

ATHENS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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From Wednesday's Daily.
Bloemfontein, the capital of the Orange Free State, which has been figuring so conspicuously in the South African news of late, is one of the most charming cities in the southern end of the dark continent. To the Boer it is known as "The City of the Flower Garden," but the English-speaking folks call it "The Athens of South Africa."
The Boer appellation is due to historical legend. When the great trek of 1836 occurred, a party of Boers came upon a little plain north of the Orange river. It was covered with a profusion of wild flowers. One of the Boer women exclaimed, "It is a bloemfontein." She meant that it was a flower garden. "Here we shall camp," said the leader. And there they did camp. Their descendants are there yet.

But the English-speaking Afrikaners, not knowing the legend and wondering only at the many educational institutions which flourish in the Free State capital, have called it "the Athens of South Africa."
Bloemfontein sits in the center of a little plain. On all sides are hills. These hills are the ones which the Boers have been busy fortifying since the beginning of the war. The British built the first fort in Bloemfontein. It was in 1848, when they took possession of the country. The original fort is a quaint little stone structure which would be utterly useless in resisting modern artillery had not the Boers strengthened it by elaborate earthworks. In the adjoining hills they threw up many similar earthworks. Thus, although the defenses of Bloemfontein have never equalled those of Pretoria or Johannesburg, they were made quite formidable.

From the top of one of these hills Bloemfontein presents a pretty appearance. The town is regularly laid out, with a large market square in the center, and the houses, for the most part painted white, with red roofs, are surrounded by large and luxuriant gardens and shaded by willow, gum and other trees.

The new raadsaal, or capitol, is a large and handsome building of mixed architecture. It is built of red brick, trimmed with a peculiar close grained white stone, quarried in the neighborhood, and is surrounded by a row of doric columns, some 50 feet high and about 3 feet thick at the base. An almost perfect dome 90 feet high surmounts the structure. The doors of the main entrance are of bronze, handsomely sculptured, and the interior is beautiful. It is finished with marble, and many of the rooms are beautifully decorated.

The president has an office in the raadsaal, and quarters are also provided for his council and a few other government officers. The old raadsaal is a brick structure, two stories high, surmounted by a small tower. It is surrounded by a large, well-kept garden. A splendid view of Bloemfontein may be obtained from the top of the tower. The building is now given over to the various courts and government offices, all of which are located here, with the exception of the few in the capitol. The slope above these two buildings is used by the aristocracy of the town, the government officers, English and Scotch residents, as a residence section and contains some very handsome villas.

Around the big market square, which is a veritable beehive of industry on market days, are situated a number of large buildings. The town hall is an immense structure, but of a not very striking appearance. Here are located the various municipal offices. The building also contains a large hall, where concerts and theatricals are held. Adjoining the town hall is a library building of pretentious appearance. It has a fine reading room and contains about 15,000 volumes. Among the other handsome buildings in the town are the official residence of the president, a handsome stone building, which is said to have cost nearly \$80,000; the Dutch Reformed church, which has two beautiful spires, and the Anglican cathedral, having a most magnificent interior.

The town has many educational institutions. The largest of these is Grey High, which was founded by Sir George Grey, at one time Governor of Cape Colony. It provides a complete college course and an educational institution has a high rank. There are also St. Andrew's college, the Ladies' Government Institute and an academy for girls, St. Michael's Home. There are also many private schools in the city and an excellent public school system.

Skagway's Grievance.

A letter received yesterday by a member of the Nugget staff from a Skagway merchant is strong in its denunciation of the treatment which the writer alleges is being accorded his city at the hands of the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co., in that he says preference is being given by that transportation company to through consignments from lower points over local shipments, much to the detriment of Skagway merchants, many of whom have already purchased large stocks of goods with the view of wholesaling to interior points.

The Skagway letter writer expresses a fear that by the time the season's business regularly begins the consignments from below for Dawson and other interior points will be so extensive as to preclude entirely the handling of local business at Skagway, which state of affairs will work an irreparable injury to the merchants, especially the wholesalers; of that enterprising young city.

In reference to the above Jack Wiley, acting local representative of the W. P. & Y. Ry. Co., says that the Skagway author is certainly mistaken, as it can not possibly be the intention of the company to discriminate against its own town, the headquarters of its business and the home of many of its officials. Mr. Wiley thinks the letter is probably the result of a deranged liver, and that its statements should not be taken seriously.

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POSTMASTER'S ADVICE

able Letters Until Navigation Opens—Mail Steamer Ready.

most severe trip made for the mail over the 17 sacks arrived at the local between 6 and 7 o'clock yesterday and had all been distributed to the patrons of the office at the time for opening this morning.

which is being delivered in portion of it, is decidedly heavy. Several sacks of the mail having water in the vicinity of a period of several hours, they were only recovered by the carriers.

been a strong current where through the ice, and the mail and carriers would be swept away and lost.

letters arrived in the mail last night, the bulk of the mail being papers which had been forwarded at Skagway when the one or two sacks of mail were forwarded.

versation with a Nugget representative today, Postmaster Hartman while mail will continue to be checked for the outside as usual as it is possible, yet he would be able to not risk the sending of valuable packages, for the reason is very hard to get over the ice without an occasional involuntary slipping into the water which is to many articles which may be damaged in the sacks.

Postmaster Hartman gave it as his opinion that by the end of three weeks the river will be open for navigation, when said he, "We will mail steamer up the river within a few days after the ice is gone."

Free Library Concert.

usual periodical free concert was held in the public reading room last evening. The program of selections, Mr. Atwood; recitation, "Bivouac of the Dead," Corporation; song, "The Diver," Dr. MacCauley; reading, "Red Riding Hood," Mrs. Moore; song, "I will see Home Again," Mrs. Burke; cello selection, Mr. McKay; recitation, "Tessie Trail," Private Green; instrumental selection, Mrs. Hetherington; glee, "Hail Smiling Morning," Mrs. Thompson and Dr. MacDonald; recitation, "Coster of the North," Mr. M. Martin; "God Save the King," and some very handsome villas.

Second Avenue Improvement.

Timmons, who conducts a large laundry establishment on Second avenue, is making some improvements in regard to his store. He has torn down the part of his building, and will build it with large plate glass windows, and contemplates making a display of groceries that will excel anything of the kind ever seen in Dawson.

Engine House Removed.

The engine house, which served to enclose the engine during the winter, has been removed and the engine will be run in its old position until the mid-ice breaks; then it will be taken to the river-bank opposite the A. C. store.