

BIG SALE OF QUARTZ CLAIMS

Lepine Groupe of 12 Locations Sold to Munger Syndicate.

Property is Known From Mill Test to Be Very Valuable—First Quartz Transaction Yet Made.

Last week a deal in mining property took place in Dawson which bids fair to be so far reaching in its extent that its ultimate effect can be present scarcely be appreciated. The transaction involves the transfer of a group of twelve quartz claims upon which prospecting and development work has been carried on with but little interruption during the past two years and the property may be said to have long since passed the experimental stage of its developmental value. What will prove more than usual interest, however, is the fact that the purchasers of the claims have not taken hold of them for purposes of speculation, strictly speaking, but being a company of almost unlimited capital will at the earliest possible moment erect a stamp mill of considerable size and at once begin the reduction of the mountain ore exposed to sight. The claims embraced in the deal are those constituting what is known as the Lepine group, located on Lepine creek, a tributary of Rock creek, and the purchaser is none other than the Munger syndicate, the latter fact being a sufficient guarantee of the bona fides of the transaction.

The ledge which these claims covers was discovered and located by a man named Lepine and his partner Bradley two years ago last July, the creek being named for the former. Lepine and Bradley each staked two claims and the balance were located by their friends. Lepine creek enters the right limit of Rock creek one and a half miles from its mouth and runs almost parallel with the Klondike except in an opposite direction. The claims are some six or eight miles up the creek or about opposite the mouth of Husker and about four miles back from the Klondike. To reach the property one has but to follow the excellent road built last year by the old A. E. Co. to their coal mines on Rock creek, which crosses two of the claims in the Lepine group.

One making an examination of the property who is at all familiar with quartz mining is at first amazed, dumbfounded at the sight which greets his eyes. The mineral bearing ledge is in one sense not a ledge at all, but appears, rather, to be a huge dyke, almost a mountain in itself which by some means has been planted in the main range. It is over 5,000 feet in width in places, so big that the mighty Tredwell, which one is accustomed to look upon as the father of all ledges, pales into insignificance. In length the enormous ledge has been traced over two miles and a half and then it dips so perceptibly that the chances are a shaft of considerable depth would have to be sunk in order to reach it. The footwall is of slate, but the hanging wall is yet to be discovered. The ore is a quartzite, quite friable and easily worked, and to the naked eye or even with a glass does not present any traces of mineral, and is such that an expert would pass over as being unworthy of notice and a chechaco following in the footsteps would pick it up by chance and make a fortune out of it.

During the past two years there have been 33 shafts sunk on the group in various places, ranging in depth from 10 to 62 feet. There have also been six tunnels driven. The value of the ore is contained almost wholly in free gold, the assays of the sulphurets giving returns barely sufficient to pay for their handling even under the most favorable conditions. What brought about the consummation of the sale was doubtless the results obtained from a mill run of ten tons made a short time ago by the Munger mill. The ore was taken at random the full width of the dyke, 5000 feet, care being particularly observed in securing only a fair sample.

SOCIAL SMOKER OF EAGLES

Last Night Was Very Largely Attended.

Enlivened From Beginning to End With Songs, Stories and Refreshments—General Good Time.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles entertained their friends last night at the A. B. hall by means of a stag social and smoker, the evening being one of the most enjoyable of the many for which the Eagles have been responsible. The inner man was frequently regaled with copious draughts of excellent punch, the brewing of which is one of the most jealously guarded secrets of the order, and for those who smoke there were endless quantities of cigars which the program proclaimed to be Havanas Stinkadores Infamous. Between rounds sandwiches and cake were passed and from 10 o'clock to 1 it was a case of eat, drink and smoke up. Freimuth's orchestra, all of whom are Eagles, was present and furnished the music, playing a spirited march in the beginning to which the officers marched in the hall in a body and took their respective stations. President Clayton made a short address of welcome and then asked Past President Tozier to take the gavel. Mr. Tozier in taking the chair told of the great pleasure he experienced in being present and suggested that while waiting for the working force to bring in the dudsens that they be entertained. It was customary, he said, in beginning an olio to have the poorest at the top of the program and asked Mr. Clayton who should have the honor of opening the ball. He had the temerity to name Al Clark, an indiscretion which cost him a fine of 50 cents. Mr. Clark sang "You're Just Behind the Times," and was followed by Mr. Clayton with "Honey, Youse My Lady Love" and Wm. Carieek in "Im Tiefsen Keller" and "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." Corporal Cobb upon being called upon rendered "The Deathless Army" and "On the Banks of the Wabash." At this point Judge Tozier announced that he would give a sample of United States police court justice in the rural districts. All those who had been guilty of living in Seattle for one year were fined \$1, the same dose being administered to everyone who acknowledged the same length of residence in Tacoma. Half rates were given those from Moosehide and George Warburger fined up 50 cents and looked pleased. "Barney" Sugree sang a song and D. Donahy was fined 25 cents for having been idle while a member of the Kid Committee. Piano solos were played by the Ractime Kid and then the postoffice employees were lined up and assessed \$1 each on account of the recent doubling of the money order rates. Buel, the cartoonist, was fined \$2 because of his cleverness, the honor of paying which was divided equally between Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Cassels Chas Boyle was asked to sing a song and because he couldn't it cost him 50 cents.

JUST AS SHE EXPECTED

Was Result of Assault Case in Police Court.

After a week's vacation, during which time he visited on the creeks and rested up after the arduous duties imposed upon him as revising barrister, Judge C. D. Macanlay occupied the bench in police court this morning, when only one case was up for adjudication. Mrs. Georgiana E. Burns is a woman who would not knowingly tread upon a worm. Mrs. Burns is custodian of two dogs for another woman and on Saturday afternoon as she was coming from South Dawson down street with one of her charges following her, she met John Quist, a son of the Norseland. John was driving a dog team and all was well with him. The little birds sang in his heart as he lay back in the sled and ever anon said, "Ae tank you baster mosh, you flap-jack-fed soons of goons." When near the slough bridge he met Mrs. Burns and when her dog stopped to say "Ah, there!" to John's dogs he struck at it with his whip. Mrs. Burns alleged in her testimony that when she remonstrated with John for striking her dog that his wrath was kindled and that he struck her with his dog whip three different times across the head and back.

In his own behalf John said he never touched Mrs. Burns with his whip and that only when her dog had come at him in a threatening demeanor and cast of countenance that he tokened evil intent and maliciousness of heart did he even strike her dog, and that not at all did he strike her or strike at her. As it was the word of one against the word of the other and as the onus was on the complainant to conclusively prove the charge she preferred, there was nothing for the court to do other than dismiss the case.

The right to have the last word, by an unwritten law, conceded to the court, however, it was violated this morning as when his honor rendered his decision Mrs. Burns said: "Just as I expected."

She paid the costs of the court, \$5, and withdrew shaking her head.

Nicely furnished rooms at the Coping House, 7th ave. and 3rd st.

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MEETING TONIGHT

Three Cornered Political High Jinks at the Standard.

The Standard theatre this evening will be the scene of a red-hot political meeting. There will be representatives from the Kid Committee, the People's ticket and probably also from the Citizens' ticket. It being so arranged that four candidates from each party will be accorded the privilege of speaking. Those attending are requested to deposit their gups at the bar and it is the earnest desire that the hot air generator of the Kid Committee be let at home. Candidates will enter the ring at 8.30 and strange holds and flying falls are barred.

MACDONALD THE NOMINEE

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Dr. Catto explained why he was heart and soul with the acts of the convention which foretold success and honest government. Attorney Hagel favored the enlistment of the aid and influence of Americans and other non-voters. He said Americans are skilled in the science of self-government. On motion of D. Donahy, J. T. Bethune was made secretary of the executive committee. There being no further business the convention adjourned with three for King Edward and three for the nominees. Immediately after the adjournment of the convention the executive committee went into session but no business was transacted further than the election of Alex. J. Macfarlane to the position of general secretary.

MAIL CARRIER MEETS DEATH

Frozen on Christmas Between Tanana and Chestachena.

Fortymile, Jan. 18.—Mail carrier Paxton arrived last night from the lower river with the report that Carrier H. J. Tuffen was frozen to death on Christmas day between Tanana and Chestachena. The body was found by Indians on the following day.

DANCE HALL PROSPECTOR

Girls Dispatch Agent to Size Up Koyukuk Situation.

Billie Devine, the alleged pugilist, left for Koyukuk this morning as a sort of advance man for a number of Dawson dancehall girls who are said to have staked for the trip. It is his opinion the field looks good for the dancehall business he is to report as speedily as possible, after which those interested in the matter will pack their grips and report on the Koyukuk as speedily as possible. In the meantime and before the exodus occurs take partners for the dreamy waltz.

LIFE RAFTS PICKED UP

All Boats of Wrecked Steamer Walla Walla Located.

San Francisco, Jan. 12, via Skagway, Jan. 20.—The steamer Columbia which arrived yesterday from Portland brought one of the life rafts launched from the Walla Walla. It was picked up by the Columbia on Friday morning some 70 miles north of the scene of the collision. All the boats are now accounted for. When the passengers were rescued the rafts in each case were turned loose. This one was abandoned by one of the boats that picked up the passengers. Hot and cold lunch at the Bank Saloon.

FAMOUS "ROSS" WEAPON WILL BE MADE IN CANADA.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—A company which will erect a large arms factory somewhere in the Dominion has just been incorporated by Sir Charles Ross, the inventor of the famous Ross rifle. With Sir Charles are associated some leading financiers. The company has been capitalized at \$3,000,000 and the plant which will be erected will cost fully this sum. The company has already a contract with the Australian Government for the sale of fifty thousand small arms for a sum aggregating \$1,500,000. A contract with the Imperial Government for one hundred thousand rifles is also expected, the price being about thirty dollars each. The new company is also expecting a large order from the Dominion Government. The Ross rifle was tested last summer by a commission of military experts, consisting of Col. Hon. J. M.

TREATMENT OF WOUNDED

Efforts of Boer Leaders to Prevent Cruelties.

London, Dec. 23.—In connection with the charge of cruelty to the wounded at Bakelagte the Times publishes a letter to a friend in England from an officer who took part in the fighting. The letter says:—"It may interest you to know that Commandant Grobelaar sent the following letter to Col. Benson with regard to the stripping of some of our wounded by the Boers on the 25th:—'To my utmost annoyance and displeasure, I had to see today that my burghers had undressed your wounded soldiers. It is without my order, I am trying to find the culprits out and will punish them to the utmost. It was done without the orders of any of the officers or leaders.'"

DISPUTE OVER A FRACTION.

Fighting in Colorado.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 21.—In the first round of what was to have been a twenty-round contest before the Rover Club "Kid" Bennett of Cripple Creek was fouled by Eddie Toy of Denver, and was awarded the decision. In a five-round preliminary Mat Malloy of Pueblo, a youngster of phenomenal ability, easily beat "Spike" Wallace, a Denver fighter. Malloy will be matched against "Kid" Parker, the Denver pugilist, as a result of his showing, and then against the best men in the country in his class.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Dawson Literary and Debating Society will hold a regular meeting Friday evening of this week, when the following question will be discussed: Resolved, that the policy of the Boers is responsible for and justifies Great Britain's action in the Boer war. Affirmative—Geo. Edwards, R. P. Wilson. Negative—A. M. Kilgore, W. P. Allen.

MEETING OF THE BAR.

A meeting of the Bar Association is called for tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of going over the list of untried cases and arranging for the opening of court on February 3.

MAIL COMING.

Incoming mail to the amount of 500 pounds passed Selwyn Sunday at 2 p.m. and will probably reach Stewart tonight. It should reach Dawson late tomorrow night.

EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE

All kinds of game at Bonanza Market, next Post Office.

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ZERO CLUB ELECTION

Officers Chosen Saturday Night for Coming Year.

All members of the Zero Club who were not up to the ears in politics Saturday night were at the club, it being the occasion of the election of officers for the ensuing year. There were 50 votes cast and the result of the ballot was the following election: President—Thomas A. McGowan. Vice President—W. L. Walsh. Secretary/treasurer—Lieutenant H. S. Tabin.

CHOICE CUTS

Hot and cold lunch at the Bank Saloon.

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Slow Headway.

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