The Police are Arranging for the Win-- ter Season.

## How Dawson's Prisoners Are Guarded-The Ratio of Crime is Small but Has Grown Since the Rush Began.

The extension and improvement of the barsudden growth of Dawson, nor of her present metropolitan area. The buildings, intended for court, post-office and jail have long been outgrown. Months ago the post-office was removed up-town to a hired building. Judge Mc-Guire now holds his court in the Pioneer hall, which has to be hired for the occasion. The NUGGET man was accompanied through the guard house on Wednesday by the courteous Inspector Harper and found it as badly congested as the other departments. Eight cells and four of them occupied by the four Indians condemned to death for the murder of Billy Meechan. Two crazy men, one very sick murderer, one woman prisoner, and some six other men to be provided for, while the list of casual prisoners sometimes number as many more in a night. It should be mentioned that the woman is provided with a private tent outside the guard house and is therefore much more comfortable than the male prisoners.

It is needless to remark that the police have been making hurried preparations for larger jail quarters. A building was designed on the left side of the entrance to the quadrangle. The work was hastened as much as possible, and it was at one time thought that when comleted it could be used for a while as a postoffice. Before the roof is put on, the building is proved to be even too small for the required jail, and an addition will be put on at once, making it in all 70 feet long and to have 20 cells. The post-office must go elsewhere until their own proposed building is completed.

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own proposed building is completed. The increase in crime in Dawson is some-thing which distresses the old-timers. They have been used to seeing gold-dust and other valuables left around wherever it was most con-venient to drop it, and theft was almost un-known. With the advent of civilization have come thieves and regnes and the police are preparing to house them. The first cell visited was filled with gold-dust. The Canadian Bank of Commerce de-posits there pending the completion of their own strong building.. Inspector Harper men-tioned the fact that anyone wishing safe de-posit can leave their gold with the police and it will be guarded in this cell. The next cell was occupied by a crazy man named Howe, from No. 36 Eldorado. Wm. Henry Guerval who is to be tried for insanity also, was being allowed in the passageways. He is the man with "the red bucksaw," mentioned in the last issue of this paper, as running around wild on the trait and sleeping in the bog. He appears to be improving and only a trial will demon-strate his insanity. He laughed at the idea of it and seems to be quite cheerful. The sick prisoners name is Henderson. He is the man who Killed his partner on Marsh lake, last-year. He is down here for trial, but has been very sick ever since he arrived. J. C. Doe occupies another cell and is to be tried at the

last-year. He is down here for trial, but has been very sick ever since he arrived. J. C. Doe occupies another cell and is to be tried at the proper time for the theft of \$1,390. On the opposite side of the buildings are the condemned cells occupied by the Indians Joe, Jim, Frank and Dawson Nantuck. A guard patrols past their open cells all day and all night and no communication is allowed be-tween them.

glistening snow. Each step must be carefully. taken lest his foot slip and he go flying down the snow-filled canyon. When he had covered about half the distance across he suddenly. stopped. Far above him there sounded an ominous roar, like distant thunder. His friends also heard it and understood at once its meanslide !!.. True enough. From the summit of the mountain a great mass of snow had detached itself and gathering impetus at every moment was moving down the canyon, and Johnson was squarely in its path. Nothing could withracks of the N. W. M. P. has become an urgent stand the force of that mass of snow, hundreds necessity. Whoever designed those barracks of tons in weight. It would earry everything could have had no idea in the world of the before it. To reach the other side of the canvon before the slide could overtake him was impossible, to retrace his steps to his compan-ions was equally so. For a moment he stood helpless. Then a sudden thought came to him. helpless. Then a sudden thought came to him. If he could not cross the canyon, and thus es-cape, why not go ahead of the slide and try and reach the bottom first. To think was to act. Grasping his rifle at the balance, in order to steady himself, he sat down on the hard-crust, his feet close together, in front of him. He did not even require a start, the descent was so steep. Down he flew, faster and faster, a fine spray of snow flying about his head and almost blinding him. Behind him, becoming more and more distinct each moment he heard the roar of the snow slide. But now another danger confronted him.

amors and more distinct each moment he heard the roar of the snow slide. But now another danger confronted him. His descent became so swift that he could scarcely retained a sitting position. Halfway down the canyon he lost the rifle. His hat fol-lowed and was swallowed up in the slide. His presence of mind still remained, but the power to control himself was fast leaving him. He felt the moment approaching when, instead of sliding he would begin turning. Once that oc-eurred he realized there would be no hope. But now, through the snowy mist he saw the bottom of the canyon and beyond that a level stretch. Could he hut control himself until that was reached he might, yet escare. By a supreme effort he managed to retain himself in nm upright position. The slide was gaining on him, but there was still a chance. Nearer and nearer the longed for bottom approached, but closer and closer came the slide behind. It was just by a hair's breadth, but he won the race. For 200 yards after reaching the level he con-tinued to slide, and just behind him, its fury spent, its strength exhausted, the snow slide was plied to a depth of 10 feet. For some minutes Johnson lay in a dazed condition. Finally he gathered his scattered senses and stood up, injured in no manuer excepting the nervous shock he had received. An hour later his cempanions joined him, after picking their way down the mountain side. They had no idea of ever seeing him alive and greeted him as though he had come out of his grave. Their hunt for sheep that day was declared ended and they sought their way back to camp satisfied to Meter to other men tell how they had shot the coveted game on the mountain tops.

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#### **Opening of Chisholm's Hall.**

Chisholm's hall was formally opened Tuesday evening, August 2, with a social dance, and when the grand march was called the hall was filled almost to overflowing. All guests speak of the occasion as one of the most enjoyable in the history of the camp and one long to be remembered. Chisholm & Smith, the manusers. were the recipients of many congratulations and well wishes for future success. No "sour dough" clothes were in evidence and Afex McDonald, who led the grand march, appeared in one of the swellest of swell suits. He did the honors of the occasion in the most dignified and becoming manner, and doubtless among his many other honors, in the future will bear the title of the Beau. Brummel of Dawson.

Excellent music was furnished by Prof. Pick-erell's string orchestra, and the management of the floor was in the hands of Jake Kline. Among those present were: J. McIscacs, M. patrols past their open cells all day and all night and no communication is allowed be-tween them. The balance of the prisoners are being worked in what is often termed a "chain gang" though there are absolutely no chains used unless prisoners are shown to be very dangerous. The mon just now are loading a wagon with gravel from the beach and unloading it in the rect-angle, a much needed improvement. Mrs. Moore, the only female prisoner, is to be tried for the theft of \$5000 in gold dust from the eabin on No. 13 Eldorado. She was em-ployed up there all last winter as housekeeper. STORIËS OF CAMP AND TRAIL: mention

PERSONALS,

Louis Coste, chief engineer of public works in the Dominion, is in town.

M. Jane, Louis Fraine, Tom Warner and W. F. Mitchell, all of Washington, D. C., have decided to wind up their summer's trip by floating down to St. Michaels In an open bost. They started Friday

Walter Phillips arrived in Dawson a week

ago. A severe attack of summer complaint de-cided his party that he must be gotten out at once. Friday he was carried aboard their boat

Jas. L. Wilson, of Tacoma, well-kpown on the sound, and brother of W. M. Wilson, proprietor of the Monte Carlo theater, arrived in Dawson some time ago. Mr. Wilson is interested in Rossiand, B. C., properties, and will probably make some investments in Dawson should fav-orable opportunity present.

W. H. Glass arrived in Dawson this week hav-ing started from Australia 12 months ago. Knowing little of the moods of the country he was coming to he was utterly astounded last fall when the river boat he was on, the J. J.

Gave Nim Nerve.

"What's the matter?" asked her best friend,

"George is going to the war," she answered.

"But I don't see anything pleasant about

She was fairly beaming when they met.

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On a certain morning last May three young men might have been seen climbing one of these lofty mountains. They were in pursuit and the party started down. of the wild sheep which are found in numbers among the crags and hills.

The sides of the mountain were still pretty well snow-covered, though, from the effects of the warm spring sun, immense masses of snow were daily sliding down the more abrupt slopes. Without thought of this, however, the young men continued the ascent, until they stood on a shelving rock fully 3,000 feet above the water beneath them. To their left, and extending up and down the mountain side was a narrow eanyon filled to the top with snow. A stiff said to him by the steamboat company about crust was still on the surface, which had been the psssible tying up of the boat before the trip eanyon filled to the top with snow. A stiff packed hard by repeated slides from above, was completed. Miss Edith Van Buren and Mrs. Admiral Hitchcock are the latest additions to Dawson society. The ladies are wealthy and arevery well known in the United States. They travel for pleasure and are simply "doing" the klon-dike country, as they have done many other famous points of interest in Europe and America. They came in by way of St. Michaels and expect to go out again before the freeze up, and possibly by way of the Chilkoot Pass. The Nuccer is indebted to them for a very pleasant visit at the office. Across the canyon there was a sharp crag behind which the young men concluded they would be very apt to locate the coveted game. The steep angle, however, at which the canyon rose caused them to debate the matter some time before, finally deciding to attempt a crossing. At length they concluded that two should remain where they were, and the third should make the effort to cross the canyon and reach the crag. Phil Johnson, for that was the name of the lad who, it had been agreed should attempt the crossing, started immediately on his

The heels of his heavy shoes were shod with spikes and by using his rifle, stock downward, as an Alpinestick, he managed to keep his footing. His companions remained where he had left them, watching his progress.

Slowly but surely he made his way over the

theatre is as follows: W. M. Wilson, proprietor; R. C. Gardner, manager; Fred Breen, stage manager; Harry Warnock, leader of orchestra; Furnishings, Etc. Edward Cowley, floor manager; Russell Bates, sejenie artist.

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