

### VARIOUS COMMITTEES MEET

And Submit Reports on Celebration Details.

Victoria Day Will be Gala Event in Dawson—Much Interest is Being Taken.

The committees having in charge the arrangements for the proper observance of Victoria day by the citizens of Dawson and surrounding territory are working hard to make the celebration the best which has ever taken place in Dawson. A meeting of the general committee was held last evening and the various sub-committees presented reports which show that the arrangements are rapidly being completed and everything will be in readiness by the 24th.

The chairman of the committee presided and the following reports were received:

**Finance committee**—Messrs. Spitzel and Tobin reported on behalf of this committee, and advised the meeting that they had so far collected \$500, though very little canvassing had been done. They were satisfied that they would collect sufficient money to meet all the requirements of the celebration. Received.

**Printing**—Capt. Woodside stated that his committee had placed the following work: Three hundred full sheet posters to the News; 75 ribbon badges to the Morning Journal; also space to the amount of \$15 in each newspaper. It was resolved to call for tenders for the best cash offer for the right to print and distribute the program of events for the day.

**Sports**—The secretary read the report of the above committee as already published, which was received with the following amendment: Greasy pole event to be eliminated.

On the motion of Messrs. McLennan and Clarke, the matter of awarding a prize to a football game to be held on the day of the sports was left in the hands of the sports committee.

**Parade**—Mr. Hugh McKinnon, on behalf of the parade committee, stated that as the result of an interview with Commissioner Ross, that worthy gentleman had promised to help the committee in the matter of clearing the streets, and would do his utmost to help them in every way possible. He would also be happy to open the day in proper form. Received.

**General**—Mr. McKinnon was elected manager in chief of the sports. The following names were added to the committee: Chas. Barwell, Geo. Noble, John Grant, Dr. McFarlane, Frank Johnson, J. L. Timmins, E. B. Condon, Messrs. Orr and Tukey.

A special committee consisting of the chairman and Messrs. McLennan and Falconer was appointed to call on the school authorities with a view to getting the school children to sing a few patriotic songs during the morning.

Moved by W. M. McKay, seconded by R. P. McLennan, that it is the sense of this meeting that strenuous efforts should be made to have a permanent park for the town of Dawson, and with that object in view the secretary be instructed to write to the council requesting them to set aside a piece of reserve ground that may be used for athletic purposes, and thereby alleviate the great difficulty the citizens have to contend with in the matter of arranging a day of recreation such as this committee purposes doing. Carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned till Tuesday evening at 8:30 at the Board of Trade rooms.

### Barbarous Practices.

London, April 13.—A strong reaction is setting in against the barbarities practiced by European soldiers in China. Tales of horrors worse than the American Indians or the South Sea cannibals were ever guilty of are arousing English indignation. Similar stories were reported several months ago, but the public disbelieved. Now, they believe. The publication of a long letter in the Times by Aubron Herbert, an Englishman of great ability and learning, giving a catalogued account of the barbarities of the allied troops, has caused a sensation. It has been increased by the arrival of Japanese newspapers telling incredible stories of awful crimes against innocent people. All united in declaring the Americans the most humane and to have committed the fewest excesses. The Russians and French were the worst. Mr. Herbert says:

"The wholesale devilry was in full flower during the march to Pekin. For no useful purpose villages and towns were reduced to heaps of smoldering ashes and the country turned into a wilderness. Unoffending men, women and children and babies were killed in thousands. Women suffered the worst outrages. Killing was carried on for killing's sake and property destroyed for the love of destruction. After the relief of Pekin we enter on another phase. Loot—possessed all hearts. It entered like a flood into everybody without distinction. Not

only the soldiers, but the foreign residents even were seized with this almost universal madness. Everybody looted. It was common for excursions and picnics, I presume, to be arranged into the country for looting purposes. Loot systematically collected was sold at auction under the colonnade of the British legation."

### NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

George P. McKenzie to Succeed Mr. Burton.

At a late meeting of the Dawson school board it was decided that the interests of the school could be best advanced by a change of principals which change will be effected on Monday when Mr. Geo. P. McKenzie will take charge, vice the former principal, Mr. Burton. Mr. McKenzie is from Nova Scotia where he held a first-class certificate and from whence he brought with him to the Yukon recommendations from many of the leading educators of eastern Canada. He is ripe in experience as a high school principal and in him the Dawson school board are confident they have secured the right man. For several months past Mr. McKenzie has been connected with the Yukon Sun as general outside man.

### Cashier Wrecks a Bank.

Vergennes, Vt., April 13.—The Farmers' National Bank went into the hands of John P. Sullivan as receiver at the close of business this afternoon, and Cashier D. B. Lewis is about \$90,000 short in his accounts. He remains at home and has turned over to the officers of the bank his entire holdings of stock and negotiable property. His securities are valued at \$30,000 and the men who have signed his bond are believed to be good for the full amount.

### Dogs Not in Evidence.

Were it not for a chorus of howls every time a saw mill whistle blows, the impression that there are no dogs in Dawson today would be a natural one as there has not been seen a dog at large since yesterday evening, the recent order not being enforced in part, but in whole. Now it a dog goes missing there is no danger of his innoculating a dozen others before he can be killed.

### COMING AND GOING.

The Arctic Brothers control the town today.

Mail from down river points left forty miles for Dawson last night.

The incoming mail has reached Hootalingua and will come from that place to Dawson on the first boat.

The steamer State of California arrived at Skagway and will leave that port for Seattle tonight at 10 o'clock.

Ice which was running freely in the Klondike yesterday morning has ceased running and the river is lower today than it has been for several days past.

The Klondike hotel, one of Dawson's historical landmarks, a relic of the old sour dough days is having a second story added to it which when completed will give it quite a chechako appearance.

### In Dreamland.

They were out with a party yachting. Conversation flagging, he remarked, twisting his labial ornament: "I declare the briny breeze has made my mustache taste quite salty."

"Yes," innocently said she, "I think it has."

And then she wondered why they all dittered.—Answers.

### His Mind Gave Way.

The litterateur was clearly mad. "Let me but write the people's jokes," he yelled, "and I care not who reads proof on these."

We reported all this to the proper authorities, calling attention at the same time to the wild, hunted look in the fellow's eyes.—Detroit Journal.

### A Palliating Circumstance.

"Do you mean to tell me that Mr. Giltington refused his wife pin money?"

"Well," answered Miss Cayenne, "I don't know that he is wholly to be blamed. You see, Mrs. Giltington did not want anything but diamond pins."

—Washington Star.

### Longevity.

Mr. Gaswell—The dachshund is a long lived dog, I should say.

Mr. Dukane—What makes you think that?

Mr. Gaswell—Because no one can say that it is not long for this world.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

### Trousers: latest patterns at Brewitt's.

Latest photo buttons at Goetzman's. See Brewitt the tailor for clothes.

New suitings at Brewitt's.

### PERSONALITIES.

Mme. Modjeska is no longer under a decree of banishment and may return to her Poland if she will.

In his boyhood laziness was the prevailing sin of Kitchener. His father sent him to a school for girls as a heroic remedy.

Senator Warren of Wyoming, is the only man of his business in the senate. He is an undertaker in Cheyenne, although proprietor of a general store.

Baron Armand Rothschild of Paris, the nephew of the late Baron Rothschild, will take over the direction of the Rothschild banking house in Frankfurt.

Former Speaker Thomas B. Reed says that he is eschewing politics not only in his actions, but in his conversations. He is a lawyer now, and a lawyer only.

Two of the very greatest men of the nineteenth century were born on one and the same day—Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln, who both first saw light on February 12, 1809.

Capt. Nehemiah Mayo Dyer, who commanded the cruiser Baltimore during the battle of Manila bay on May 1, 1898, has been placed on the retired list by reason of the age limit.

The Duke of Abruzzi, in honor of his own expedition, was the other day declared by the local government a citizen of Rome upon the occasion of his lecture on the polar regions.

Charles S. Francis, the new United States minister to Greece, is a splendid orator and in 1876, during his senior year at Cornell, won the single scull championship in the intercollegiate regatta.

Reformer Riis thinks that if Mrs. Nation were to use her hatchet in smashing the frying pans of Kansas she would accomplish more lasting good than can come from demolishing saloon glassware.

Gen. Joe Wheeler in the course of a recent interview remarked that it was harder work being a soldier now than of old, because there were not so many autograph collectors in the days of the civil war.

Dr. James Warren Sunderland, founder of what is believed to be the world's first college for the higher education of woman, recently celebrated his 88th birthday at his home in Collegeville, Pa.

The will of the late Gen. Leonard A. Dickinson of Hartford leaves half of his residuary estate to St. Thomas' church in that city, and one-fourth each to the Hartford hospital and the Hartford orphan asylum.

### STAGE GLINTS.

Thackeray's "The Virginians" has been dramatized.

Olga Nethersole intends to produce a stage version of Mrs. Atherton's "The Daughter of the Vine."

It is said that Richard Mansfield, one of the greatest actors of today, has stage fright and has it bad.

Archibald Clavering Gunter's new novel, "Tangled Flags," will probably be dramatized for Henry Miller.

William Faversham has recovered from his recent illness sufficiently to reappear on the stage this season.

The character of Ophelia in "Hamlet" was originally acted 300 years ago by a man, as were all female characters in those days.

E. H. Sothern and Virginia Harned have a new costume comedy by Lawrence Irving, dealing with the career of Lovelace, the poet.

Mrs. Fiske's new play is called "Sylvia's Daughter." It is the work of Henrik Christensen and has been successfully played in Stockholm, Copenhagen and Berlin.

London theatrical people expect that King Edward will pretty soon confer the title of sir knight on an actor named Sir Henry Irving is the only one now holding that distinction.

### Check on Labor.

Pomona, April 13.—Fire bells sounded the alarm today when the Southern Pacific attempted to steal a public thoroughfare, and two thousand citizens responded. They watched the laborers employed by the railroad company laying track on corporation property in the direction of one of the streets of the city until an invasion of municipal rights was attempted, and then resorted to force. Right sturdily the citizens battled for their rights against the powerful corporation, and they were ably supported by the police and fire department.

The moment the railroad people attempted to lay a rail across the line of the street they were drenched with

streams from fire hoses, driven back and finally arrested and taken to jail.

Nor are the people yet slumbering on their rights. They are watching every move of the corporation, jealously guarding every right they possess in the free and unobstructed control of their own thoroughfares.

The Southern Pacific company owns 20 acres abutting First street in this place. The company's tracks are there. The city has undisputedly owned the thoroughfare up to the line of the railroad's property. Recently the Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad people asked for a franchise to build through First street, and the company's agents have bought much real estate in the locality for the Pomona station and railroad yards.

The Pomona city council had planned to vote the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad Company a franchise next Monday. Everyone expected to see new railroad operations begin here soon, and the era of competing railroad lines was anticipated with universal pleasure, but the Southern Pacific people have had other plans ready.

Only this morning a Southern Pacific work train loaded with steel rails, ties and track laying tools came into town. In a moment 100 men began constructing a spur curving sidetrack, leading from the main tracks through the company's property and out to First street. To hasten the work the construction was pushed from two points on the main track. The usefulness of the sidetrack, away off to the south, was apparent and everyone knew that the intention was to hastily lay a track along First street and run a locomotive and car over it by next Monday morning, when the council would be prevented from legally granting a franchise to the competing road.

The news that the Southern Pacific Company had sent two gangs of workmen here for this check-mating purpose traveled fast through Pomona. Hundreds of men gathered on the scene of labor.

The city trustees had the surveyor determine where the street abutted the Southern Pacific property, and so deputies and marshals hastily began the construction of a barbed-wire fence along the property lines. Meanwhile the tracklayers worked like heavers and the citizens watched, waiting the moment when the ties and rails might be extended over the city street line.

About 10 o'clock the new track reached the street line. In a second the city fire bell was rung and several hundred men and boys ran to the scene of the track laying. Many excited citizens beat back the Mexican track laborers who were spiking rails to ties across the street boundary. The rails and ties were torn apart by main force and were thrown in heaps on the railroad side of the property line. The trackmen gathered up the ties and tried to put them back in the street, and again they were restrained by a force of ten to their aid.

Meanwhile the fire alarm bell had rung again and the volunteer firemen came running to the scene with hose-carts. In a twinkling the hose was in use and the nozzle was turned upon the tracklayers. A din of shouts and cheers arose. The section foreman called his men back to the train and the men and material were moved westward to Ellen street, where other Mexican laborers were also laying track. Out First street the whole gang redoubled its efforts to lay rails and ties.

The fire bell rang once more and 2000 people rushed to the scene of the track laying operations. The laborers were knocked down while they kept on placing ties on the street. Water from the hose doused them and excitement ran higher. Wagons rumbled to the scene and the many deputy city marshals arrested the laborers for blocking the public thoroughfare. The laborers were carried off to jail in the wagons.

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