DEPARTS

Leaves for Cape Nome Over the Ice.

### FRIENDS WITNESS HER DEPARTURE

She Goes Well Prepared for the Long Winter Journey.

London Newspapers Take a More Cheerful View of the War Situation—Think the End Will Be Reached Within Next Sixty Days.

The recent moderation in the temperature of the weather has stimulated travel in both directions from Dawson. Several parties have started for the outside via Skagway since yesterday morning, and others have gone down the river on their way to Nome.

Miss Mimosa Gates and her party left town for the Alaskan camp a few hours



MISS MIMOSA GATES

before noon today. The young lady was equipped with a complete outfit, a large basket sled and six dogs. Immediately before her departure the party proceeded to the corner of Third avenue and Third street, where Lars and Duolos took a photographic view of the young lady and her companions. The party of Miss Gates is comprised of herself, William A. Langville and Benjamin Bennett. Her brother Humboldt Gates, on his wheel, and Dr. Wilcoxon, accompanied the travelers a short distance down the river. The Daily Nugget herewith presents a likeness of the adventurous young woman.

Thomas Chisholm offers to bet all or any part of \$500 that Miss Gates will not reach Nome over the ice.

Martin J. O'Brien and John Derrick started down the river for Cape Nome this morning. They had a light load of provisions and a good dog team.

#### More Cheerful.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 27.—The newspapers all take a much more cheerful view of the war situation. With the forces now in the field it is calculated that the war will be completed within 60 days. Buller's masterly move upon Ladysmith has changed the tide of public opinion in favor of that general, and the announcement of a successful engagement in the neighborhood of the beleaguered city is hourly expected.

#### Don't Use Big Words.

The following is dedicated to our contemporaries: "In promulgating your

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astoric cogitations, and in articulating your superficial sentimentalities, amicable, philosophical or physiological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness and a concentrating cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jargon babblement and assinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous decanting and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rhodomomade or trasonic bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity. Shun double entendres, prurient jobosity and pestiferous profanity, obscure or apparent.

#### New Opera House.

There is a large force of men engaged daily in clearing debris from the lot on which was formerly situated the Board of Trade saloon building. Several loads of lumber are piled on the street in front of the premises, and it is expected that the carpenters will be able to lay the foundation within the next few days. Every effort will be made to open the new opera house by the middle of February.

The stock company which is backing the enterprise has almost completed the arrangement of the details. Most of the members of the theatrical company and musicians of the orchestra have been selected.

The capital stock is now valued at par; but before the first of June the holders anticipate that the quotation will be much higher than at present. It is certainly true that the new company have a very fine location for their enterprise and it will be surprising, indeed, if they do not succeed.

#### Butchers Indignant.

The butchers of Dawson wish to inform the public through the Nugget of the gross misrepresentation of the beef market through the News of Friday, in which it states, first that a combine is holding beef out of reach of the consumers; second, that at present 400 head of beef is now in Dawson; third, that not more than one carcass a day is being consumed; fourth, that the combine is holding beef at prices to insure 500 per cent profit; fifth, that dealers refuse to pay \$1 and \$1.50 per pound; sixth, that in four or six weeks warm weather will spoil all left in hand, as it did last year; seventh, that several lots of beef is being mashed in on the ice, and that the minimum cost of transportation and cost of beef from the states to Dawson has not exceeded 18 cents.

First—We beg to deny any existence of a combine between the butchers of Dawson either wholesale or retail, and at present the best beef is selling at only 15 cents a pound above moose and cariboo.

Second—Not more than 300 beeves are now in Dawson, against 1400 head last year at this time.

Third—The city and creek trade is now using four beeves daily, which will consume all the meat in the market by May 1st, not allowing increase of spring trade, which always comes.

Fourth—We would have to load our beef here for less than five cents a pound dressed to make 500 per cent at present prices, less than half its value in any of the coast cities.

Fifth—Cut meats are being sold for from 75 cents to \$1 a pound; a few choice cuts for \$1.25.

Sixth—We are anxious to know when the cheechahko arrived here who stated to the News that beef will spoil in four or six weeks, and as it did last year. He surely has not been here long or knows very little of the climate. Such statements are too absurd for denial,

but we will say to him that last spring, on March 1st, beef rose from 20 cents to 35 cents, and on April 1st to 45 cents, and at the end of May beef held all winter sold at 85 cents a pound wholesale; furthermore that the last of the frozen meat was sold about June 30th in good condition; and the beef thrown in the river was brought here on the steamer Flora and Canadian from Hootalinqua.

Seventh—Every wholesale butcher in Dawson has freighted in the wholesale part of their beef on the ice at an extra cost of from 10 cents to 25 cents per pound, and one of them will part with not less than \$10,000 for this alone, and those who undertake to "mush in" on the ice have our heartfelt sympathy.

Our wise cheechahko will have no difficulty in placing large contracts with the undersigned for beef delivered here at 18 cents a pound, and much more. Will he kindly call on us?

BAY CITY MARKET.  
CITY MARKET.  
BONANZA MARKET.  
VICTORIA MARKET.

#### AD MEMORIAM:

(To heroes in the Transvaal, killed in action.)  
The pale death angel broods o'er many homes  
Where every sound of joy and mirth has fled;  
Where children watch for one who never comes;  
Where widows weep o'er their beloved dead.

Those mangled forms lying stricken, cold and still,  
That never bleached when dangers threatened fast,  
But, dauntless stood at duty's post until  
Their lives were sacrificed but perils past.

Oh heroes brave! your noble deeds shall live  
Embossed on your country's roll of fame;  
The praise and glory that no king can give  
Shall place the halo 'round your hallowed name.

The gallant captain on the angry main  
Never paced his quarter deck more free from fears  
The greatest general on the battle plain  
May doff his plumed ca-que to you as peers.

Heap wreaths of summer roses on their bier,  
Let bay and laurels on their graves abide;  
Give them the tribute of a pitying tear  
And let them rest together, side by side.

England, great empire! thou needst never dread  
The threats of envious foes across the seas,  
So long as in thy broad domain are bred  
Sons, brave and strong and dutiful as these.

HENRY COWLEY.  
Dawson, January 14, 1900.

#### Saturday Night's Dance.

A very pleasant dance was enjoyed on last Saturday night at the McDonald hall. The affair was given under the management of Prof. James Duffy. Excellent music was rendered by Mr. Thomas Majuy's orchestra. A large number were present and the numbers on the program were completed before midnight.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

The incoming mail was at the foot of Lake Lebarge on Saturday night. It probably will not arrive in Dawson till next week.

The Martony restaurant building, situated on Second street, between First and Second avenues, will be removed to the lot on First avenue which was occupied by the Hoffman house before the recent fire.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church have undertaken to fit up and furnish a woman's ward in the Good Samaritan hospital. The undertaking is a most laudable one and the ladies should be given every encouragement in it. It is understood that the ladies of the M. E. church will aid their sisters in the good work.

## \$1,000 FOR CLAYSON

Will Clayson's Offer For His Brother's Body

### THROUGH THE DAILY KLONDIKE NUGGET

A Resume of This Most Interesting Case.

Missing Man's Family Are Convinced That He Was Murdered Between Minto and Hutchiku on Christmas Day.

Late Saturday evening the following telegram was received at the office of the Daily Nugget:

Skagway, Jan. 27.

To the Daily Klondike Nugget:

You are authorized to offer the sum of \$1,000 reward for the return of Fred Clayson, dead or alive. Supposed to have been murdered between Minto and Hutchiku on Christmas day. Please insert this notice in your paper two weeks.

[Signed] WILL CLAYSON.

From the above it is apparent that the missing man's family have despaired of ever again seeing him alive; also that they adhere to the belief that he was murdered. The readers of the Daily Nugget are fully conversant with the mysterious disappearance of the three men—Fred H. Clayson, Lynn Relfe and Lineman Olsen—who were never seen after leaving Minto Christmas morning. Our readers are also aware that several men are now in custody, four at Tagish and two at Whitehorse on suspicion of having been implicated in the disappearance of the three men.

Clayson left Dawson early on the morning of the 17th of December on a bicycle. Relfe left a few days previous, but traveling on a wheel, Clayson had overtaken him. Olsen, being a lineman in the employ of the Dominion telegraph, had stayed over night at the Minto roadhouse and together the three men left the roadhouse Christmas morning and have not since been seen.

Clayson was in the Nugget office after dark the evening previous to his departure, and being intimately acquainted with E. J. White of the Nugget staff, offered to carry any papers, letters or messages to the latter's friends in Skagway that were entrusted to him. He was given several copies of the latest issue of the paper, one being directed to each of the three newspaper offices in Skagway which Mr. Clayson said he would deliver promptly on his arrival. He also carried several verbal messages

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## Closing Out Sale.

Fur Robes, Fur Parkies, Fur Coats  
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