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## BUDGET OF LIVE LOCAL ITEMS.

### A Dinner in Honor of Mr. Anley Morrison, M. P.

#### A New Secretary for the Miners' Association—A Ridiculous Story From the Outside—Returned From McQuestion.

A dinner was given by Senator Jeremiah Lynch Monday night at the Cafe Royal on 2nd Avenue to Mr. Anley Morrison, M. P. for New Westminster. The Senator, who is somewhat of an epicure, taxed the resources of the hostelry to the uttermost, and as a result the banquet, as it might be termed, both in menu and wines probably excelled anything of the kind yet given in Dawson. It is said that the guests who were invited to meet Mr. Morrison were interested and amazed at the frankness and plainness with which the Senator, who is easily recognized here as perhaps the foremost American in the Klondike, told his views of the local official action as viewed from an American standpoint. We hear that the colloquy between the gentlemen would have been good reading. Mr. Morrison is slated from the West for the first vacancy in the cabinet and is of course a stalwart Liberal. He leaves tomorrow direct for Ottawa. Let us hope that when he meets Sir Wilfred Laurier he will not forget the things he has heard and seen in Dawson, and that he will not sink partisanship for principles if it be necessary. His vote should be potent at Ottawa for reform of the abuses which oppress us and of which he has full and ample personal knowledge.

#### A New Secretary.

The standing committee of the Miners' Association held a meeting on Monday night at the association building on Church street. The matter of electing a secretary to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Hutchinson was taken up and resulted in the election of Col. McGregor. Col. McGregor was one of the first men to take up the work of organizing the association, and during its entire history, has stood with his shoulder to the wheel pushing the work forward. The building is now open for members and new ones are being received daily. Members are expected to make the institute their headquarters while in town from the creeks.

#### What They Say Outside.

The most ridiculous and conflicting reports appear to be prevalent upon the outside, but by far the most amusing appeared in the London, England, *Telegram*, on August 1st:

#### "ALLEGED MUTINY OF CANADIAN TROOPS."

OTTAWA, Thursday, July 31, 1898. The *Journal* prints a special dispatch stating that the Dominion soldiers guarding the Yukon have mutinied and refuse to obey Colonel Evans, alleging they are badly fed and worked too hard.

There is at present some complaint among the soldiers who have to do guard duty on account of the severity of the weather; but if there is or has been any refusal to obey orders no one has heard of it in the Yukon Territory. Sentry duty without parkies or fur overcoats is sometimes severe; but the above clipping must have been penned while yet the summer zephyrs played with the wavelets of the Yukon, and mosquitoes roamed with unbridled license, prompted only by their own sweet will.

#### Back from McQuestion.

Mr. Colin McGregor, the popular sub-gold commissioner, located this summer at the mouth of McQuestion creek, has returned to Dawson, arriving here Monday night. Mr. McGregor had the company of one policeman at his lonesome post, Constable Hillyard, and the pair started out together, their three months for which they had been detailed to McQuestion having expired. They were accompanied on the trip down the Stewart by a party of miners bound for Dawson. When out a few days Hillyard broke through the ice, wetting his feet, and before a fire could be made had frozen them until it was impossible to continue the journey down the river. It was decided to take him back to the comfortable quarters just evacuated, and secure some one to wait upon him while he nursed his feet back to serviceable condition. This was done, and Hillyard will spend Thanksgiving at McQuestion instead of in Dawson.

#### Thanksgiving Dinner.

The White House, at Eldorado City, has prepared a great feast for the miners, to-morrow (Thursday) dinner. Turkey, mince, English plum pudding, pumpkin pie, etc., will be served the same as at home. Bull in the evening. Dinner from 2 to 6 p. m. Miners from all the neighboring creeks will take advantage of one good meal and an evening of amusement.

#### A Reclamation.

Whereas the time of year has arrived when all Yankeeedom is wont to cease from active toil and pay homage to the shrine of King Turkey and cranberry sauce; and whereas in this remote and far distant neck of the woods, said turkey and sauce are not in evidence to any considerable extent, therefore be it now proclaimed and ordered, and may all loyal lovers of the aforesaid give ear unto this command: That Thursday, the 24th day of November, is here and now set apart as a day of general feasting and rejoicing among the subjects of the Star Spangled Banner, and all loving and dutiful persons who owe allegiance thereto are by these presents required to desist upon that day from

partaking of their wonted cut of bacon and beans, and if unable to secure the requisite turkey are directed to indulge in corned beef or other equally expensive luxury.

Done on this the 23rd day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1898, and of the Independence of the United States the 122nd, at 44 degrees below zero.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

J. E. Fawcett lost a five-check on O'Brien & Moran for \$42.50.

The report that new mail had arrived by sled either Saturday or Sunday last proved to be without foundation on Monday.

A hard fought whist tournament has just been brought to a close between the Bank of Commerce and the Dawson Club. The bank people were defeated after a series of 16 games by two points.

One never realizes the force of the expression "cold and stiff in death," until he sees our display of Thanksgiving turkeys. From the end of the bill to the tip of the toes they are as rigid as an icicle.

And now the days were shortening to a point of polar brevity and artificial light becomes a necessity instead of a luxury. The much boasted "northern lights" have not yet put in a very conspicuous appearance.

C. E. and J. B. Crane, with a party of four other men arrived in Dawson from Forty-mile last week. They report the ice jammed in but few places and a very good trail following the left bank nearly all the way up.

The police have been notified that the body of P. Bodine Hus at Stewart died of uremic poisoning, brought about by Bright's disease of the kidneys. The local post of the N. W. M. P. has taken charge of his effects, but full particulars are not yet obtained.

The steam engine was given a reliable test last Friday, when it was taken out to flood the skating rink for the last time. The thermometer was 40 below zero, and the engine, stationed upon the river, forced a stream with considerable ease through 2200 feet of hose without freezing up.

H. L. Green, on No. 10 above on Gold Bottom, has built a trail with some little help from the miners up that stream from the mouth to the summit of the divide, as he intends putting in a private tram over the dome. He believes this to be the most feasible route across the hills, and this he will demonstrate this to be so.

Will Macklin slipped into a waterhole on the "Alaskan" Saturday, and his wet clothes froze so rapidly he had to be dragged to his cabin on Third avenue. Beyond a severe chill and some damaged clothes which were cut to facilitate their removal, no serious damage resulted.

The water ran over the ice on the Klondike, near its mouth, on Saturday evening, and belated pedestrians found themselves in the water before they knew it. Daylight Sunday morning proved it to be not nearly so extensive as was supposed by the traveler of the night before scampering around with freezing moccasins.

The old newspaper mail accumulated at the post office for many months has been opened and placed on a table, and an invitation extended to the public to take one. Each paper was ancient, but the pile masses the hills, day after day, and soon only "inserts" and remnants remained.

The gold commissioner has made a new ruling in regard to the relocation of unworked claims—at least in the recording of them. For several days past the recorder has been asking applicants and their witness "did you dig the snow from the ground to see for a certainty if work has not been performed by the former owner?"

The classification, sorting and eating of the accumulated old mail at the post office is making haste very slowly. No new mail has arrived in Dawson for months and applicants at the general delivery windows are sometimes being much disconcerted to find letters for them at the post office all summer.

Two West Dawsonites engaged in an altercation a few days ago which resulted in a regular set-to with all the rules of the game suspended. Baptie was the heavier and struck Stone in the "close-up," but though Stone was under a death he proceeded to chew the upper man down to his own size, and Baptie is now minus a thumb.

Capt. Hansen, manager of the A. C. Co., continues to make improvements in the stores of the company, the latest being one the ladies will not fail to appreciate. A glass storm-door has been opened on the front street side, permitting direct entrance to the furnishing and dry goods departments. The manager's office, has been removed from the second to the first floor, and other interior arrangements of added convenience to patrons of the establishment.

Mr. M. Mauden, of the Alaska Exploration Co., has gone down the river to Forty-mile district in the interests of his company. His instructions cover an investigation of the entire Forty-mile district, as well as the Tanana country and the gold producing creeks down as far as Eagle City. He will be gone until the latter part of February, and expects in his travels to cover a distance of 1400 miles on foot and by dog team.

The police have a force of eight or ten prisoners engaged in cutting up wood next the barracks. The wood is piled up in long lengths, on the reserve and the men need no bossing to keep them at work. It is a case of work or freeze or at least to work or be mighty uncomfortable. A guard of two men is plenty to prevent escapes, for no man cares to run for the woods with the breeze howling up the Yukon and the mercury bobbing away down by the bulb.

The superior court now holds forth in a building well built and made comfortable by every Klondike luxury in the way of house-furnishing and finishing and is lacking in but one detail—size. The judge's study is papered in blue and gold and is 13x14 in size. The outer waiting room is finished in paper of a rose hue and is 15x15 feet. The court room is the largest in the building—some 25x30 feet, paneled with light oak paper and containing all the usual paraphernalia of a court, prisoner's box, etc. A lawyer's room at one end of the court shows 8 lockers with swinging doors to contain clothing, lunch or any other refreshment required in a protracted case. upstairs

is found the bedrooms of the judge and his private secretary, one room 12x13 feet and the outer room 13x18 feet. A sitting room 28x30 feet will provide conversational relaxation for the occupants of the building and friends. The entire building is put up in first class style with arched and paneled partitions and the whole appeared at an expense which would make any Victoria paper hanger blush with shame and make even a plumber feel sick with envy.

A report has reached town that an unidentified frozen dead man has been found upon the ice of the Klondike, at a point below Bear creek, where the bluff is highest. Mr. J. L. Green, the proprietor of a road house on No. 10 above on Gold Bottom, is in town and feeling anxious about the non-arrival of a Mr. White, an employee, who should have been in town Friday morning, and who is known to have been fully clad for the spell of severe cold which has settled down upon us. White's cache is in town, and the only took a medium of clothing with him up the gulches, and was detained by a rush of work until the thermometer got out of preparation to his apparel.

#### PERSONALS.

Capt. D. K. Howard, of Bonanza creek, was in the city this week.

J. Bost, W. X. Ames and Joe Ledum left for Indian river via the Dome and Dominion on Monday.

Dr. La Chappelle is able to be around again to the satisfaction of his many friends who have been very anxious about him.

The many friends of Col. Hunter will regret to learn that he is again confined at St. Mary's hospital. He is prominent in Masonic circles.

ME J. L. Gaborath, located on a bench opposite No. 20 below on Bonanza was in the city on Monday. He is carrying on operations on a large scale.

Mr. J. L. Gould has just completed his road house, the "Catchup," situated two miles from the mouth of Hunker, and is prepared to furnish first class accommodations.

Dr. Yeamans, of the Empire line, is again able to be out, much to the gratification of his friends. The doctor had quite a siege of illness, but his strength is now rapidly returning.

John A. Williams has 5 holes down on his mill claim No. 35 below on Hunker and is washing out 7 to 8 oz. per day with a small rocker. The soil is very light and dry on the claim and not a great deal of thawing is required.

P. E. DeVille of the French Royal, gave a dinner on the 19th tonie following: Henry Cox, Jack McCabe, Corinne B. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Cavannaugh, Prof. F. B. Creese, Miss Pearl Hall, Harry Deureth and Frank Hudson.

Mr. Anley Morrison, M. P., for British Columbia, is leaving for the outside the first of the week in company with R. P. McLennon. Mr. Morrison is particularly anxious to get out in time to attend the first session of the house.

#### Not for Civilization.

Jack Carr left Tuesday morning with his party for Dyea, carrying a large quantity of mail and express matter for the outside.

J. A. Aeklin, G. L. Gage and Joe Biddle left for the outside world Wednesday morning with a large consignment of private mail and express matter. All the foregoing fully expect to spend Christmas at home.

Gentlemen recently arrived from up river points report meeting Sandison, with his bag of mail, at Selkirk. Nine miles above Selkirk he fell through the ice to his neck and had to return quickly or freeze to death. The party was met at Stewart, which point they had made in 88 hours from Dawson.

#### "The Pullman."

Thanksgiving night will witness the opening of what is bound to prove one of Dawson's most popular pleasure resorts. Mr. J. R. Armstrong has spared no pains or expense in fitting up "The Pullman" with every comfort and convenience for his patrons. The name of the cozy little establishment is quite significant, for it has been the aim of Mr. Armstrong to model the Pullman as nearly as possible after the famous coach of that name. He has been very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. D. K. Howard, well-known, especially to all old residents of Seattle from his connection with the "Nevada," in the Queen City of the South.

The furnishings of the bar and cafe which will be conducted in connection are of the finest and all who visit The Pullman are assured of a pleasant period of recreation.

#### The Benefit.

The grand benefit to-night at the Monte Carlo will surpass anything of the kind ever given in Dawson. The societies in whose behalf the entertainment is given have been working without intermission to make the affair a success. The very best available talent has been secured, and all who attend may count on an evening of pure enjoyment.

#### A Bad Fire.

An alarm of fire was sounded on Tuesday morning at 11:47. A small blaze, caused from a defective flue, was the cause. Before the department reached the scene, however, axes had been secured and the roof around the flue cut away sufficient to allow the application of a few buckets of water, which were all that were required to extinguish the flames.

A minstrel show in aid of St. Mary's is to be given on Christmas night at the Tivoli.

#### Entertainment at the Ferks.

The Rev. Dickey, located at the ferks of Eldorado and Bonanza, secured the services of Captain Jack Crawford, the poet scout, for last Monday night, and that gentleman kindly donated his time to the good cause, and now Mr. Dickey has funds to commence building his reading room annex to the Presbyterian church, about which he is so anxious. The captain was listened to from start to finish with flattering attention, and as usual the applause was unstinted. Mr. Innis Davidson varied the program with gramophone selections, and a lady, Miss Woods, favored with recitations.

Mr. Geo. G. Cantwell late of Juneau, Alaska, is doing the outside photographic work for E. A. Hegg.

## AMERICANS WILL GIVE THANKS.

### Turkey and Plum Pudding Will Be Exterminated on Thursday.

What Thanksgiving Day Means and Why It Is Observed—A Custom That Is Older Than the Great Republic.

Residents of Dawson who are American citizens and, as is well-known, they constitute by far the larger portion of our population are preparing generally to celebrate Thanksgiving. Although no official advice has been received, Thursday, the 24th inst., will be the day generally observed, for from established custom, the best Thursday in November is set aside in the United States for this purpose.

Enterprising merchants foreseeing the demand have brought in plentiful supplies of turkeys and delicacies suitable to the day, and although the prices asked would stagger the average family man on the outside, it has made no difference with the patriotic Americans of Dawson.

Thanksgiving is peculiarly an American holiday. Its origin can be traced back to the day of the Pilgrim fathers. The story has it that after innumerable privations, hardships and failure of crops the sturdy fathers of New England were finally blessed with an abundant harvest. In return for this the governor appointed a day for solemn thanksgiving. Each year thereafter the occasion was observed, and the custom finally spread over the entire union, and now in nearly all the states thanksgiving is recognized as a legal holiday. The president issues a proclamation setting aside a day to be observed, and in accordance therewith the public schools are closed and business generally is suspended.

It is peculiarly fitting that the Americans of Dawson should take recognition of this day, which, next to the 4th of July perhaps, is dearest of all days to the average American heart. It is such occasions as these that recall the sacred memories of home and the loved ones left so far behind. Many a plate will be set far away in the states in remembrance of a someone away off in the Klondike, and many a vacant chair round a previously unbroken circle will bear silent testimony to ties broken asunder perhaps for a time, perhaps for ever.

But hope, which springs eternal in the human heart, will whisper the promise of a happy return and glad re-union of loving hearts next year, and in that promise, comfort will come to many a weary and waiting soul.

#### Superior Court.

The following cases have been filed for hearing the past week:

John E. Brown vs. H. Bauman. John says he lent Bauman an outfit in June last to the amount of \$381.50 upon an understanding that if the same was not returned then an equal outfit should be given. He also says he worked for the defendant to the amount of \$38.50 and has only received up to date some \$4.

Geo. James ones Henning & O'Brien, the tramway men for services rendered in September and October in surveying the tramroad. He claims that no part of his bill of \$1,000 for labor has been paid.

Nathan A. James says he has done the representation work on 26 below on All-Gold creek, and that, therefore, by agreement, B. C. Sprague and Alex. McDonald owe him \$1,000.

Wm. S. Tolson says he represented on No. 2 on All-Gold Bottom and that Wm. Casey owes him \$600 therefor; also \$331 which he has been paid.

John H. Hanson says he let W. A. Doyle have goods to the amount of \$241 on the order of Wm. Waldner and he prays the court for relief.

Bartlett Brothers want \$122.50 from E. E. Berry for services in packing to Dominion, etc.

A. T. Thomas wants an accounting from J. G. McClurg. Thomas says he and McClurg were prospecting partners in that everything was to be in halves but that McClurg refuses to account for wages he earned while Thomas was staking down in the Forty-Mile district.

Marcus Rosenthal and Adam C. Anderson have a grievance against Mrs. F. H. Fancher. The lady appears to pose as the bona fide lessee from Morrison & McDonald of lot 6, block 8, the very property occupied by the plaintiffs on a transfer of lease from Sydney Hansard. Several interesting documents are in evidence from Mrs. Fancher, notifying the complainants that their rent had been raised to \$500 per week, and one document notifying of a raise in rent to \$500 each and every day.

F. C. Leitt has a grievance against S. A. Ripstein. Leitt says the defendant borrowed \$1,000 and gave a note secured by a mortgage on claim No. 61 above on Sulphur. He afterwards discovered defendant had transferred a half-interest in that same claim to W. McDonald and D. McDonald, and that they, in turn, were transferring a half to U. W. Elliot. The note fell due on November 15th and the complainant prays for what is due him.

#### Fireman's Ball.

None should forget that the great success of the season will be the Grand Masquerade Ball, to be given Thanksgiving eve, Nov. 23d, at the Pioneer hall for the benefit of the Dawson Volunteer Fire Brigade. Maskers will be required to identify themselves at the door. Doors open at 8 o'clock, and Grand March at 9 o'clock, city time.

## Stop That Cough!

### NUGGET COUGH DROPS

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