

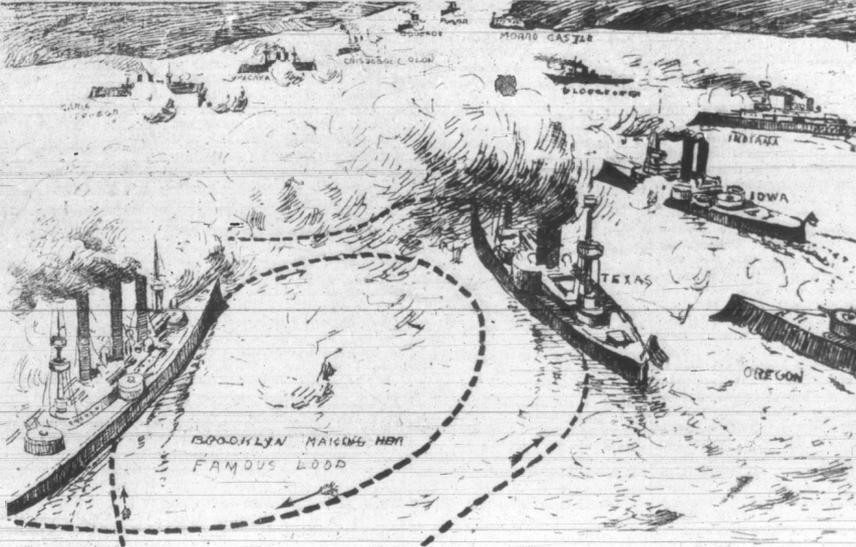
THE WORK GOES MERRILY ON

Equalization Board Adjourns From Night to Night—Many Appellants Default Rather Than Mount the Grid-iron—Not Without Some Amusing Features.

Last night's session of the board of equalization developed the fact that a large number of appellants, as no less than 100, on appeal were content to let their cases go by default rather than mount the grid-iron. The board adjourned at 11 o'clock, and the work will be resumed tonight. The board will adjourn again on Monday night, and Tuesday evening will witness the completion of their work. The first case called was that of J. Williams, against whom the entire amount of the Dawson Electric Light and Power Company stands. The plaintiff was shown to be merely a shareholder in the company, and the amount transferred from himself to the company was ordered. The amount against B. Marshall was ordered struck off, as he is now a resident of the Yukon. The following cases were disposed of by default: L. P. Miller, confirmed. W. Wilson, confirmed. E. W. Payne, confirmed. The Trotter, confirmed. C. S. Krieger, confirmed. S. J. Block, confirmed. Henry Kuth, personal property assessed at \$5000, confirmed. Frank Phiscator, confirmed. G. B. Becher, confirmed. A. F. Nicol, confirmed. M. M. P. West, confirmed. B. Meeker, confirmed. J. H. Tweat, confirmed. J. H. McVior owns lot 6, block 1, addition, upon which there is a cabin. The land is assessed at \$100 and the building \$200. Mr. McVior stated he had bought the cabin lot two years ago for \$150, since which time it has depreciated instead of increased in value. By reason of the inaccessibility on the sidewalk near Mary's hospital, he can not occupy it in the winter, can't get wood except by packing it on his back. Has tried repeatedly to sell.

for \$200 and has been offered \$100. His assessment was reduced to \$200. G. H. E. Bulvey appeared through his attorney, Mr. Gwillim. He has two pieces of property which fell under the hand of the assessor. One is a lot and cabin on the side hill at the head of Sixth street, assessed at \$250, which is said to be worth not over \$100. It has been vacant for two years. The other is lot 13, block HA. The assessment of the latter is \$8,500 for the lot and \$800 for the building thereon. In presenting his appeal Mr. Gwillim stated that the property was assessed last in \$345 monthly rental. This year the receipts from rent are but \$299 a month, yet the assessment is nearly doubled. He considered the property worth not over \$7,500, though the owner for a long time has placed the modest figure of \$15,000 upon it, a price so absurd that the agent was ashamed to ask it of any prospective purchaser. When questioned, Assessor Smith insisted that the valuation he had placed upon the property was both equitable and just. Reserved. Dr. T. B. Cooke appeared in behalf of the Joseph Ladue Gold Mining and Development Company. Two lots belonging to the company, 1 and 2, block N, and the two-story building thereon which was formerly occupied by the Daily News, are assessed at \$12,000. The lots bear an assessment of \$4000 which the doctor considers \$1000 too high. The building is taxed at \$8000, whereas \$1500 is considered to be really more than it is worth. It is said to have settled badly and has been so racked by the motion of the presses and the evolution of heavyweight editorials that it is in danger of falling down and is unsafe. The company derived a rent of \$275 a month from the News, but was obliged to take a certain portion of it out in advertising. In reply to a question as to what the company would sell the property for the doctor stated that their bylaws prohibited the disposal of any of the property owned by the company. Lots 3 and 6 in block M, and improvements, one of which is occupied by the club gymnasium, are assessed at \$11,600, the lots carrying a rating of \$4,200 and the buildings \$7,400. Dr. Cooke agreed with the assessor as to the valuation of the lots, but considered the improvements rated much too high. He considered the buildings not worth over \$3,500. The gymnasium rents for \$275 a month and the house adjoining \$75. Reserved. E. M. Lepine owns the east 75 feet of lot 1, block LB, assessed at \$2100. Upon oath he stated he had paid but \$900 for the whole lot, afterward selling half of it for \$500. The lot contains four buildings which

THE FAMOUS LOOP OF THE BATTLESHIP BROOKLYN.



One of the most important of the precepts in the court of inquiry investigation deals with the so-called "loop" of the Brooklyn. Capt. F. A. Cook of the Brooklyn says in his official report: "We opened fire on the leading ship five minutes from the discovery. The port battery was first engaged as we stood with port helm to head off the leading ship and gave them a raking fire at about 1,500 yards range. The enemy turned to the westward to close into land. We then were around to starboard, bringing the starboard battery into action. The enemy hugged the shore to the westward. This was the since famous "loop," which now plays so conspicuous a part in the controversy, since different motives for this maneuver are ascribed to Schley. Schley explained this maneuver by stating that he wished to avoid being

rammed by the approaching Maria Teresa, and also he did not wish to "blanket" the fire of his other ships. The Admiral's testimony on this point is eagerly awaited. Lieutenant Commander Hodgson, who was on the bridge at the time, yesterday told the story of the "loop." In a recent interview Lieutenant Commander Hodgson is alleged to have said: "To my personal knowledge the helm was kept hard aport during the whole time of turning the loop until eased up to parallel the course of the Viscaya, then about 2500 yards away on the starboard bow. As the Brooklyn's tactical diameter is only about 600 yards to the southward." At any rate this statement confirms the gist of Hodgson's story as given before the court of inquiry—Seattle Times.

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Is Name Suitably Applied by Dawsonites as Result of Treatment Accorded by Present Contractors—Some One Has Probably Sang "Whoa Emma."

AN ODE TO EMMA. What, What, What? What ails the Emma Knott? That swift and furious Yukon ship, Now rushing madly on her trip, From Whitehorse down with many a slip and jar, and bump and grind and dip. What ails the Emma Knott? Can't be that the Emma Knott, Has taken wings and through the air, Is flying now to regions fair, Where mortal man need never swear, or rage or curse or tear his hair, Where is the Emma Knott? What, What, What? O, Emma, Emma Knott, Return O Emma back once more, Tie up again at Dawson's shore— Thus humbly now do we implore, and beg—ah yes, we do adore You Emma, Emma Knott.

pay for the service. You can depend on those boys at any time. At this season of the year they would use canoes, or for that matter pack on their backs, if necessity compelled them. After the log is firm the police could not only take the mail through with dispatch but they could act as an escort to travellers as well as patrolling the trail. In summer the mail of course should be carried by steamer, but some other company should get the contract, as the present contractors evidence their indifference in a manner not to be tolerated. Every person talked to on the subject was strong in denunciation of the decayed service the mail contractors are giving the postoffice patrons, and not a few said it is only in keeping with the inconsiderate treatment the W. P. & Y. R. has always accorded to Dawson and her people.

ICE RUNNING IN THE YUKON

The Klondike Puts Out Large Quantity Today. Considerable slush ice was running in the Yukon this morning and the quantity has slowly but surely increased all day. However all the ice in the river today came out of the Klondike as none was seen in the Yukon south of Klondike City. However, the upper rivers are doubtless contributing considerable ice to the Yukon by this time and within 48 hours if the weather continues cold, the mighty Yukon will probably be full of soft ice, but not of sufficient weight to seriously interfere with navigation for a week or ten days to come.

Found the Editor. New York, Oct. 7.—Luther S. Bedford, the Southern editor who failed to keep an engagement with Rev. Dr. Parkhurst and who disappeared in this city, causing his friends and relatives considerable anxiety, has been found by John Gitterman, a New York attorney. Mr. Gitterman made the technical complaint that Mr. Bedford is mentally irresponsible. Today his sanity will be determined at Bellevue hospital.

Suicide Identified. Chicago, Oct. 7.—Guests of the Kimbel hotel have identified the man who Saturday evening shot and killed himself in Lincoln Park as P. W. Dickie, who for the last three years had been living at the hotel. The police say that nearly all the diamonds in the possession of Dickie are genuine. The New York firm has been notified. Dickie was the western agent for a New York jewelry house.

Fast Running. New York, Oct. 7.—Arthur Kent of the Pastime Athletic Club has just equaled the world's record of 4 3/5 seconds for a sprint of forty yards on the grounds of the Pastime Club in this city. He was paced by a club mate to whom he gave a liberal handicap.

Catholic Services. Catholic services will be held at Grace Park on Sunday next, at 10 a. m. Father Lambert will conduct the services.

SMALL DEBTS COURT OPENS

Judge Macaulay Institutes That Department Today. Following the disposal of the only case on the police docket this morning, Judge Macaulay adjourned court to Justice Dugas' department and took up an accumulation of small debt procedures. Uran vs. Nieder and Nelson vs. Uhrickson were called, and as neither plaintiff or defendant in either case appeared, both were passed. The suit of Buteau vs. F. A. Kirkpatrick was for a claim of \$60, alleged to be due for the use of the Buteau lunge on Bonanza. Judgment for \$25.50. Wattenbough vs. DeLion was over a matter of \$15 due for making some repairs on the steamer Marjorie. The plaintiff had charged \$2.50 an hour for the time employed in doing the work. The contention of the defendant being that the job had been taken by contract for a sum not exceeding \$15. Continued until this afternoon to allow the introduction of further evidence. Whitehead vs. Trobits was passed. Kirk vs. Carter was a suit over an account of drugs sold and delivered. Judgment for \$99.50, according to the prayer of the complaint. The balance of the day and possibly tomorrow will be required to clean up the docket.

THEATRICAL VENTURE

Murray Eads Will Combine the Standard and Savoy. Murray Eads has developed into quite a theatrical magnet. He owns the Standard, has a lease on the Orpheum, and his latest move, the so-called "loop" of the Brooklyn, is so eagerly awaited. Eads is to acquire by lease the old Savoy recently purchased by Jim Hall. Mr. Eads' precise intentions are not known other than that he intends closing the Orpheum and will re-open the Savoy. The latter will probably be opened a week from Monday by Mr. Bittner, now en route from Whitehorse, as a first-class, legitimate house, the Standard being turned into a straight dance hall. A connection will be established between the two houses by means of a covered bridge extending from balcony to balcony.

THE LAST STEAMER

Has Not Yet Cleared Dawson for Whitehorse. General Manager Calderhead, now at Whitehorse, has decided to send another boat down this season and has wired Agent Miles that the Flora will leave this evening for Dawson. As the Calderhead boats are steamers whose arrival and departure can be absolutely relied upon, the Flora may be expected next Wednesday or Thursday. It is also given out that she expects to return again to Whitehorse, leaving here probably November 1, a date "unprecedented" in Yukon navigation. Whether the Flora will bring mail, or not depends solely upon the sweet will of the B. Y. N. agent at Whitehorse. It may be that he will fear to trust the bags to so small a craft and prefer to dispatch them in a Sitka canoe propelled by armstrong power.

OPEN SEASON FOR RABBITS

Caused John R. Warner to Fly Path of Rectitude. The usual quietness of police court was broken this morning by the appearance of John R. Warner who was up on the charge of theft. Last night, while passing the Victoria market on Second street, Warner purloined a bunch of rabbits which were suspended from a hook on display. One of the proprietors saw the act and gave chase, catching the thief in the alley half way down the block. He was brought back to the street and turned over to an officer who put him in a cage. This morning when arraigned he pleaded guilty to the charge, saying he was drunk at the time and scarcely responsible for his actions. Warner has an impediment in his speech, stammering so awfully that it is painful to listen to him. In anxiety to get off and escape punishment his efforts to talk were so long drawn out and so ineffectual that the dignity of the court was threatened for a few moments. After being given three months on suspended sentence he came very near having his decision reversed by reason of his persistence in telling the judge how it all happened and how sorry he was.

Suppressing "White Slaves"

London, Oct. 7.—The Brussels correspondent of the Times says that, though the congress on the "White Slave" traffic now assembled at Amsterdam is due to private initiative, it appears that the matter will soon occupy the attention of the European governments. The French delegate has stated that his government will shortly convene an international conference to discuss means of coping with the evil. The next private congress will, it has been arranged, assemble in Berlin next year.

Ready for Work.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 7.—The secretary of state is expected to return next week from his much-interrupted vacation, greatly improved in health and ready for the winter's work. He is to receive the degree of doctor of laws from Yale in connection with the occasion of the Yale bicentennial. When asked if there was any truth in the statement attributed to Secretary Gage that Mr. Hay was soon to retire from the cabinet, he replied that he was sure Mr. Gage said nothing of the sort.

Mad Dogs.

Is it possible that dogs are again going mad this season? A black and white malamute with hanging jaw was observed today running up Front street, attacking every dog within the range of his vision. He acted precisely as the dogs which were affected by the disease last winter. The animal was last seen making for the foot hill at the termination of Fourth street.

Sunday Evening Concert.

The concert Sunday evening will be given in the Standard theatre instead of the Savoy, as was originally announced. A number of novelties are in course of preparation and an evening of rare excellence in the musical line is promised.

Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Fire swept through half a block of frame and brick buildings in South Chicago early today, causing a loss of about \$50,000. The rapid spread of the flames was due largely to the delay to a number of fire engines by broken bridges over the Calumet river. Nine buildings were burned. Of those one was a three-story brick and six residences, the occupants of which were driven into the streets in night attire.

Mathematical Problem.

If onions, owing to a corner in the market, are selling for 25 cents per pound in Dawson, and if the mail steamer Emma Knott is so fearfully and wonderfully constructed as to be able to run only half as fast as the current in the river, how many flapjacks will be eaten in the Klondike ere Jack comes home again?

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