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DAWSON'S DONATION TO THE FAIR.

Kinetoscope Pictures of Chief Allen's Brigade of Fire Fighters.

Prancing Chargers and Yelling Malamutes Lend an Air of Originality to the Successful Exhibition.

Dawson's contribution to the world's fair at Gay Paree will be a series of moving pictures depicting her new fire brigade in a correct imitation of chasing to and extinguishing a conflagration. Coincidental will appear



IN HIS GLORY

An extract from Chief Allen's collection of badges and trophies, a good likeness of Mr. Beals in the act of driving a four-in-hand team of malamutes, a few hundred specimens of the genus "rubberneck" and other interesting features which can not be duplicated outside the icy borders of the Klondike. The whole thing will be picturesque in the extreme, thoroughly typical, and cannot fail to prove a strong attraction at the great show. People have seen fire apparatus elsewhere, but not under the conditions nor with the environments which will surround that of Dawson as shown in the pictures taken Sunday by one of Tom Edison's latest and best kinetoscopes.

The exhibition took place on Front street, before Tom Chisholm's "Aurora" and every adult resident of the city and such of the boys as happened to be in from the creeks to spend a quiet day. The kinetoscope first occupied a position in a wagon standing just north and commanded a view of the street looking south. Right in front of it, but half a block distant, Chief Allen lined up his forces and prepared for a gallant charge upon the machine. The chief bestowed a chafing black charger and occupied a position at the head of the column; Assistant Chief Stewart was also astride a horse and had a position a short distance in the rear. Next in order came chemical engine No. 1 drawn by a team of dogs, with Mr. Beals as driver; then the other chemical, the hose truck, hook and ladder truck, and lastly the fire steamer, drawn by two horses, with smoke belching from the smoke-stack, and Engineer Busch standing proudly in his position.

When the machine and the cavalcade were all in readiness the fire bell sounded the signal to start, and then the show was on. Chief Allen and Assistant Chief Stewart dug their spurs into the flanks of their willing steeds and charged gallantly upon the machine; Mr. Beals' trained quadrupeds caught the spirit of the occasion and nearly leaped through their collars in an attempt to make a good showing before the camera. The men with the other apparatus did their proudest and the fire steamer dashed through the atmosphere like a streak of sunlight. As the last piece went by the kinetoscope, the populace fell in behind and ran in a surging mass before the faithful eye of the machine, completing a picture that cannot fail to make the excitable Parisians stand up on their chairs in excitement when they see it, besides illustrating the way in which Dawson people turn out to a fire or the arrival of a steamboat.

The picture will also exhibit a likeness of the commissioner of the Yukon territory, which alone is expected to be worth the price of admission. He will be shown standing in a familiar attitude engaged in conversation with Judge Davis, one of the fire commissioners. Other special objects will be Chief Allen's charger vainly attempting to unseat his rider; one of the malamute dogs taking a chunk out of the leader's left hind hip because he wouldn't go fast enough to keep out of the way of the more ambitious one; Casey Moran, "Old" Botts and Nat Lyons, members of the old brigade, standing on the walk and looking on, besides many other features which the Nugget will leave the reader to discover when he goes to the fair.

With the "run" taken successfully, the kinetoscope was removed to a position on the wharf and faced toward the Aurora, on the roof of

which was a choice selection of newspaper men and the decorations left over from the Queen's birthday. After Chief Allen had mustered his forces again he sent them flying down the street to the corner, drew the apparatus into position for action, sent a ladder and a line of hose to the roof of the Aurora, and in a half minute more had a good stream flowing from the steamer. It may appear in the pictures as if the newspaper men are in deadly peril from their position on the assaulted building and that the firemen are engaged in a thrilling attempt at rescue; if so, we will hasten to inform an anxious world that everything was all right and that there was never any danger.

After this exhibition, which was a creditable one to the brigade, Chief Allen showed the fire steamer alone in the act of throwing water, in which it acquitted itself handsomely, a stream of water being sent skyward like a geyser and making the prettiest and most effective of pictures. As heretofore explained, the pictures are intended for exhibition at the world's fair and elsewhere by the Klondike Exposition Co., represented here at present by the manager, Mr. Thomas Crahan. Both he and Mr. R. K. Bonine, who operated the machine Sunday, are pleased with the exhibition and speak in praises of Dawson's fire department. They believe the pictures will encourage insurance companies to grant insurance to our citizens. The machine used employs a film six times as large as Edison's standard and the pictures will be correspondingly large.

The pictures to be exhibited will show the old and new style of leaving Skagway for the interior—railroad train vs. pack train—steamboats on the lakes and rivers, the passage of the White Horse rapids, carrying of freight over the tramway, 140 police dogs being fed at Dog Island on Marsh lake, passage of the Rink and Five Finger rapids, panoramic view of Dawson, mining on the creeks, lower river objects, etc. They will show the people of the world how the trip to the Klondike has been robbed of its terrors and made one of pleasure. In addition to the moving pictures there will be many stereopticon views. Messrs. Crahan and Bonine are at work on the erecks this week. The films upon which the pictures are taken can only be developed at Mr. Edison's laboratory at Orange, New Jersey, hence they will



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not be shown at Dawson, as many people had hoped.

They Are Thankful.

The passengers of the steamer Ora on her last trip down from White Horse evidenced their appreciation of the kindnesses shown them by the officers and crew by presenting them with a testimonial setting forth the same, together with their admiration of the skill and judgment shown by the captain in the conduct of the boat.

More Water Front Removals.

The shrewdly have been engaged for some days in effecting the removal of buildings located on the water front near the Klondike river bridge. There were about 20 buildings included in the interdiction, and all of them were removed or otherwise provided for, except three, which were seized and will be sold.

Banquetted By the Bar.

Judge Johnson and the so-called American party were given a complimentary banquet at the Fairview hotel on Saturday night by the members of the Dawson bar. The guests also included a few Dawson people not connected with the bar. At the conclusion of the supper, a series of toasts were proposed by Mr. F. C. Wade, the crown prosecutor, and responded to very happily by Judge Johnson, Leroy Tozier, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Joslin, Mr. Miller, Captain Carroll, Mr. Gorham, Mr. Fulda and others. At about midnight Judge Johnson and party were escorted to the steamer Monarch, on which they embarked for down-river points, and were given a most cordial send-off by the friends on shore.

Those present at the banquet were: Colonel

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. Fr. Whalen, who came to Dawson to solicit aid in the construction of a new church, left for home on the Victorian Sunday. He informed a Nugget man that he had been the recipient of many kindnesses from our people, the memory of which would always be cherished by him.

L. H. Gray, general traffic manager of the White Pass railway, arrived in the city Monday in the interests of his enterprising company. While conversing with a Nugget man Mr. Gray said that any one having valid claims for overcharges against his company will have the same paid by applying through the steamboat company which brought their goods in.

Paul E. Greer, representing the Dupont Chromatograph Co., of Chicago and New York, arrived in the city Monday, and this afternoon will take a panoramic view of Dawson from the deck of the Canadian with one of the machines manufactured by his company.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Busch, the aerial performer, is said to be a brother of the LaMores sisters. Mr. Swanson of No. 33 below on Sulphur is putting in a fine steam thawing plant on Lis claim.

Mrs. Fannie Tilton of Seattle is very anxious to learn the whereabouts of her husband, Theodore Tilton.

Martin Cole, Michael Kane and Frank Johnson, three insane men, were taken to the outside by friends this week.

Mrs. Rothweiler has sold her roadhouse on Bonanza, the Magnet lunch house, to Culbertson Bros., and will return to the outside.

Mr. Cantley, a Dominion surveyor, began operations this week in the surveying of Gold Bottom, Sulphur and that portion of Dominion which had remained unsurveyed.

Dr. Borden, minister of the militia, stated in parliament a few days ago that half the membership of the Yukon field force will be withdrawn at once.

M. A. Hammell, manager for the N. A. T. & T. Co. for the past twenty months, has resigned his position and will engage in the mercantile business for himself. He has been succeeded by Mr. Thomas Mahoney.

Charles Gleason and L. Burwash performed a difficult achievement on Sunday. Getting into the Yukon at Klondike City, they swam down to West Dawson, a distance of one mile. A comrade followed in a canoe with their clothes.

Another attempt to an up-river stream was inaugurated Sunday, when a dozen men left on the Victorian. They were very reticent about their destination, but are believed to have gone to Selwyn river.

The remains of Stephen Drew, who died on September 3 last, were exhumed last week, and are now en route to Butte, Montana, for permanent interment. The body left Sunday on the steamer Monarch, accompanied by Patrick Kelly.

Colonel Davis is proudly wearing a handsome emblem of Thirty-second degree Masonry these days. It was presented to him by a brother named Cunningham, who is grateful for kindnesses extended him by the colonel during a period of illness.

Al. Bartlett led all his friends to believe that he was leaving the country on Sunday. He was among the passengers on the Victorian when it pulled out and he waved an adieu in the soberest of fashions. He got off at Klondike City and returned to town, however.

E. E. Barry, who has been representing on No. 28 below on Sulphur for Abe McDonald, accomplished the feat on Monday of making the trip from the claim named to Dawson by boat, his route being by Sulphur, Dominion, Indian and the Yukon. So far as known, the feat is the first one of the kind. The boat was built at the claim.

Frank Simons was arraigned before Colonel Steele Tuesday on a charge of striking Carrie Lavalle, one of the women of the building, but as no complaint appeared the case was dismissed. Another complaint, charging him with resisting arrest, will be issued. Constable Harris being the complainant.

Ramps Peterson has sold his third interest in the opera house building and site to Oscar W. Ashby, and expects to take a trip to the outside. Ramps has been a hard worker and earned



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a vacation during the past two years; but he is too good a man for Dawson to lose, and his Klondike friends hope he will not get so far away that he can't find the trail back. Mr. Ashby is himself on the outside, and his newly purchased interest has been transferred to Mr. Gus Bakke. The new firm name will be Bakke & Wilson.

Popular prices prevail at the Cafe Royal. The Cafe Royal is the most respectable and the most reasonable resort in Dawson.

GOVERNOR BRADY IN THE KLONDIKE.

Says High License Is Killing Off the Smuggling Business.

The General License Regulation Not Strictly Popular—Governor Admits the N. W. M. P.—The Boundary Question.

Governor John Brady, the chief executive for the past two years of the territory of Alaska, is making a brief sojourn in Dawson. He arrived Tuesday morning on the steamer Eldorado, and will leave at the first opportunity for lower Yukon points. The jaunt is purely official, and is taken at the request of the Washington government, who wish him to report on several matters of importance, including the mineral, forestry, agricultural and fishery resources of Alaska, the adaptability of reindeer for the climate and needs of the country, the necessity for a separate judicial district for the Yukon, the demand for school facilities, etc., etc. Few men are better adapted, apparently, for such a mission, as he is a man of deep discernment and keen, cool judgment, besides being wholly in sympathy with any movement tending to the development of the territory.

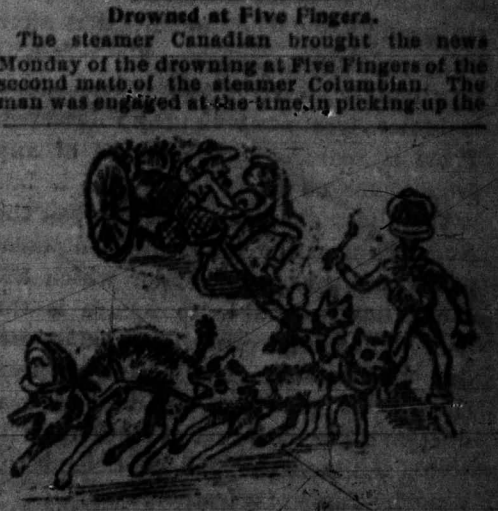


The governor is a pleasing talker, with a habit of saying what he thinks and thinking honestly. During a conversation with the pencil-pusher, he said he had heard of and seen the Nugget and set it down for a hustler. Asked about the operation of the new high license law in Alaska, he said it was proving very satisfactory, besides practically killing off the smuggling business. One result is a great decrease in the number of saloons; Sitka, for instance, now has but two saloons, instead of ten, as formerly, while Juneau has but sixteen out of its forty. The occupation license is much less popular, and while the people show a uniform spirit of submission to it, they expect to see it greatly modified or repealed.

Asked about the American sentiment on the boundary question, the governor said: "There is but one feeling—we will never consent to giving away a foot of our territory. We are too much English. We like the British and want to be on good terms with them, and personally I am in favor of affording them every facility for getting their goods into the country, but our people will not give up any of their territory. I believe, however, our people will agree to a permanent line being established on the summit of the passes in order to effect a settlement of the question."

The governor spoke of the late visit to Alaska of the congressional party, and expressed the belief that if the Ottawa government were to send a number of representatives to the northwest and the Klondike it would result in much good to the country. Among the prominent people to whom the governor paid his respects Tuesday was Colonel Steele, whom he spoke of in terms of eulogy. He also complimented the N. W. M. P., and said the system was one worth studying by the people of America.

Drowned at Five Fingers. The steamer Canadian brought the news Monday of the drowning at Five Fingers of the second mate of the steamer Columbian. The man was engaged at the time in picking up the



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cable with which the rapids are passed, when the canoe in which he was captured and he was carried under by the treacherous waters. His name could not be learned.