

PROTEST ON GOLD RUN

Valuable Claim Has Been Re-Located

Chute & Wills Had an Option on It—Claimed It Ran Out by Inadvertence.

Captain Hulme, of the law firm of Tabor, Walsh & Hulme, was in a hurry to file a protest this morning, in regard to the renewal granted to a staker of a claim on Gold Run which is supposed to be worth from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The staker was John Riddle, who yesterday put in an application for the property, 255 Gold Run, and as the claim ran out on January 8th, and there was in the gold commissioner's office no evidence of any representation work having been done upon it for the past year, Recorder Boyes granted his application. Then, this morning, along came Captain Hulme to file his protest.

The captain's law firm is representing in this matter the interests of Carrie Breckenridge, the owner of the claim before it was restaked. The lady went to Nome, where she is said to have secured a number of valuable mining properties. She went from Nome to San Francisco and is now believed to be on her way in to Dawson. Before she left here she gave Chute & Wills an option on this claim, and other property, for \$25,000, which option ceased on January 8th.

In the protest the contention is that the claim lapsed by inadvertence and that several thousand dollars of work was done on the property during last year.

PRESTIGE THREATENED

Germany Alarmed by Progress of American Universities.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—German scholars are beginning to give unusual attention to American intellectual progress. Prof. Wetzel of Freiburg university, comparing the scientific development of Germany and the United States, says the real American danger exists in intellectual rather than economic things. The foremost American universities, he points out, are now better equipped than the German universities for comprehensive training, and the munificent gifts from private individuals for libraries, museums, laboratories and professorships supply the American professors with facilities for instruction superior to those of their German colleagues. Therefore, Germany is in danger of being surpassed by the United States in intellectual development.

Contrasting the methods of teaching modern languages and literature in German and American universities, Prof. Wetzel shows that the German work is limited chiefly to philologies and individual literature, whereas the American universities have a number of special professors for comparative literature. He instances Columbia, with four professors, and says this department of Columbia could only be matched with the greatest difficulty in all Germany.

Describing how German workers are handicapped by the inadequacy of libraries, Prof. Wetzel remarks:

"German investigators often painfully realize the fact that their American colleagues work under far more favorable conditions. We have libraries, even numerous and good, but there is not a single one where it can with certainty be reckoned that adequate material exists for the subject in hand. The larger universities, like Berlin, Munich and Goettingen, have often attempted to get means for supplying the missing books, but in vain. After several weeks' correspondence with six or more libraries the inquiry finally ascertains that it is impossible to write a dissertation in Germany at all."

In conclusion, the professor asserts that the Americans not only have the better tools, but, owing to their large teaching staffs and more minute division of subjects, the American students are able to pursue individual scientific taste more effectively.

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COMING TO SOUND

Seattle Young Ladies to Have a Chance at the Hero.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling today ordered Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson to active duty at the Puget Sound Navy Yard.

Hobson has been on waiting orders for many months and for over a year has been trying to be placed on the retired list on account of defective eyesight.

A naval board of examiners refused to recommend his retirement.

Then congress was appealed to for aid.

Bills providing for his retirement have been introduced in both houses.

A committee has favorably reported one, but the house has adversely reported.

Democratic members of the senate and house oppose it because they claim Hobson merely wishes to stand for congress against Representative Bankhead.

The order to active duty may result in Hobson's resignation.

HORRORS OF TURKS

Untold Cruelties Practiced on Their Prisoners.

Constantinople, Jan. 17.—While Turkey is seeking to conciliate the powers it is also getting ready to fight if necessary.

The Turkish government has entered into a contract for the supply of nearly a quarter of a million Mauser rifles and has required that the supply of the arms be greatly accelerated, fortifying the request with a payment of a large sum. These weapons will be used chiefly to equip the Turkish forces in Europe, many of the men being now armed with antiquated weapons.

The official Politische Correspondenz publishes a copy of a report made by the prefect of Dubnitz in Bulgaria to the Bulgarian premier, regarding the particulars of the Turkish atrocities in Macedonia, which he has received from fugitives who have sought refuge in Bulgaria.

Two hundred Turkish troops, accompanied by a horde of Bashi Bazouks, entered the Macedonian village of Zelenitzka; arrested forty of the principal inhabitants, and maltreated them.

First they were all bound together with ropes and mercilessly thrashed with thick tongs.

Their wives and daughters were handed over to the common soldiers as prisoners, and the children were killed before the eyes of their parents.

An old man of 80 was tortured to death in a manner too horrible to describe, and a woman who defended herself against the assaults of the soldiers had the four fingers of her right hand chopped off.

At Padez the priest was hung by his feet from a balcony, after which a fire was lighted on the ground beneath. He was half burned, half suffocated to death.

Another of the residents of this village was tortured for twelve hours before death put an end to his agonies. His ears and nose were cut off and his hands crushed with heavy clubs and so the mutilations were continued until they proved fatal.

His neighbor was bound to a tree and clubbed to death.

All the women were outraged before their husbands and fathers eyes.

At Pokrovnik ten men and seven women were tortured to death by inhuman Turkish and similar massacres took place in a score of other villages.

Bounty on Wolf Scalps

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 17.

Wolves are reported to be multiplying so rapidly in this section of the state as to be such a menace to sheep and pigs and other kinds of stock that Mr. Prather of Taney will seek to secure the passage of an appropriation for the payment of a state bounty, in addition to the county bounty, on wolf scalps. For some time the state has paid no such bounty, though there is such a law, simply because no appropriation for the purpose was made. He will present the matter to the appropriations committee.

Paris, Jan. 17.—Dr. Jean Charcot, one of the late alienist physician, and husband of M. Jeanne Hugo, daughter of the poet, who some months ago returned from a trip to England, is building a 100-ton schooner at St. Malo, in which he intends to make a scientific voyage to Franz Josef's land, which, he says, will be the first scientific expedition undertaken by a Frenchman to the arctic regions since the voyage of Dumont d'Urville in 1836. M. Charcot's schooner is modeled after the Norwegian rams, with an ice ram and auxiliary engines, insuring a speed of seven knots under steam.

TO PROTEST ELECTION

Mass Meeting to Consider the Matter.

Opposition Party Still Disgruntled Over Its Overwhelming Defeat.

An informal meeting of what is still pleased to call itself the opposition party took place last night in Union hall, to consider the advisability of protesting the federal election. It will be remembered that, throughout the federal campaign, and particularly during the more recent campaign for the Yukon council, the trades unions were unanimous in taking no part as a body in party politics. The Trades and Labor Council was particularly outspoken upon this point. Since, then, however, and within the past few days, Moses McGregor has been elected president of the latter body, and he acted as president of the informal meeting of the opposition party, which met last night. The secretary of the meeting was Mr. Sellers.

No announcement had been made of the meeting except in the Aurora saloon, yet it was well attended, and those present seemed entirely in favor of protesting the election. Mr. Beddoe was one of the prominent speakers on the subject, and pledged himself and the News to the support of such a movement. George Black, John Blyth, A. C. Fields and others spoke.

It was decided by resolution first to have a mass meeting on the subject in A. B. hall, and a committee was appointed to secure the hall for some evening in the coming week. Another committee was selected to raise the munitions of war, and another to take charge of the meeting and to raise the wind, in other words to draw up the formal resolutions to be presented at such meeting and to arrange for speakers to them.

By many who attended it was erroneously supposed that this was the meeting to confer with the elective members of the Yukon council as to lien law and other matters. That is for this evening.

Has a Flying Machine.

Seattle now has a representative among those who claim to have solved the problem of aerial navigation, in the person of Thomas Levi, 1801 Twenty-fourth avenue. Mr. Levi asserts that his machine, which embodies the principles employed by birds in soaring, overcomes the difficulties that have brought other inventors along the same lines to grief.

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If February should maintain the pace that has been set during this first week in the month it will easily prove the gayest, socially, of any month in the entire season, and viewing the events already billed for the next three weeks it is more than likely such will be the case. March will have but little hope of being considered a competitor in the race, handicapped as she will be by the early arrival of Lent and by the time April arrives and the annual Easter parade is a thing of the past the social season will be but a memory. Dawson is very conventional, you know, and the demands of society upon the tender buds are so arduous that they really must have a few weeks to recuperate after Lent before the advent of the season at the seaside. In casually looking over the events of the future there is the season of opera to be considered, the presentation of "The Stoops to Conquer" by some very clever amateurs, there is quite a likelihood that the Masons will duplicate the success attained by the Odd Fellows several weeks ago, the Vedic Brotherhood is billed for another dance during the month, the Young Men's Institute has been considering a ball for some time, and the ping pong set will surely shake their dainty and exclusive feet once more before the season of sackcloth and ashes. By the way, I would really like to know who it was that so facetiously dubbed my jolly friends, the Bachelors, the "ping pong" set and is the appellation intended as a term of derision or is it merely one of those clever bon mots which come so naturally to people of unusually bright intellect. It can't be the former, for not all who play ping pong are afflicted with paresis; many are, but not all. During the week there have been quite a number of little informal affairs, the ping pong tournament and the "at home" last night given by Mrs. Charles Macpherson and Mrs. George Byrnes. The rink has also been much more liberally patronized than for some time, owing to the present delightful weather, and the ice has been the scene of quite a bit of jollity.

The ping pong tournament Thursday afternoon and evening at Pioneer hall in aid of the building fund of St. Paul's church, I am told, was quite a success notwithstanding the fact that so many of the leading devotees of the game defaulted. Why they should have purposely absented themselves when their presence would have afforded such pleasure to the spectators is a mystery. They must have received an invitation, otherwise they would scarcely have been billed as among the stars. I hope they did not fare as "The Chappie" did who was not only overlooked entirely, he, mind you, who was once the champion ping ponger of Klondike, but was vigorously sat upon as well for having made some innocent inquiries as to the proposed game some days before it was pulled off. "I say, the public is not concerned in this little affair, don't you know, and we want no blasted advertising," was the way it was handed to me in a delicious east end accent redolent of Pall Mall. But about the defaults. It would have been worth going miles to have seen Dr. J. N. E. Brown, the affable and dignified territorial secretary, taken a hand in a set, and to have heard Mr. E. Ward Smith declare "40 love" and "love all" would have driven one into paroxysms of delight, and yet both defaulted. Mr. D. Doig and Mr. Herb Wilson did not play fair or they would have displayed their agility in side-stepping after the ball. Mr. Billy Fairbanks was given a place next the pole, but the track was heavy and he forfeited his entry. Mr. C. B. Burns was also I believe what the towns call a quitter, and he would have been so picturesque in his serves and curves had he only made good. A few leaves from his diary would have furnished innocent amusement between the sets. But laying aside the things which did happen and those which might have happened to arouse one's risible faculties, it was really quite a jolly affair. Mrs. Z. T. Wood presided over the samovar with a grace that is so fittingly becoming and was assisted by Mrs. Wroughton, Mrs. E. Ward Smith and Mrs. Walter Cox. The winners were Miss Bourke in the

ladies' singles, Mr. McKinnon, of the bank of B. N. A., in the gentlemen's singles, and Mrs. F. G. Crisp and Mr. J. Newton Storry in the mixed doubles.

One of the most pleasant private affairs that has happened this season was the reception and dancing party given yesterday evening at the A. B. hall by Mrs. Charles Macpherson and Mrs. George Byrnes. Unfortunately the beautiful decorations of the ball of a week ago had been removed and the walls looked rather barren in comparison with the Burns function on the 30th. Still, enough was left together with some handsome rugs, uric-a-biac and furniture despoiled from the homes of the hostesses to make the large hall look more than cozy and attractive. The stage was prettily set and with a short flight of stairs leading up from the dancing floor offered a quiet and seductive retreat from which an excellent view of the dancers could be had. Mrs. Macpherson was stunningly attired in a gown of voile over old rose silk elaborately trimmed with lace, an assemblage of brilliant surmounting a very becoming coiffure. Mrs. Byrnes looked charming in a dainty French creation of white chiffon over pink silk with diamond ornaments. The ladies received their guests after the latter had deposited their furs with maids in the retiring room, giving each a pleasant smile and a hearty word of welcome. Dancing was the principal amusement indulged in, though there were several card tables in evidence at which a number of rubbers of whist were fought out. Bruce did the catering, the tables arranged in the gallery being very artistically decorated.

The invited guests included Major and Mrs. Wood, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Craig, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Macaulay, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McLennan, Dr. and Mrs. Grant, Major and Mrs. Cuthbert, Captain and Mrs. Wroughton, Captain and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ellbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Macaulay, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hulme, Dr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hagel, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Langlois Bell, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. McDougal, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Thornburgh, Mr. and Mrs. George White-Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Pattallo, Mrs. Shannon, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Chataway, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ward Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Calderhead, Mr. and Mrs. Quigg, Mr. and Mrs. Schooling, Dr. and Mrs. Bourke, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McLennan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Chisactor, Mr. and Mrs. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Heron, Mr. and Mrs. Ashely, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Miss Craig, Miss Macaulay, Miss Thebo, Miss Roediger, Miss Crowley, Miss Miles, Miss Macfarlane, Miss Emma Macfarlane, Miss Wilson, Miss Shannon, Miss Richardson, Miss Hagel, Miss Hannwell, Miss Bourke, Miss Mae Bourke, Miss Freeman, Miss Flo Freeman, Miss McKee, Miss Thomas, Mr. J. L. Gandolfo, Mr. F. J. Stacpoole, Dr. W. I. Barrett, Dr. Alfred Thompson, Dr. MacArthur, Dr. Edwards, Mr. J. B. Pattullo, Mr. J. C. Smith, Mr. H. E. A. Robertson, Mr. Wm. McKay, Mr. Alex. Macfarlane, Mr. E. C. Semler, Mr. C. S. W. Barwell, Mr. E. Elderton, Mr. R. L. Cowan, Mr. A. W. Couplin, Mr. C. W. Thebo, Mr. G. W. Howard, Mr. Geo. Calvert, Mr. H. J. Tobin, Mr. C. McGregor, Mr. Wm. Gibson, Mr. W. Sime, Mr. B. Adams, Mr. J. D. Bell, Mr. H. M. Martin, Mr. Harry Parkin, Mr. W. G. Haultain, Mr. S. Weisberg, Mr. Al. Watson, Mr. Charles Shannon, Mr. Harry Fitzsimons, Mr. O. S. Finnie, Mr. W. G. Harrison, Mr. Harold Rolph, Mr. J. W. McKay, Mr. Sydney Bell, Mr. Peter Vachon, Mr. H. Hanwell, Mr. A. E. Maynard, Mr. Jack Ellbeck, and Douglas Edwards.

The Misses Macfarlane gave a pleasant progressive euchre party at their residence on Seventh avenue, Tuesday evening. The winner of the ladies' first prize was Miss McKee, Miss Hagel carrying off the consolation trophy. The gentlemen's first prize was won by Mr. A. Allayne Jones, the booby by Mr. H. M. Martin. The guests of the ladies were Miss MacKie, Miss McKee, Miss Shannon, Miss Hagel, Miss Freeman, Miss Bourke, Mr. H. E. A. Robertson, Mr. H. M. Martin, Mr. Harold Rolph, Mr. J. D. Bell, Mr. J. Fitzsimons, Mr. H. A. Howard, Mr. A. Allayne Jones, Mr. C. V. Shannon, and Mr. Alex. Macfarlane.

Mayor and Mrs. R. P. McLennan

are entertaining quite a number of little ones this afternoon in honor of their little daughter Miss Glennie and young hopeful Master Jack. The invitations read from 3 to 5 and this evening the friends of the elder children will be received.

Director Searelle is highly pleased with the way the rehearsal for "Pirates of Penzance" are progressing. Last Sunday evening the orchestra ran over the scores for the first time and had not the slightest difficulty, a very decided contrast with the first attempt at "Bohemian Girl" which took nearly six hours before anything could be made out of the wretchedly cut up manuscript. The "Pirates" scores are printed and the musicians played at sight every number in the opera. The personnel of the orchestra will be practically the same as at the last opera with the exception of Mr. Freimuth. His place is taken by Mr. Emil Thielhorn, an accomplished violinist, and Corporal Cobb has been engaged for cornet. The opera will be given four nights beginning February 18, one week from Wednesday evening. Quite a few additions have been made to the chorus and it is said to be stronger now than it has ever been before. One great beauty about the "Pirates" is that the music is so simple that the company will be able to do full justice to it.

The Young Men's Institute, organized this winter, will probably entertain its members and friends before the beginning of Lent. Unfortunately one of the most active spirits in the Institute, Mr. Joseph Riley, has been quite ill for several weeks otherwise the date might have been definitely settled by now.

Mr. Simon Weissberg, the accomplished highland dancer who so astonished his friends by his skillful sword and ring dancing at the St. Andrew's ball of a year ago, has issued invitations for a swaggar dinner party at the Regina on Monday evening next. A specially elaborate menu has been prepared and everything will be of the daintiest. Mr. Weissberg's guests will be Mr. and Mrs. George Byrnes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McKee, Mrs. Shannon, Miss Shannon, Miss Thebo, Miss Crowley, Miss

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The Athletic Club will have a quiet little smoker this evening in the reading room following the hockey match. No set program has been prepared, but an abundance of clever material will be on hand and a ripping old time is promised. Mr. Clem Benefield Burns will do a few stunts and tell the history of his past life to the accompaniment of snaky music and a little red fire. The usual pink lemonade will be served.

No dates have yet been decided upon for the presentation of "The Stoops to Conquer," though it is quite likely that it will be witnessed about the first week in March. Three rehearsals a week are regularly devoted to the comedy and the managers have informed me that in the production the greatest attention will be paid to the little details.

Even the furniture used in the stage setting will be old antique oak of a style in keeping with the period in which the scene of the play is laid. A few changes have been made in the cast and there may be a still further

weeding out in order to make presentation as well high letter as perfect as possible. Much is expected and it is not thought there will be any disappointment in the matter which Goldsmith's masterpiece is to

The Amaranth Club is the most recent social organization to be formed. The personnel consists entirely of the younger element who appear to have as keen an appetite as the others. They will dance every Saturday evening until midnight in the hall opposite the Nugget office.

THE CHAPPIE

Tour of Inspection

Superintendent of Public Works Bertrand was reported as having arrived at the crossing on Polly last night. He is making a tour of inspection of the government road to the horse.

Mr. Bertrand is accompanied by C. McGregor, the chief law enforcement officer, who is seeing that the houses are complying with the conditions set out for them and are playing to travelers the same conditions and conveniences which the Ross determined they were to be.

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