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From Saturday's Daily.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

An entertainment is being planned to occur on the 15th inst., the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the fund now being subscribed in England for the relief of widows and orphans of British soldiers whose lives have been lost in the Transvaal. The cause is a most worthy one and the Nugget bespeaks for the entertainment a liberal patronage from Dawson's citizens. Subscriptions to this fund are being taken in every corner of the globe where the British flag flies, and the amounts already raised aggregate an exceedingly large sum. It will doubtless create a thrill of patriotic pride in England when it is learned that far away Dawson has sent its quota both of men and money for the aid of the general cause. A most striking feature of the Boer war is the tremendous amount of colonial enthusiasm that has been awakened. Britain has no complaint to make of the loyalty of her dependencies. Her best troops will be found in the colonial contingents and money for various causes arising from the war is being subscribed most liberally. Dawson does not propose to be behind in either respect, and an opportunity will be afforded on the occasion referred to in the beginning of this article for everyone to contribute his mite.

THE OTHER SIDE.

The Nugget has endeavored to be fair and impartial at all times in its treatment of questions of public concern. The news has been published in the columns of this paper without color or prejudice and absolutely regardless of the opinions of the publishers.

We have handled the news which we have been able to secure concerning the diggings which have been discovered at Nome, with the same impartiality that has characterized our treatment of other equally important matters. For the most part the information which we have secured relative to the new district on the Alaskan coast has been favorable, and that news has been published exactly as secured, despite the opinion always maintained by this paper that the opportunities which will be open at Nome next summer have been grossly exaggerated.

Today we present a letter written by a man whose reliability is vouched for by a number of responsible parties, in which the opinions expressed on numerous occasions in these columns are substantially sustained. The writer it will be noted states that the beach so far as it has been proven to carry pay has been practically worked out and that in so far as that particular stretch of country is concerned, if any future work is done thereon, it must be undertaken by means of machinery, the

utility of the rockers process having been exhausted.

In the matter of powers of attorney it will be noticed that the writer is very positive. Unless powers of attorney are disallowed, which is altogether improbable, he says there will be practically no opportunity for new arrivals to secure locations. His conclusion, "I fear there are going to be many a poor disappointed fellow dropped on the Nome beach next summer," is distinctly prophetic.

We have seen nothing in the way of reliable Nome information that in any degree justifies the preparations on the part of so many thousands to rush in there next summer. We are firmly convinced that for every man who met disappointment in Dawson in the rush of '97-'98, there will be ten at Nome next summer in identically the same condition.

Dispatches announcing that Gen. Buller's losses have aggregated 2000 men lead us to the conclusion that the report wherein the same number were said to have been lost near Kimberley was in error. The operations around Kimberley have been confined, so far as information at hand extends to a severe bombardment maintained continuously for a number of days. But that British losses could have amounted to the number mentioned seems altogether improbable. We conclude therefore that an error in the original Kimberley dispatch confused Buller's losses with the casualties at Kimberley.

The manner in which information is confused in getting from the interior to the outside is well illustrated in a recent Victoria paper. In connection with the disappearance of the Clayson party the statement is made in the Victoria paper that the men who disappeared were Clayson and Olsen and that Relfe, who was with them has been arrested on suspicion of murdering his companions. As is well known in Dawson, Relfe is one of the parties who disappeared. Relfe was a mere boy, and had he survived his companions would never have been suspected of such an outrage.

The parliament of British Columbia is busying itself over a railroad charter from Chilcoot pass to Lake Bennett. Until the engineering problems involved in reaching the summit of Chilcoot from Dyea are solved, there will not be a great deal of practical use in the line from the summit to Bennett.

The Boers are still carrying on the war in Africa and the man who might have been a major yet remains in Dawson. We cannot comprehend it.

Seven New A. B.

At a regular meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood last night the trail leading to the camp of her majesty, the Arctic Queen, was surrounded by seven men, C. A. Rice, A. R. Mattly, H. A. Wild, E. J. Carsow, R. A. Kalenburn, R. T. Eloig and Thomas F. O'Malley. Several additional applications for membership were received which will be acted upon at the next meeting. Midnight arrived before the last of the seven candidates had finished eating the last course of icicles.

Notice.

SKAGWAY, Jan. 27.
To the Daily Klondike Nugget:
You are authorized to offer the sum of \$1,000 reward for the return of Fred Clayson, dead or alive. Supposed to have been murdered between Minto and Hutukiku on Christmas day. Please insert this notice in your paper two weeks.
(Signed) WILL CLAYSON.

Electric lights in all rooms. The Fairview.

THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

An observing citizen remarked in one of the hotels a few nights ago that he had kept pretty close tab on those leaving Dawson for Nome and gave it as his opinion that of every three men starting, two were broke and were being taken at the expense of the third. "It is this way," he continued, "Dawson is full of men who came here in the hope of getting hold of something for themselves. They left their homes on the outside with that end in view, but on reaching here have found that there is no chance for them owing to the existing law which, instead of encouraging mining, make it almost prohibitory. Many of these men possess a few hundred dollars and seeing nothing here but a chance to spend without replenishing, they are musing on to Nome and taking two or three fellows with them for company and to assist along the route. If the laws now obtaining in this country don't react in a death dealing fashion, then I'll miss my guess."

Yesterday was room rent day with the Stroller and, having no friend with a double bed, he was forced to spend the night in a chair in one of the many all-night resorts. Being his first night for several weeks in a chair he was somewhat restless as were also two of his neighbors who were attempting to woo a few hour's rest under a crap table in close proximity to the camp of the Stroller. About 4:30 o'clock this morning I heard one of my neighbors exclaim, "Say, Bill! Wake up! Does yu know dat me an' yu is amenable to de law fer sleeping un'er a gamblin' table? I seed in der paper las' night dat any feller in any way connected wid 'er gamblin' table is 'sposed ter be worth \$50 a month ter der government. Now, if we'se ketched under dis table we'se'll saw wood fer mor'n a month. What des yu say'n we'se pull outen dis and go over 'n li down by dat wood tuther sided de stove? I'm not 'er proud man, but dere's 'nuff blue blood in me system ter make it revolt at de thought of anybody keepin' warm from de fruits uv my labor. Come on, Bill, let's git outen dis."

Ten minutes later, each man with his head pilowed on a stick of wood, a sound as of sawing wood was heard to come from their new location.

The sports around town have given the bank at the synagogue a lively play, during the past week. Several minor plunges occurred, but the principal events were the unsuccessful attempt of Jim Donaldson, and the winning which was booked by Sam Yeady. The former trifled with the tiger when the latter was not inclined to be playful, and as a result, Donaldson quit loser to the extent of \$1200. Yeady was remarkably lucky on Thursday. He started with a torn two dollar bill and won \$1300.

Speaking of gambling recalls the fact of so many rubbernecks in Dawson at the present time. There were not a few here last winter; but they were never so persistent and tenacious as they are now. Whenever a stack of whites is placed upon the layout, these idlers will flock around the table and continue to remain there until the play is concluded. They are a nuisance to the house as well as to its patrons.

"Dawson is a place of rapid changes," said a man who arrived here late last fall, but who now calls all the dealers and boosters in town by their nicknames. "There have been lots of changes, yes hundreds of them, since I came here only a few weeks ago. Fellows who then had good jobs and wore flashers in their shirt bosoms are now "on the hog" and don't know which way to look for something to do. But I can say this for them, while they were flush their friends were not allowed to go hungry, and I reckon the majority

of them have friends now who will not go back on them in their hard luck. I loafed around here until I would have taken a job at currying dogs for Tom Chrisbolm, but just when things looked darkest I got this job at dealing, and while my pay amounts to over \$100 per week, I am not saving any of it, for the reason that a half dozen or more fellows who are in hard luck are eating off me. If I were to lose my job now I would be broke before the end of three days, and after Saturday night, my room rent is paid to that time, I'd be sleeping in a bar room chair unless some good Samaritan took pity on me. Here's a check; take it to the bar and have something on me."

Birthday Party.

Master Hugh McDonald, only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McDonald, is king of the Klondike for this afternoon, this being the seventh anniversary of his birth. A large crowd of little men and maidens are assisting him in celebrating the event in a hilarious manner.

Fairview reopened. Finely furnished rooms.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

A cure for Nome fever. See Crittbs & Rogers.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

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