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A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

A Magnificent Audience Attends the B. P. O. Elk's Benefit.

And the Sweet Hand of Charity Passes to the Sick and Burial Fund of This Order a Handsome Contribution.

When Charles Vivian founded years ago the "Order of Jolly Corkers," probably little idea had he, that upon the corner stone blocked out and laid by him in that little meeting room in New York would be erected the magnificent structure dedicated to charity, and which today bears the name of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. From that little meeting of Charles Vivian's, assembled to pass a social hour has grown an order numbering lodges by the hundreds and members by the thousand.

One of the cardinal points of the order is charity, and yet charity in such form that none may speak to whom extended, nor by whom received. It is that quiet, unostentatious extending of the helping hand which makes the man and brother feel that he ever has friends wherever the members of the horned herd may be. The Elks of today are a social body of membership, the banding and knitting together of congenial spirits, and in unity work and live to assist the sick and destitute, and when necessary bury the dead. Away up here in frozen Alaska have roamed the men of the Anilers, from every section of the United States. Naturally and incidentally sickness came to some, misfortune to others, and death to a few. There were no mother or home lodges near to relieve the suffering, assist the destitute and lay away the remains in a manner worthy of a departed brother.

To such worthy objects the public is as a rule ready to contribute particularly when they are receiving something in return. A grand benefit, the proceeds to be devoted to the sick and burial fund of the order was decided upon and local and professional talent rushed to the occasion when the sad, sweet face of charity was to be made brighter, with the result that the Tivoli Theatre was secured, and as is customary with anything the Elks take hold of, the "Bea People on Earth," soon had their committee's work and arrangements completed for the grand entertainment given on Tuesday evening. And, what a magnificent audience it was! Dawson's society simply turned out en masse, and a more brilliant assemblage probably cannot be seen in any theater, than merrily applauded the various turns which rapidly succeeded each other upon the stage.

The following members of the order had the matter in hand and most creditably carried out their work: Committee of Arrangements—Bro. W. H. Chenoweth, of Seattle Lodge, No. 92, Bro. F. W. Howard, of Chicago, No. 4, Bro. M. J. Sullivan, of Spokane, No. 228, Bro. George Noble, of Seattle, No. 92, Bro. Gus Seiffert, of Spokane, No. 228; Reception Committee—Bro. M. J. Sullivan, of Cripple Creek, No. 316, Bro. J. D. Jourdan, of Juneau, No. 420, Bro. Harry Edwards, of Salt Lake, No. 85; Finance Committee—Bro. W. M. Wilson, of Denver, No. 17, Bro. F. D. Wickery, of Allegheny, No. 339 and Bro. Gus Seiffert, of Spokane, No. 228.

The following are the list of volunteers who cheerfully tendered their services for the occasion: Bro. Captain Jack Crawford, Bro. Wm. Fritz, Bro. Geo. Noble, Bro. F. W. Howard, Cad Wilson, the Oatley Sisters, Newman children, Fred Breen, Mulligan & Linton, B. R. Treneman, Fred Gardner, Jr., the Rodolphs, the Broeze sisters, Z. K. Zilly, Ben Davis, Charles Brown and Goodwin Bros. Quartette.

Captain Jack made the opening address and concluded with the inimitable story of the cowboy and the bicycle. For an encore he gave "God will sprinkle Sunshine in the Trail of Every Cloud." Comment is unnecessary for Captain Jack is too well known to need it. Suffice it to say he left the stage the second time with everyone in the house his friend.

F. W. Howard gave several of his favorite bass songs. The Broeze Sisters in their graceful skirt dances provoked much enthusiasm. The famous French team, the Rodolphs, preceded their famous "Flags of All Nations" with the usual results in applause and recalls. There is probably little that will arouse one's enthusiasm as one's flag in beautiful silk and with the accompaniment of the loved national air well sung.

The Goodwin Brothers have learned the magic art of the perfect blending of human voices. We have all seen Mulligan and Linton before—some of us have had that pleasure many times but their work will never be old. They chose their favorite specialty for the occasion and it was the audience's favorite too.

B. R. Treneman, all round athlete, gave a beautiful exhibition of club-swinging. No hand conductor or drum major ever marked time any better than did Treneman with his clubs.

George Noble and Zilly—well, criticism is simply disarmed and praise inadequate. George Noble has been too long a premium favorite to even read this notice.

Fred Gardner, a later edition of Richard Gardner, was a novelty in dark specialties and received much applause.

Ben Davis gave a clever imitation of Cad Wilson in her popular "And she's such a nice girl too." The imitation "caught on" wonderfully and was really clever. Encores brought out more imitations. Cad herself must admit the merit of the imitation. The audience saw it and testified to it.

Fred Breen in his favorite monologues as usual was noisily popular. Fred is little but does a good turn.

The Newman children did their pretty sailor songs and drill. Many of the large audience had never before had the pleasure of seeing the children before and many were the expressions of approval from the ladies especially. Margie, we salute you.

Cad Wilson concluded the performance with selections from her extensive repertoire to the usual amount of hand clapping, for Cad is a favorite, however, some of her friends wished she had sang some of her other favorites. Capt. Jack publicly thanked Messrs. Blet & Cooper in behalf of the Elks for the use of the house. Thanks were also tendered to each and every performer and all who had in any way helped make the occasion such an unqualified success.

Notes and Personal.
Wasn't it an audience, though?
It was Elks' Day in Dawson.
Dick Gardner from No. 1 was a little tardy but was in the parade.
Never has Dawson seen a gathering like it on any social gathering.

Captain Jack Crawford didn't look like himself without his sombrero.
Little Willie Chenoweth broke his day's rest to turn out and went over the entire route.
Bro. F. C. Alder in his black fur coat was not in mourning. It was only to keep him warm.
One of the most enthusiastic and hard-working Elks is Bro. M. J. Conway of Spokane, No. 228.

George Noble had his make-up with him. The long coat and "coolie" cap were all right on George.
Mrs. W. M. Wilson deserves great credit for her noble efforts in ticket selling, having disposed of over one hundred.

The Elks are not without a poet in Dawson for have they not a "Bard"? His initials are W. H. and Billy is his right.
Jim Donaldson's cap was a picturesque show in the parade. Firearms are forbidden in Dawson, hence the parade of a cap to the finish.

No use putting Mike Sullivan and Gus Seiffert at the head of a procession. People ahead cannot see the parade coming, nor those behind ever see the band.
Capt. Jack Crawford was caught napping drinking beef tea with his glass in his right hand. Capt. Jack will take his meals from the menu for the next few days.

To Messrs. Blet & Cooper is sweet charity indebted for the use of the Tivoli. Bro. Blet is a member of Chicago Lodge No. 4, and always ready to help along anything for the Elks.
Did you see Jim Donaldson's diamond? There are few like it anywhere. Weighs five karats and is a perfect stone. By the way Jim lost \$100 in gold dust, and his wife a beautiful nugget fob, in Dawson's late fire.

The 14 boxes were occupied by Miss Mulrony, Wm. Chappell, M. Latham, Dr. Bruner, Judge S. O. Morford, A. C. Co., George Noble, Spencer & McPhee, M. J. Conway, M. J. Sullivan, Charles Cole, A. E. Co., Wilson & Chenoweth, J. D. Jourdan, Tom Chisholm, and their invited guests.
One of the most popular Elks in Dawson today is modest, unobtrusive Jim Donaldson. Bro. Donaldson is a member of Cripple Creek Lodge No. 316, and was Esquire of his lodge for a term of years. Many a pair of whiskers owe their growth to Jim's experience.

One Three-Cent Stamp.
The Nugget is printed in small type upon light book paper and is peculiarly adapted for mailing to the outside enclosed with the weekly letter for home. A copy of the Nugget and one large thick sheet of pad letter paper, or two of "foreign" paper, enclosed within a heavy envelope is well within the three-cent limit of postage. One stamp will carry your letter as well as two or more.

Can't Get the Streets Cleared.
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1898.
EDITOR NUGGET.
When anyone gets drunk in Klondike city it takes but a few minutes for a policeman to put in his appearance but when we require aid in any kind such as in clearing the streets of tents so that we can get our hay etc. off that dangerous bar in front of town it takes two or more weeks and then we don't get it. Two weeks ago I obtained an audience with the proper officials and it was admitted that the street must be cleared and at once. In spite of numerous letters passing between officials and several notifications to the campers by the police, those blocking the way of teams have been unmolested and continue to remain on the highway. Mr. Ogilvie has ordered the street cleared so that this hauling can be done, but it is not clear yet. Is there no way, Mr. Editor, we can have the street cleared so we can haul the hay? Whenever you go back to the officials about it they appear to be surprised that the street is not already cleared.
FRANK BUTKAT.

Meeting of the Dawson Club.
Members of the Dawson Club will meet Thursday evening at the club at 8 o'clock, to elect officers and for the adoption of rules and by-laws, also to arrange for the opening reception on Monday evening. Every member is urged to be present.
Every Wednesday and Saturday the Nugget is delivered to subscribers, \$2.00 per month.
Doctors' Examination.
The new medical ordinance of the Yukon Territory creates a medical board for the examination of applicants for registration and the past week saw four physicians admitted to practice—three Canadians and one American. The names of the successful licensees are Doctors Hamilton, Fulton, McCloud and Cassels. By the ordinance the doctors already here are allowed to apply for examination, providing

they have graduated from reputable colleges, with at least a three-years course. Newcomers must have graduated from a college having at least a four years course.
LOCAL BREVITIES.
M. A. Hamill, manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s stores, has been detained at home ill, but is again convalescent and attending to his multitudinous duties.
R. Tucker announced at the Tivoli the other night that he wanted to challenge the winner of the coming wrestling bout between Connors and Mayo Ritchie.

Scoury is making its appearance already in some localities. Three cases in one neighborhood are reported from the banks of the Klondike a couple of miles from town.
A recent arrival reports passing at least 50 people afoot on the shore ice and on the banks of the river on their way to the coast. All were packing what they needed on their backs.
Returns from the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, gave Munkook gold the highest assay value of any that has been taken from the Yukon region. It was over \$19.40 to the ounce.

Claims 3 and 4 below upper on Dominion, owned by Harry Ashe, are turning out in a very pleasing way to the owner. Pans are being taken out on bedrock averaging four dollars.
The "Pioneer," under the proprietorship of Harry Spencer, continues to enjoy the popularity and prestige this house has always received. The general proprietor always makes his patrons welcome and at home.

Burnett, the parser of the Nora who shot and killed Coxie, the steward of the Ora, at White Horse, is awaiting trial at the guard-house and has secured the services of Messrs. Pattello & Ridley, the new attorneys whose card appears in this issue.
On the 14th Attorney Guillian was appointed public administrator for the Yukon and assumed his duties at once. The custody and care of the property of deceased citizens now devolves upon that gentleman instead of upon the police, as heretofore.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19th, a cabin on J. T. Kelly's claim, 22 below upper discovery, on Dominion, was completely destroyed by fire. The cabin was occupied by Chas. Frost and N. Nelson. The fire was started by the stove door, a telescopic arrangement, falling from its place. The loss is estimated at \$700.

Mr. S. Liechtenstader was a partner with Robert Anderson in securing the two-and-a-half mile grant on Hunker creek. Liechtenstader started in with his wife, by way of St. Michaels and was eleven months in getting to Dawson, arriving this summer. Meanwhile, Anderson wound things up here and went over to London, England, where he sold the grant for \$2500, representing that his partner was dead. Liechtenstader went out at once to make a fight for his rights and his wife was the lady who lost outfit, store and all in the big fire.

D. G. F. Washburne, H. M. Wallace, Dr. F. F. Jackson and J. H. Taylor arrived in Dawson last week with supplies and machinery for the Klondike, Yukon and Copper River Mining Company, of which they are officials. They also left 10 men and 15 tons of supplies at Crawford City, at the mouth of the Hootalinqua, on which river they have large mining concessions. The name is derived from the assistant general manager of the company, Captain Jack Crawford. The saw arrivals are busily engaged in preparing winter quarters here.

A co-partnership has been formed between C. W. Tabor and H. D. Hulme. These gentlemen are lawyers of large experience, Mr. Tabor being a barrister of British Columbia and New Brunswick and member of the firm of Bowser, Godfrey & Co., of Vancouver. H. D. Hulme is from the Ontario bar and was for six years associated in practice with Hon. Wm. Muloch, postmaster-general of Canada. They enjoy a high reputation as barristers, solicitors and advocates, and will make a strong pillar in the Dawson Bar Association.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.
J. Dempsey, too many friends, result \$20 and costs.
J. Montgomery imbued, raised a disturbance and "dug up" \$20 and costs.
Henry Gileher was drunk—noisy full—and squared himself with \$20 and costs.
John Boyle, a pastboard expert over table green, paid \$50 fine and all's serene.
F. Gillis, noisily unpopular from the influence of "lightning rod" was mulcted in the sum of \$20 and costs.
Carrie Boyle boiled over in public. Wrath unalloyed in public places, is reprehensible so she paid \$20 dues in arrears.

May Parks climbed the various steps of Inebriety, jolly, wavy, boisterous and noisy and was restored to good standing upon payment of \$20 and costs.
Lucy Cooper, an Indian maiden whom Poo-bontas would disown, contributed \$10 and costs for getting drunk. W. J. Moor, who gave her the liquor which made her drunk, was fined \$50 and costs. "Verily, it is better to receive than to give."

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ENGLAND SAID TO BE AROUSED.

Returned to Dawson From a Trip to Ottawa.

Fire Department Matters—The Engine House Being Fixed for Heating—Captain Hansen Sparing Nothing.

The London Times is probably the most powerful newspaper in the world, and its power partly from the excessive care with which it is edited, but more especially because it is the recognized mouthpiece of the conservative English government. When the great leaders wish to speak to the people they do not have to wait for a session of parliament. This being so, the following quotation from a letter received yesterday, of a late date, by a well known Canadian, is pregnant with importance and meaning to Yukoners:

"I wonder if it will be news to you to hear that the English government is looking into the administration of affairs on the Yukon, the officials being, according to their papers, very corrupt in their offices. The Times has taken the matter up.

It has often been suggested that the Colonial office in London be enlisted in our behalf and if later newspapers bear out the letter quoted we shall find ourselves with powerful friends for good.

Returned to Dawson.
Mr. Dufferin Pattello returned to Dawson last week to assume the office of commissioner of abstracts, an important position assigned to him at Ottawa. Mr. Pattello is the same gentleman who lately occupied the position of private secretary to Major Walsh and secretary of the council of the Yukon district.

Mr. Pattello brought in with him the dispatches from Ottawa commencing the sentence of death against Frank Nantuck and confirming the sentence of death upon the other four murderers to hang November 1. Realizing the uncertainty of river passage at this time of the year, a telegram was sent a week ahead of Mr. Pattello advising the mounted police at Bennett to at once start a man down the river to Dawson with word of the commutation of sentence. Mr. Pattello, with the dispatches, overtook the telegram at Vancouver, but at White Horse saw that it was sent ahead in case he himself was frozen in or met with other delays.

Amongst other papers brought in by Mr. Pattello was one commencing Captain Frank Harper as sheriff of this territory. The unwelcome task of supervising the execution of the murderers now falls upon Mr. Harper.

Fire Department Matters.
The signing of the note which secured the advance of \$12,000 from Mr. Wills, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, wherewith to lift the fire apparatus from the debts which had enthrilled it and to place the fire department upon its feet, met last Friday night and elected the following gentlemen as fire commissioners with control of the apparatus and all things pertaining to fire protection: D. W. Davis, J. A. Cooper, J. J. Rutledge, T. C. Healy, Captain Hansen, G. J. Apple and H. G. Spencer. Messrs. D. W. Davis and G. W. Davis were confirmed as a finance committee.

At the conclusion of their meeting they were waited upon by a deputation from the volunteer fire department and on Saturday evening the "fire laddies" were addressed by two of the fire commissioners, Messrs. T. C. Healy and G. J. Apple. The volunteer brigade was informed that the commissioners were more than pleased at the organization of a fire company and assured the members of the most hearty cooperation on the part of the commission. The brigade's appointment of Mr. Fletcher as chief was approved by the citizens and his commission as such was produced and read.

The speeches of the commissioners were enthusiastically received and the business of the meeting went through with an alacrity showing the members well pleased at the outcome of the many conferences between the volunteer fire department and the citizens who control the apparatus. Permanent organization was at once proceeded with and the following officers elected: President, T. C. Healy; vice president, E. C. Allen; treasurer, Captain Galpin; B. H. Moran, secretary.

A committee on by-laws and constitution was appointed and reported Tuesday night too late for publication in this issue.

Major Walsh Recommends Reduction of Royalty.
There were several attempts made by the Nugget prior to the departure of Major Walsh for the outside, to get him to commit himself upon the royalty question. Beyond the general statement that he "believed it would be satisfied when he made his reports and recommendations at Ottawa" no expression could be secured. A late copy of the Vancouver Herald contains the information that Major Walsh's report on the Klondike has been made and he strongly recommends the removal of all royalties as now applied. The balance of the report is not yet made public but will appear later. Naturally Major Walsh's recommendations will carry weight as coming from an experienced and it is a matter of congratulation that he realized the evils of the royalty system on actual observation.

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