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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1901.

## RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION.

The probabilities are that railroad construction through from Valdes to Eagle will be very well advanced during the next twelve months. A road along the proposed route will have a wonderful influence in opening up the lower country. The Copper river country is again attracting widespread attention, while the various mining districts contiguous to the Tanana will be given a decided impetus when railroad transportation to the coast is provided.

In respect to the Tanana country it is a well established fact that placer diggings have been discovered already which would pay remarkably well, were it not for the fact that such great cost and so many hardships are involved in transporting freight to the diggings.

The completion of a railroad from Valdes to Eagle will obviate this difficulty immediately and admit of freight being landed at the various camps at comparatively little cost. The other districts up and down the Yukon would also feel the effect of such an improvement in transportation facilities. The general result would be a decrease in the cost of commodities at all points along the Alaskan Yukon—a most important item in the development of any country which produces no food stuffs. With the White Pass Route contemplating further extension into the interior and definite assurance given that an American line from the coast to the Yukon will soon be under construction, it must be said that the future looks very bright with promise not only for the Canadian Yukon country but as well for our big neighbor on the north and west.

Grief over the knowledge that Queen Victoria lies in a critical condition will not be confined to British soil. Throughout the length and breadth of Christendom there will be a spontaneous outpouring of sorrow. Wherever true womanhood is valued at its real worth, there will be found a wave of sympathy for Great Britain in the hour of threatening affliction. In every sphere of woman's influence, England's sovereign, through three score years has stood a bright and shining example. Her life has been an open book from which her people and the world have been able to read that noblest of lessons—the lesson of a life well spent. Monarchs such as Britain's queen are indeed a rarity. That there is imminent danger of her death is just cause for mourning among untold millions.

Dawson is a remarkable town for rumors. There is scarcely a day passes but rumor becomes responsible for all manner of wonderful things from the removal of the royalty down to a general war among all the nations of the earth. A newspaper could be filled each day in Dawson with rumors, which investigation would prove had no foundation in fact.

The business men of Seattle have acted very wisely in taking up the matter of the amount of criminality which has of late taken place in that city. Seattle as the gateway to Alaska has naturally attracted a large element of

undesirable characters, but there is no reason why the police force of the city should admit itself powerless to handle them. Unless a guarantee of better protection to life and property is soon forthcoming, the traveler from the north who is possessed of any considerable wealth will soon begin to give the Queen City a wide berth.

If the limits of every claim in the district were defined by some absolute measurement, as suggested in the council's recent memorial to Ottawa half the litigation before the gold commissioner would be prevented. The present indefinite system of determining claim boundaries is a natural breeder of disputes.

How Dawson ever managed to get along without telegraphic communication with the outside is a mystery.

Business picks up as the days display a lengthening tendency.

## A Curious Pet:

G. S. Stearns, whose cabin is on the hill just above town, has a curious pet in his cabin which puts one in mind of the stories told from time to time of prisoners who have centered their affections on mice, rats, and even upon flowers, during periods of solitary confinement.

Mr. Stearns is not a prisoner, of course, neither is he compelled to resort to strange pets for company, and that he does so is partly from choice and partly out of curiosity. His pet is perhaps one of the most curious that could well be imagined. It is a large blue bottle fly.

The fly was the last of his kind in the cabin last fall when the ice began freezing in the water bucket at night, and Mr. Stearns was always careful not to disturb him or allow him to be hurt. The insect soon settled down to a regular roosting place on the roof logs near the stove pipe, where he remained during the winter until the recent cold weather set in when he disappeared one day, leaving the man who had grown to take an interest in him to suppose that he had gone the way of all flies and was no longer among things living.

He was pleasantly surprised the first day that the mercury came up within speaking distance, to note that his pet had again returned to his accustomed place.

## Government Road.

Anent the statement made a short time since by Superintendent of Public Roads Tache, the Skagway Alaskan has the following:

The government road to the Whitehorse mines, Customs Inspector Menzies, of Whitehorse said last night, was to be completed yesterday. It runs from Main street, Whitehorse city, to near the Pueblo mine, a distance of from six to seven miles, and is intended as a trunk road from which roads to the mines can be built from either side. This road was made by the government upon the earnest representations of mine owners who desired to ship ore out this winter. It is only a winter road now, but next spring it will be rock and made a permanent highway. It is now in a condition for ore to be shipped over it at any time and it is believed that next week ore shipments will begin. There are six or seven miners all ready and desirous of immediately taking advantage of the railroad's terms for the shipment of ores to this port. There is now on the dump about 5000 tons, and now that the road is completed, it is believed that it will stimulate much development work during the winter and lead to many cargoes from the new mines being sent out for smelter tests.

## Big Dinner Tomorrow.

The Hoffman grill will open in their new location next door to the Savoy with a specially fine dinner tomorrow. To celebrate the event a turkey and chicken dinner will be served which will surpass any similar meal ever offered to the Dawson public. Messrs. Baelze and Charles Wubbenhorst, the proprietors of the Hoffman grill, have made that place a popular eating house by serving exceptionally well cooked meals which the public has evidenced their appreciation of by a liberal patronage. The new dining room is finely fitted up, well lighted and commodious.

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## STROLLER'S COLUMN.

There are many happenings in Dawson of which the ordinary citizen has no knowledge and which come to the surface usually by mere accident. In other words, one half the population of Dawson possesses but little knowledge as to the other half's mode of life, and but for a lapsus lingue in the presence of the Stroller a few days ago a funny happening in local lower five-dom would have been lost to the world, perhaps forever.

Last fall a well known gambler had a run of hard luck; his system needed fixing and everything with him went wrong. Stack after stack of blues went back to the house and the once successful sport found himself on bedrock off the pay streak. Being flat, he still had a certain standing in financial circles with the result that he was enabled to raise \$200 on a simple I. O. U. at the office of a well-known money lender.

The curtain went down and the orchestra played for two months. Ten days ago the two months expired and the money lender called on the sport to redeem his pledge. The latter was in his cabin and was nurturing a dark brown taste, had a ringing in the ears, dizziness and an inclination to destroy bird's nests.

"I vant mine monish!" said the man who had made the advance two months previous.

"Get away and quit bothering me!" said the man who had been accommodated.

"But I vant my monish!" insisted the lender. "It ish due today unt I vant it!"

"Have you that I. O. U. with you?" demanded the gambler.

"Here it ish," said Abraham, producing the paper.

"Then eat it!" yelled the exasperated sport drawing a revolver and leveling it on his tormenter who at once complied with the order and ardently chewed and swallowed the last vestige of the paper.

"Now, get out of this," continued the fellow and having no I. O. U. to collect the outwitted money lender stood not upon the order of his going.

Two days later the gambler called on the money lender and planked down the \$200 like a man. The act touched a tender spot in Abraham's bosom and he exclaimed: "You ish von honest man! You make me eat der note unt then ven I haf noddings to show dot you owes me, you come upp like a man unt pays me mine monish. Now, venever you vants any more monish, come to me unt ged him, for you ish von honest man."

Monday of this week the gambler again needed \$200 and called on the money lender.

"Zertainly, mine fren! Here is der monish," said he as he counted the bills out on the counter.

"And here is your note for it," said the gambler as he handed an I. O. U. written on a piece of heavy note paper.

The others looked ruefully at the piece of paper for a moment and then said:

"Please write it on a ginger schnapp."

The Standard theater people are thawing out a sewer in front of their place and have used for that purpose a three-inch hose which, connecting with their steam heating pipes, is stretched across the sidewalk on the hard packed snow. As the steam passed through the pipe it gradually sank in the ice and when removed left a snaky trail some 14 feet long and several inches in depth. An inebriated roystere upon observing the same this morning created no little excitement by yelling at the top of his voice, "Snakes!" "I've got them!" etc., but was quited by the Stroller who explained the case by telling him it was but the uncovered abiding place of one of the famous cold weather ice worms.

## Had the Last Word.

One of these old ladies lives on Woodward avenue and the other on Jefferson, and the latter has much more than an average share of this world's goods. Mrs. Woodward is being visited by a grand-daughter, whom she called into the sitting room while the rest of the family were away, saying to her after the old fashioned manner:

"Call up Mrs. Jefferson, present her with my compliments and say that I would esteem it a great favor if she would send her carriage for me. I want the pleasure of a short call upon her."

The protest against grandma's venturing out, for she has been a semi-invalid for several years, met with a wave of the hand and a "please do as I bid you."

The carriage came, grandma was safely placed inside, and in less than two hours she again occupied her easy chair.

"There," with a sigh of relief, "that is done. It has worried me every day and almost every night for 50 years. Think of it being that long since we quarreled. We have spoken for the first time in all that period."

"Very funny that you should apply to the enemy for transportation and get it, grandma. In these days we would call that 'nerve.'"

"It was this way, dearie," disregarding the interruption. "We both received the attentions of the same young man. He married her. She told me first of the engagement. I wished her joy, but added that I would never marry if I had to throw myself right at the head of a man. She sneered that I was jealous and said we had better meet as strangers thereafter. I started to reply, and we were interrupted."

"Oh, grandma, I'm so glad that you went down to make your peace!"

"Make my peace, indeed! I went to have that last word I was cheated out of and tell her that I had jilted him twice before he ever turned to her for consolation. I did it, we had some tea, and she sent me home again. My, but she'll give her husband a bad, bad hour!"—Ex

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## LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Between Cook's Candy Store and A. E. Co.'s Store, via Fourth Street from Second to First Avenue, a gray pocket-book about 5 inches long. Finder please return to Nugget Office. 1 T.

FOUND—A Black-and-tan sporting dog. If not claimed in 14 days will be sold. The Laundry, Caribou, Dominion Creek. 22.

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