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IN FROM NOME

Messrs. Dwyer and Reed Arrive This Afternoon After 38 Days Travel.

TRAGIC STORY OF WHOLESALER DEATH

Resulting From Stampede Being Caught In Blizzards.

WINTER UNUSUALLY SEVERE.

Considerable Sickness and Destitution Reported—Promising Outlook for the Mining Country.

Messrs. Dwyer and Reed, two intrepid long-distance mushers, arrived in Dawson at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Nome, having covered the long distance, most of which was over an unbroken trail, in 38 days, leaving Nome on March 4th. They drove four dogs and traveled very light, starting with but little grub and buying as their needs demanded along the route, but little difficulty being experienced at any place in securing supplies for themselves and feed for their dogs. They left their dogs at the S.-Y. T. stables on their arrival and disappeared before a reporter could find them. Mr. Te Roller, however, had a

short conversation with them on their arrival and through him it was learned that during the winter previous to the departure of the travelers from Nome nearly 200 people in that and surrounding districts had lost their lives through being caught in blizzards and freezing before they could be rescued. The majority of these deaths had occurred while the victims were out on stampedes, many of them starting with but scant clothing and but little provisions. The lack of timber all through that country causes the wind to blow with unusual severity and as a result wholesale death was the portion of many who attempted stampedes.

It was also learned that there was considerable sickness and much hardship endured in Nome City during the winter, owing to the fact that there are many persons there unable to provide themselves with the necessities of life.

The two travelers met but few parties headed down the river until passing Fort Yukon when several were met bound for Koyukuk. From a mining standpoint the prospects of some of the more recently discovered mining districts north of Nome are reported as very flattering.

FIRE AT A ROADHOUSE

Elby on 30 Below Bonanza Narrowly Escapes Destruction.

Last Tuesday night, while the big wind storm was raging, the Elby roadhouse on 30 below Bonanza caught fire and it was only by the greatest exertions on the part of a bucket brigade that the entire structure was not burned to the ground. Mrs. Davis who is housekeeper for the house has a room back of the kitchen. While closing the door which the wind had blown open her lamp which was on a stand suddenly exploded and in an instant her room was in flames. The alarm was sounded and before the fire could spread to the other part of the house it was under control but not until it had completely burned up the entire contents of the room. Mrs. Davis lost all her dust, diamonds and other jewelry and also \$2000 in currency which she had sewed up in her bedclothes. The fire spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save one single item of her personal effects or furniture and her loss amounts to more than \$4000. The damage to the main building is very slight. The Elby is one of the largest roadhouses on the creek and is owned by Messrs. Nicholson and Marsten.

Police Court News.

In the police court this morning Duncan McLellan, for creating a disturbance in the store of Mr. J. D. Perkins while in a state of intoxication was fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate Scarth, who also told him hereafter to behave himself.

On the night of the 8th of this month one Granger did commit assault on one Anderson by hitting him in the face and knocking him down. Mr. Granger pleaded guilty to the charge and was given one week at hard labor.

Curling Championship.

On Tuesday night the final game in the series of local curling matches was played. Col. Rourke's team was pitted against Comptroller Lithgow and after a sharp contest the former won the match. The game was witnessed by a large number of interested spectators.

Kodaks bought and sold. Goetzman.

TO RETIRE GOLD DUST

Council of Board of Trade Holds Short Meeting.

The council of the Board of Trade held a short meeting last night at which the president announced the following committee to confer with the miners and merchants relative to the retirement of the gold dust as a medium of exchange: D. B. Olson, Alex McDonald, H. C. Macaulay, E. B. Condon and T. A. McGowan.

Mr. Condon leaves today for a trip up the various creeks and he will bring back with him expressions of opinions from the representative miners on the subject.

The discussion of the transportation question was left over for one week when it will be brought up and precedence over all other questions. Notices will be sent to all members of the board, and others interested in the subject will be invited to be present.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

OGILVIE INVITED

To Attend the Banquet to be Given to Commissioner Ross.

The banquet committee yesterday afternoon met in the Board of Trade rooms for the purpose of forming sub-committees and electing a chairman for the night of the banquet which is to be tendered to Commissioner Ross. R. P. McLennan acted as chairman. A special committee was elected to arrange a toast list and menu as follows: Wade, McCaul, White, Gosselin, Bliss, and Walsh. Attorney White withdrew in favor of H. TeRoller, acting U. S. consul.

A sub-committee was formed to arrange for banquet music, wise and decorations including the following names: Mizner, Doig, White, Lewin, Milne and O'Brien.

H. T. Wills was elected to preside at the banquet as chairman. Complimentary tickets were ordered sent to judges of the territorial court, officer commanding N. W. M. P., and Commissioner Ogilvie. The committee will meet again today at 5 p. m. and continue to meet until all arrangements have been perfected.

COMING AND GOING.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Crisp are today registered at the Regina.

C. J. Perry the Eldorado magnate is spending a few days in town.

The incoming mail left Ogilvie at 9:35 this morning and will arrive in Dawson early this evening.

The telegraph line is still down between Stewart and Ogilvie and also between Fortymile and Eagle.

H. N. Coleman, J. H. Crosby and R. Butler and wife arrived in Dawson last night from the outside and are registered at the McDonald hotel.

Actor John Flynn is being repeatedly asked the time of day by many of his actor friends. Evidently John has a new watch or has gotten the old one out.

A joint meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and all persons interested in holding a bench show is to be held Saturday night in the Board of Trade rooms.

The hard laboring prisoners at the barracks are employed digging a ditch through the skating rink in the barracks square and connecting it with the drain so that when the ice melts the water may run off and not form into a lake.

Everything is in readiness for the big library entertainment at the Methodist church tonight. A splendid rehearsal was held last evening which showed each number to be in perfect condition. All who attend may look for a rare musical treat.

Corporal McPhail, after a ten years' service with the N. W. M. P. last Monday tendered his resignation as a member of that honorable organization. He has donned citizens' clothes and hereafter will be greeted as Mr. McPhail. He has accepted a position with Architect Fuller in the department of public works.

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Four Kings and a Joker

At the time of Col. Cody's advent in to the capital of Germany the old Emperor William was entertaining there three kings of smaller Germanic powers. The royal gentlemen were very much interested in the Buffalo Bill exhibitions, and Col. Cody was the recipient of many favors from the emperor himself. One feature of the performance was the exhibition of the antiquated Deadwood coach containing passengers who are attacked by Indians and finally rescued by cowboys.

The kaiser asked to be allowed to ride in this vehicle with his royal guests and to participate in this interesting experience. The request was of course granted, and when the coach was furiously assailed by howling Indians, its inmates were as usual saved by gallant cowboys.

After it was over and as the royal party were descending from the coach the emperor remarked:

"Col. Cody, I do not suppose this is the first time that you have ever held four kings."

"No, your majesty," returned the quick-witted scout, "but this is the first time I ever held four kings and a royal joker at the same time!"—San Francisco Evening Post.

PROMISING KOYUKUK

Letter Received Says Country is Very Rich.

Barney McElroy, of Dawson, has received a letter from Victor Virgil Lowry who left here five weeks ago for Koyukuk. The letter was written from Fort Yukon, which place Lowry reached after a rather bad trip over the ice from Dawson, a large part of which was over a practically untraveled and in many places, badly drifted trail. At Fort Yukon Lowry had met a man just out from the Koyukuk from whom he learned that several of the creeks in that country are turning out remarkably well, pans being taken from claims on Gold Bench going from \$3 to \$5 each. Other rich creeks are reported as having been discovered and the prospects of the country in general are extremely good. Provisions are very scarce, the miners having to go to Bergman, a distance of 70 or 80 miles, for flour, lard, sugar and tobacco. Lowry intended pushing on from Fort Yukon at once by way of Chandelar river. He was in the Koyukuk last year when he secured an interest in a number of claims which he proposes developing this season.

LIKE GREEN BAY TREE

The Standard Library Business Spreads Out.

If every business in Dawson would expand in proportion to that of L. W. Horkan's Standard Library, in one year from date the city would extend from Swede creek on the south to beyond Moosehide on the north. To his building which was already 100 feet long, Mr. Horkan has added an addition 50x16 feet and in this adjunct the restaurant department is conducted, the counter running its full length and crowded much of the time. About 35 feet of one side of the room has been made into a conservatory for plants and flowers and will be within a short time, one of the most lovely places in the city. Evidently Mr. Horkan believes with William McKinley in the theory of expansion.

Sunday dinners particularly excellent at McDonald Cafe.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

TO PROBE COUNCIL

And Investigate Causes Leading to Passage of Game Ordinance.

NO DIRECT CHARGES WERE MADE.

Last Night's Glass Meeting Not a Numerical Success

BUT IT WAS VERY HOT STUFF.

Tone Was Principally Against Dominion Government and the Yukon Council.

At last the acts of the Yukon council are to be investigated by a commission appointed by a meeting called by the citizens' committee. No specific charges have been preferred, but dark hints were dropped at the so-called mass meeting last night that an investigation will reveal a condition of affairs which will warrant the calling for a royal commission to do further investigating. The particular act of the council in question is the game ordinance passed by it and it is to find out the means employed in securing its enactment and passage that the committee composed of Mr. Matheson, a freighter, Joe Clarke and Col. Donald MacGregor was appointed. The third man on the committee was hard to find as no one wished to act, but it was finally forced on the colonel.

The meeting last night at McDonald hall was not a large one from a numerical standpoint, there being less than 40 persons present; but what the meeting lacked in numbers it made up in what might properly be called "utter abandon" of speech as the result of the introduction of numerous resolutions which were typewritten, brought to the meeting and handed around to various persons to be presented to the meeting.

Col. MacGregor called the meeting to order and said it would be conducted along the line of previous meetings of the citizens' committee's mass meetings in the rainy days of that committee. The colonel then said the meeting could select a new chairman or retain him as it desired. The hint was taken and the colonel was retained. Joe Clarke was retained at the secretary's table. The chairman said the meeting would be conducted on parliamentary lines and it was declared open for business.

C. M. Woodworth was the first on the floor. He said there were many important things to come before the meeting, among them arrangements for properly receiving his honor, the new commissioner, the consideration of the establishment of an assay office in Dawson and many other things. Mr. Woodworth favored the locating of an assay office here and closed his remarks by introducing a resolution very similar to that passed by the Board of Trade a week ago in that the government establish an office here for the assay and purchase of gold dust, but that it be not compulsory that owners of dust must sell to it. The resolution was

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