

### REGARDING THE GAME LAW

As Recently Passed by the Yukon Council

And Now in Force and Effect Throughout the District—Limit May Be Temporarily Extended.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. As there seems to be a general misunderstanding regarding the present game laws as recently duly enacted and passed by the Yukon council and now in force and effect, the more important points of it are herewith produced:

Except as hereinafter provided, the following beasts and birds shall not be hunted, taken, killed, shot at, wounded, injured, or molested in any way during the following times of the year respectively: Musk ox, elk or wapiti, moose, cariboo, deer, mountain sheep or mountain goats, between the first day of January and the first day of October in each year.

Grouse, partridges, ptarmigan, pheasants and prairie chickens, between the 15th day of January and the first day of October in each year.

Wild swans, wild ducks and wild geese, snipes, and plovers or cranes, between the first day of June and the first day of September in each year.

No person will have the right to kill during the same season, except as hereinafter provided, more than two elk or wapiti, two moose, six cariboo, two musk oxen, two deer, two mountain sheep, or two mountain goats, provided, however, that licenses may be issued as hereinafter provided for giving the right to any one person to kill a greater number of the beasts mentioned in this paragraph, during the same season, as may be fixed from time to time by the commissioner in council.

Any person who shall kill any of the above beasts shall be bound to report himself at the first mounted police detachment on his way to Dawson or the creeks, and to declare his name, the number of beasts killed and the place where he killed them.

Any person purchasing the meat of the above beasts for trading purposes shall keep a register showing the name of the person or persons from whom it was so purchased, the quantity and kind purchased, and also the date of purchase.

All members of the mounted police shall be ex-officio 'game guardians' under this ordinance, and the commissioner in council may appoint other guardians as they see fit. Any game guardian may call upon any person at any time, found in the possession of game to state when, where, and from whom it was obtained, and whenever he has reason to suspect that any person is illegally in the possession of game, he shall have the right to inspect any bag, or other receptacle, vehicle or other means of transportation in which he may suppose it to be, and any person refusing, molesting, or obstructing the said game guardian in the accomplishment of such duties, is liable upon summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$100 and costs, and in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding one month.

Notwithstanding anything in sections two, three, four and five of this ordinance, the beasts and birds mentioned in those sections may be lawfully hunted, taken or killed, and eggs of any of the birds or other wild fowl so mentioned may be lawfully taken:

By Indians who are inhabitants of the Yukon territory. But this exception does not apply to buffalo or bison; nor shall it be construed to permit such Indians to kill any such beasts for the purpose of barter or sale.

By explorers, surveyors, prospectors, miners or travelers who are engaged in any exploration, survey or mining operations, or other examination of the territory, and are in actual need of the beasts, birds or eggs for food.

By any person who has a permit to do so granted under the subsequent provisions of this ordinance.

Everyone is guilty of an offence who violates any of the foregoing provisions of this ordinance, and is liable on summary conviction thereof, to a penalty as follows:

For the violation of any provisions with regard to musk oxen, buffalo or bison, elk, wapiti, or moose, cariboo, deer, mountain sheep or mountain goats, to a penalty of not more than \$500.

And for the violation as to any other of the provisions of this ordinance, to a penalty of not more than \$100.

And he is also liable in every case to pay the costs of conviction.

The above is the law as it now exists and, unless the time on which it becomes an offence to offer this class of meat for sale is extended, there will be fully 100 tons of moose and cariboo which will of necessity rot where it is cached on the headwaters of the Klondike and at other points in the district; and as the law now is, both Major Wood and Capt. Starnes remarked to a Nugget representative this morning: "There is nothing left for us to do but enforce it."

Major Wood, however, realizing that a rigid enforcement of the law which make it an offence to expose for sale any of the above mentioned game after the first day of March, will work a serious hardship on many hunters who may not even yet be cognizant of the existence of the recently enacted laws, has suggested, in response to a large number of letters already received by him and bearing on this subject, that those interested petition the council for an emergency extension of the time in which game may be marketed and sold and thereby be permitted to reap in a measure the rewards of their labor and not be forced to see tons upon tons of good meat rot where it now lies.

On the other hand, the major asserts that butchers and meat dealers in the district may have on hand a large amount of meat imported last fall and which they must sell before the advent of the warm weather, otherwise it will be lost to them and to the meat eating public.

Although not definitely stated, there is every reason to believe that for this spring the season for marketing game will be extended, and if it is there is a glaring possibility that meat will be cheaper during the month of March than ever before in the history of Dawson.

### POLICE COURT NEWS.

There were several cases before Police Magistrate McDonnell this morning, nearly all of which were continued on account of absence of witnesses or a wish to consult counsel.

Louie Blum was up as the result of a complaint sworn to by Tom Chisholm charging that on the night of the 16th instant Louie did take, steal and carry away wood to the value of 50 cents. As Louie desired time in which to secure an attorney the case, at his request, was remanded until tomorrow morning.

Arthur Wells, who is a cook by trade, had the indiscretion to attempt to carry an overload of hootch along the sidewalk in front of the barracks Saturday evening. The load was rather too much for him in that he was wont to stumble and, peradventure, to fall down and roll off the sidewalk and mingle with the snow. Court Orderly Mayne chanced to see the overburdened man and conducted him and his load to the guard room. Five dollars and costs was the freight rate on the load carried.

The case of William McMaisters, charged with having, on the 15th of the present month stolen blankets, photographs and a pair of gold scales from a cabin on Hunker creek, was remanded until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

On Friday, Geo. E. Nichols of this city went to Grand Forks on business where, in the person of Molly Thompson who operates the Globe hotel, he recognized an old Montana acquaintance. In the exuberance of joy incident to the unexpected meeting of the acquaintances a few drinks of the compound fluid extract of quinineessence of squint root were indulged in and George says that the next thing he knew he was on a bed in the upstairs of the house with a battered and bruised face and with a \$416 vacuum in his pocket. Failing to have his and his poke's conditions satisfactorily explained by the erstwhile Montana acquaintance, he made complaint to the police and Molly was arrested on the charge of theft. Pending the arrival of witnesses from the Forks the case was continued until this afternoon. In court this morning the portion of the left side of Nichols' face which peeped out from beneath the sling in which it was worn resembled in color a Georgia Republican convention.

### General Order.

The following general order from Ottawa was received at the gold commissioner's office yesterday.

Whereas it is represented that in many cases the applicant for a placer mining claim in the Yukon territory has not had an opportunity of observing the indications sufficiently to make the affidavit required by clause 1 of the form of application for a grant for placer mining established by order in council of the 18th of January, 1898, which reads as follows: "That from indications I have observed on the claim applied for I have reason to believe that there is there a deposit of gold;" and it is deemed advisable that this should be eliminated.

Therefore, his excellency, by and with the advice of the king's privy council for Canada is pleased to order that the said clause 1 of the above mentioned form of application for a grant for placer mining as above recited shall be and the same is hereby eliminated from the said form of application and affidavit.

(Signed) JOHN J. M'GEE, Clerk of the Privy Council.

### TIMES ARE BRISK IN CHINA

No Law to Behead Members of Royal Family.

Supposed Traitor Loses His Head—A Large Sum of Money to Bribe New Official.

The Chinese peace commissioners have received definite imperial instructions not to consent to any punishment heavier than imprisonment for princes of the royal blood. This news reached Seattle in mail advices on board the United States transport Arab, which arrived from the Orient last Sunday night. The Universal Gazette of Peking, discussing the peace terms, criticises them for their omissions only, pointing out that the officials who are to be punished should have been designated by name and the nature of the punishment specified. "As the demand now stands," says the Gazette, "there may be a difference of opinion as to whether or not Tung Fuhsiang is included. As for Prince Tana, the chief sinner, his name has not even been mentioned. It is known that the Chinese peace commissioners have definite imperial instructions not to consent to severer punishment of princes of the royal blood than imprisonment."

Oriental papers are discussing with avidity the peace terms. Further details of the wreck of the new German steamer Suishiang, 60 miles above Ichang, among the rapids of the Yangtse gorges, are contained in the Shanghai Mercury of December 29. The vessel is a total loss. All on board were saved, except Capt. Breytag, her master, who lost his life that others might live.

The Suishiang was bound from Ichang to Chungking. It was her maiden trip. She had on board a cargo of merchandise and a number of passengers, including several missionaries, who were on their way to resume their labors in the province of Szechuen.

The disaster came while Capt. Breytag was grappling with the forces of nature among the treacherous rapids of the Yangtse gorges. It is feared that the loss of the steamer will discourage further enterprise in the same direction. The Suishiang was built at Shanhai by Boyd & Co. for Arnhold, Karberg & Co. for the special purpose of trading on the upper Yangtse.

A remarkable story of vengeance meted out to a Chinese who informed foreign troops of hidden treasure in a small town 20 miles from Peking is told by the Shanghai Mercury. The treasure was said to consist of \$17,000.

On nearing the village the Chinese was sent ahead of the expedition, which numbered about 25 men, to prepare the villagers for the surprise party. When the gold hunters arrived they found the head of their informer in a bag, instead of a flowery welcome. The villagers made other manifestations of their hostility to the troops. Reinforcement were sent for, and in the meantime the troops bivouacked in the village pawnshop. The treasure is still hidden, and inquiries are being made in Peking about the return of the troops.

It would appear from the article that the gold seekers were British, as the Austrians subsequently protested against a "wanton" invasion of their sphere by the British.

Within the space of one week on the Canton river five passage boats in tow of launches have been robbed by river pirates. In three of the instances the launches were captured and made use of to conduct them to a place of safety. In only one instance were any arrests made. Some time ago the Shushing boat was held up and two of the passengers badly wounded. The following night another boat was robbed and the launch taken and has not yet been recovered. The pirates are starting operations earlier in the season, and scarcely a day passes but one or more robberies are reported. The river police seem to be unable to cope with the robbers, and it is thought that if it gets much worse up-river traffic will be entirely suspended.

The keepers of gambling dens in Fatsan, China, are becoming somewhat worried as to what action will be taken in regard to their places of business when the new viceroy To Mo takes office. They have been informed that he hates vice and will do his best to drive out the nefarious traffic. The heads of the Wa Sing lottery establishment have accordingly held a meeting and will make an attempt to buy his excellency when he arrives. The enormous sum of \$300,000 has been

raised and will be offered to the viceroy if he will take no cognizance of the acts of the gamblers.

The new viceroy will assume his position in a short time, and his action is anxiously awaited by the gamekeepers, who, however, seem to have some sort of assurance that their request will be granted if the viceroy is properly mollified.—P.-I., Jan. 30.

### A Surgical Operation.

Last evening a party of four were sitting around the fire smoking and talking after dinner, when the conversation turned on surgical operations, and one of them, a well known Dawsonite told the following personal experience.

"Some years since I was living in Seattle, and in some manner, and for some cause for which I never could account, I burst one of the small blood vessels in my left ear which resulted in a hard swelling in the upper portion of the member, which promised not only to grow larger but to be permanent.

"The blood vessel was not broken entirely through but merely ruptured slightly, and when I sought surgical relief I was told, much to my annoyance that the only remedy was to lay a flat, hard substance behind the member at the affected point, and wrap it smoothly with something of equal hardness on the other side.

"Now that would have been all right, but it had the drawback of being a very serious operation inasmuch as that if not successful it might prove fatal. On the other hand the swelling, I was told, might go on till it got as big as the first joint of my thumb.

While considering the chances of the operation one evening on the way home from my business I noticed in passing the woodpile that there was no wood split, and picked up the double-bitted ax and began splitting wood, something I had not done in a year before.

"It was all right for the first pass or two, but then the wire clothes-line got in its work with the result that the flat side of the ax came back and hit me on the right side of the head, almost flooring me.

"Naturally I was mad. I said something about the unhappy results of a combination of blankets, wire clothes-lines and double-bitted axes, and changed the ax into the left hand, and at once became intent on a large knotty stick as a means of absorbing a little superfluous energy.

"I raised the ax and gave it a turn or two, savagely behind me before bringing it down and then I put out all my strength.

"The ax never reached its mark, because with my usual foresight I had overlooked, once more, the presence of the clothes line with the result that the flat of the ax once more descended on my devoted head, this time landing fairly on my left ear, completely putting me out of business.

"When I came to and remembered what had happened, I put my hand to my ear and discovered that the troublesome swelling had gone. I had performed that surgical operation successfully with a double-bitted ax."

### File Agreement to Part.

Articles of separation between Henry M. Brown and Sarah B. Brown, his wife, who have agreed to disagree, were filed in the county auditor's office. The instrument is the first one of the kind filed in King county, as far as can be determined by existing records, and is unique in many particulars.

It opens by reciting the fact of the marriage of the parties, which occurred in November, 1892. There are two children, it is stated, one boy of 3 years and one of 18 months. The agreement then states that, "whereas many differences have lately arisen between the said Henry M. Brown and Sarah B. Brown, and they have mutually agreed to live separate and apart from each other for and during their natural lives," it has been deemed advisable to prepare such a contract.

It is then provided that Mrs. Brown may engage in any business she wishes, may live wherever she likes and shall be free from interference by her husband, and legally allowed to conduct her affairs regardless of her marriage and as though she were single. She is to receive ten acres of land in Oregon worth \$1500, and \$500 cash alimony; also the custody of the younger child. Mr. Brown promises for his part to not write her or interfere with her in any manner, and to take charge of the older child. He is to keep the household furniture, and in future any property accumulated by either of them shall remain separated.

W. H. Buttner is appointed to serve as trustee for Mrs. Brown's interests, and attached to the contract is his receipt for \$500 paid her by Mr. Brown.—P.-I.

### WRITES THE KLONDIKE NEWS

A Dawson Man Tells a Seattle Friend His Opinions.

Does Not Overdraw in His Estimates—Likens Dawson's Christmas to Old Times.

Gus. M. Stearns, a former prominent business man of Portland, who has been for three years in the Klondike, writes under date January 2 an interesting, gossipy letter to a friend in this city of matters in general on the Yukon and in and around Dawson and the creeks.

"Much interest is being taken in prospecting on American territory, Tanana being strongly in the lead, several parties from here having started or soon will start. The prospects of enough of that section will soon be known to justify a large camp somewhere on the river well up from the mouth.

"Clear creek, a tributary of Stewart river, is and has been attracting much attention and it is generally thought will prove a fair producer and a camp of some magnitude. The prospecting going on will determine this soon, as there are between thirty and forty men at work now on the creek. A permanent camp at the mouth of the creek, making a base from which the miners can secure supplies, will enable upper Stewart river to be prospected, and when that is done I predict some rich discoveries both in quartz and placer.

"Eureka creek, a tributary of Indian river, is also showing rich prospects at this time, though practically deserted for the last two years, and bids fair to become a large producer.

"An estimate of the output for the current year is hard to make as yet, owing to the large number of claims on the creeks that are unworked this winter. These, however, are expected to be worked next summer, and it is the uncertainty of what ground will be worked and what will not that makes it hard to form an estimate of the coming output. I have no doubt that the winter output will be reduced, but think it safe to say that the increased summer work will cause this year's figures to fully equal those of last.

"Mercantile business of all kinds seems unusually quiet in Dawson, so much so, indeed, that even the large companies are taking a hand in cutting prices. The hotel or roadhouse business on the creeks seems largely overdone and general complaints is the rule. Still it is generally thought that under the new mining regulations that prospectors will return in large numbers.

"The brightest and most pleasant winter weather that the 'oldest' can recall has been over this district for the past four weeks. From 8 to 10 degrees below to 10 to 12 above. Such doings on the part of the weather clerk indicate neglect of duty, or, perhaps, 'hootch', but it could not last, and today it registered 40 degrees below and still going down.

"Christmas and New Year's, each have passed in Dawson, as with the rest of the world, and this Christmas, owing to the large number of children in the city and on the creeks, has seemed to the observer more like an old-fashioned Christmas for boys and girls than previous like occasions here, and not so much like the days when Christmas was celebrated here by the sour dough.

"All of the large stores had an abundance and well selected stock of toys and other things calculated to please the juvenile eye and deplete the poke of the head of the family and his male friends.

"This method of celebrating, however, was by no means unanimous and the genuine old-timer who was a sour dough when we were chechakos, threw off the lash rope, broke the halter and went bucking, some the flowing bowl and some the tiger. It all passed as usual in this peaceful mining camp, where even the extra double distilled 'hootch' cannot cause the toughest of the tough to forget his fear of the boys with the yellow stripes, or the dreaded government woodpile, where sawing wood under compulsion, with the thermometer dallying with the fifties, is no dream, but a sad and fearful reality."—P.-I.

Barrett & Hull have just received a shipment of candles from Porterville which they are now offering at very reasonable prices.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office. For choice meals go to the Denver Market.