

FOR THE RELIEF OF OTTAWA.

General Committee Held an Important Meeting Last Night.

Sub-Committees Are Hard at Work—Entertainment Will Be Given on Sunday Night at Palace Grand.

Preparations are well under way for realizing a handsome sum for the benefit of the sufferers from the Ottawa fire. The several committees having the matter in charge are actively at work and most flattering results are meeting their efforts. Mrs. Wood, who has in charge a raffle of steamboat tickets was busy all day yesterday selling chances and received during the day the sum of \$275. In addition to the companies which have been previously reported as offering tickets, the steamer Merwin yesterday donated a ticket to the good cause. Last night the general committee met in the Hotel McDonald, the following gentlemen being present: Messrs. Gov. Ogilvie, Heron, Delaney, Zimmerman, Capt. Starnes, Lindsey, Mahoney, Wills, Allen, Capt. Wood, Major Hemming, Steele, Young, Wilson, Gov. Ogilvie announced that he had received a telegram from Mayor Payment of Ottawa setting forth the extent of the fire and asking contributions for the homeless.

Manager Wills, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was selected as treasurer of the committee. He stated that the bank will transmit any funds to Ottawa without charge.

It was determined to appoint a creek committee to solicit subscriptions which resulted in selecting the following gentlemen who will be asked to act on the creeks named: Joe Barrett and Dick Butler, Dominion creek; J. A. Chute and Dr. Wills, Gold Run; G. Johannsen and Dr. Bonner, Huaker; Henry B. Bry, Eldorado; E. J. Ward, upper Bonanza; Ed. Sullivan, lower Bonanza and Forks; Matheson Bros., Sulphur. Letters will be addressed to these gentlemen asking them to act.

The entertainment committee submitted a preliminary report stating that all the talent requisite for a first-class entertainment had been secured. The committee was instructed to complete the preparations for the entertainment, which will be given at the Palace Grand theater on Sunday night next.

This afternoon a meeting of ladies and gentlemen is being held at the McDonald to consider the advisability of giving a grand ball in aid of the fund.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Gov. Ogilvie, Capt. Starnes, Major Hemming and Heron, was appointed to interview the committee having the Queen's birthday celebration in charge with a view to effect concert of action between the two committees.

After considerable informal discussion the committee adjourned until Wednesday night.

Nothing in It.

Some days ago a report became current that the employes of the T. & E. Co.'s store had seen a man fall through the ice on the river about a quarter of a mile down, and that a vigilant watch of over two hours failed to bring about his reappearance. As a result of this report the clerks at the T. & E. store have been subjected to many questions. A man would rush in and say:

"What for a lookin' man was that you seed drop thru der ice? If he was a short tick-set man, he's me pardner who aint been up ter der cabin fer four days."

Another would rush in and say: "If that feller ye seed git drowned wore a straw hat and a linen coat, I'm out \$2.75 eatin' money."

Now, in order to square the force at the T. & E. Co.'s store, the Nugget is pleased to state that no one employed there ever said a man had been seen to drop through the ice or even drop a nickle in the slot. No drops have been seen by the men at the T. & E. store; if any man has been so indiscreet as to go out on the ice, drop through and thereby take himself out of circulation, the T. & E. employes are not cognizant of the occurrence.

Too Much Water.

On last Sunday Mr. Grafe who conducts the vegetable gardens about three miles up the Klondike had an accident that resulted rather disastrously to some of his property. On the bench back of his place is a large reservoir which held several hundred thousand gallons of water. From this reservoir Mr. Grafe had constructed a large wooden conduit or sluice box by which, during the dry season, water was conducted by him through smaller tributaries for irrigation purposes. About noon Sunday he

opened a flume to permit a portion of the water to escape; but he opened it too wide, with the result that the water rushed out with such volume and force as to tear away the sluice boxes and rush unrestrainedly down the hill to the Klondike. The mad torrent in its course soon cut a channel in the hillside several feet deep, moving out and carrying with it boulders weighing hundreds of pounds. As the reservoir is fed by the snow and ice from a large tract of country back of and above it, Mr. Grafe's supply for summer irrigation will not be impaired, although it will cost him several hundred dollars to rebuild his sluicing system.

THE ICE GOING OUT.

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ney on foot and over the ice. He did not return, and in two hours the ice on which the boat rested became detached and floated away. Today small boats have been running to and from West Dawson continuously, the only case necessary being to keep away from floaters.

None of the many bets made on the date of the opening of the river have as yet been paid, as it can not be said to be open yet; out those whose dates were fixed beyond the 9th, and at best the 10th, are in for it. The man who bet \$400 that he would walk across the river on the 11th has not been seen today and it is barely possible that he floated away concealed in one of the many old barrels that were a portion of the refuse on the river.

Two years ago today witnessed the going out of the ice, while last year the date was nine days later or on May 17th.

Will Divy Up.

The Sisters of St. Mary's hospital and the ladies who are assisting in arrangements for the living whist tournament to be held on the evenings of the 22d, 23d and 24th of this month, the proceeds of which were originally intended to be devoted to the benefit of the hospital, have very kindly offered to contribute one-half the net proceeds of the tournament to the fund being raised for the fire sufferers at Ottawa.

Concert Postponed.

Mr. Zimmerman announces that he has postponed the concert which he proposed giving on next Sunday night at the Orpheum. This has been done in order that nothing may interfere with the concert at the Palace Grand to be given on the same date for the sufferers in the Ottawa fire.

How Chinese Make Leather.

The process by which the Chinese leather acquires its peculiar characteristics is described as follows: The skins are put into tubs containing water, salt-petre and salt, and after 30 days are taken out, the hair is shaved off and the skins well washed in spring water. Each hide is then cut up into three pieces and well steamed, which is done by passing them several times backward and forward over a steaming oven. Further, each piece is stretched out separately over a flat board and secured with nails, so as to dry gradually and thoroughly in the sun. The smoke of the oven makes the leather black, and if it is desired to have it of yellow appearance it is rubbed over with water in which the fruit of the so-called wong-chee tree has been soaked. Of the offal, glue is made by beating it in pans for twelve hours over a slow fire, and the glue so obtained is poured into rough, earthen vessels, where it remains three days, in order to coagulate; the solid mass is cut into pieces with sharp knives and carefully laid upon grating-like trays to dry—the time taken in drying varying from five days with northwest wind to thirty or forty days with a southwest. When Nineveh and Babylon were in the splendor of their might, men in China were predicting eclipses, making catalogues and giving names to the stars. But Nineveh and Babylon were mere mounds of earth and rubbish when China was great, and to this date the civilization and life of the empire is the wonder of the world.

Position Wanted—Man with 12 years' experience desires position running centrifugal pump or engine. Address J. J. M., this office.

Notice.

The down town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be open for business on Thursday, the 10th inst. The down town office is located in Lewin's building next to the Northern Annex. c-10

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 46 degrees above zero. The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 34 degrees above.

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NEWS OF GRAND FORKS.

The Royalty Is Now Being Collected By Tithe Gatherers.

Mine Owners Complain That the Tax Wipes Out the Winter's Profits—A Row at the Creek Town.

Sergeant Marshall, the royalty collector at the Forks, has been fully occupied the past week in receiving the government's 10 per cent tax on the output. Some of the most prominent mine operators about here are outspoken and emphatic in their denunciation of this unjust tribute, and say that it practically wipes out the margin that otherwise would be profit, and reduces the properties to simply a wage earning basis.

As the rocker and sluice box run more steadily and continues the work of separating the precious metal from the innumerable dumps of auriferous gravel, so the midnight revelry become more intense, and joy goes unconfined. In consequence of too much elixir of hooch, several habitues of the dance halls and their consorts became unduly exhilarated, and started in to make Rome howl. Only a small amount of furniture had been broken and a few war whoops let go, when the triumvirate were gathered into the fold, allowed to sleep off their jags, and then assessed sums of sufficient amount to remain a gentle reminder that the way of the transgressor is hard.

A personal encounter took place last evening near the N. A. T. store between a man named Corkish and B. Cogerty. The latter who is much smaller in stature than the other combatant, received a very severe drubbing, and is now lying in bed with several ribs broken and otherwise badly disfigured. Corkish is held at the barracks and will be arraigned as soon as the extent of the injuries inflicted can be ascertained.

Pickart and his associates have sold their bench claim on Bonanza Hill opposite No. 18 above, to Charles Schoch, who, in company with John W. Frame, the owner of an adjoining bench, will work the ground the present season with a steam thawer.

S. L. Crawford and George R. Clarke purchased from Nelson and Hubbard a bench, second tier, opposite No. 8 below discovery on Bonanza, left limit, the consideration being \$5000. Clarke, one of the purchasers, was a layman having worked the property the past season.

A War Expert's Views.

Mr. Hammersmith Browne, the famous military expert who has been closely watching the progress of the South African war from his lodgings in Pimlico square, London, has again favored the public with some valuable views on the mismanagement of the campaign.

Mr. Browne says: "If Great Britain's noble army in Natal had been more active, it would have been less idle. General Buller made his first grievous error when he permitted the Boers to crowd him back. This seeming success no doubt animated the enemy to still greater exertions; whereas a defeat would in a measure have discouraged them. See my pamphlet entitled 'Zones of Fire,' page 76."

"What Buller should have done was to get behind the Boers at all hazards, a movement which doesn't appear to have occurred to him. Once safely behind them, he could have pushed the woe Boer pie stand clear to the coast and into the arms of Gen. Roberts. Gen. Methuen, too, seems to have entirely neglected the chance afforded him of advancing by enfiladed zigzags. This beautiful movement would have made the Boers dizzy at the very outset, and Methuen would then have been able to do with them as he pleased. So, too, with MacDonald and Dundonald. Neither appears to have grasped the opportunities so plainly laid down before him. The Boers were there and waiting, yet for some unexplained reason the British generals seemed entirely unable to take advantage of this favorable fact.

"No doubt the kopje problem has something to do with these continued blunders. The fact is the British generals have made a very serious mistake in doing their fighting in a kopje neighborhood.

"To sum up, the campaign has been marked by too many British defeats and not enough British victories, and all this can be ascribed to a pertinacious disregard for the ordinary rules of modern warfare, which I have been at some pains to point out and which I recommended to the war office at the begin-

ning of the conflict in my celebrated paper beginning 'How to Win Battles on Paper.'

Investigation Not Completed.

The official investigation began yesterday before Captain Scarth to determine if possible the cause of the late unfortunate and disastrous Yukoner fire, which was not completed and was continued until tomorrow. Mate Parker had not finished giving his information when he was wanted by Capt. Wood at the steamer, as it was feared there was danger impending from the ice which showed symptoms of breaking at any time. As Captain Scarth had official business at the Forks the case will rest until tomorrow. The investigation is held to fulfill a legal requirement and not to reveal a supposed mare's nest as recently stated in an unreliable contemporary.

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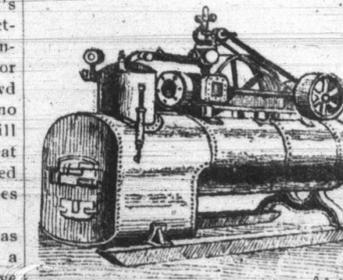
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