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BUBONIC PLAGUE

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THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STEPS IN

And Orders Suitable Action Taken to Suppress It.

TERRIBLE TEXAS TORNADO.

Senate Adjourns After Six Days' Session—McKinley Coming West—Hopeful Skagway.

Washington, March 9, via Skagway, March 15.—That the bubonic plague exists to an alarming extent in San Francisco and that the fact has been concealed by the city and state authorities has been proven by the investigation of a federal commission. There have been at least six deaths lately from the disease of which there are many cases at present. The federal government has commanded Gov. Gage and other state officials to do their duty

and a general quarantine may be the result.

Texas Tornado.
Wills Point, Texas, March 9, via Skagway, March 15.—This place was visited today by a tornado which entirely devastated 14 dwellings, the public school building and a large cotton mill. As one result of the storm four persons are dead and twenty injured.

McKinley to Visit Pacific Coast.
Washington, March 9, via Skagway, March 15.—President McKinley today informed the cabinet of his intentions to start on a trip to the Pacific coast during the first week in May. He has invited all the members of the cabinet to accompany him.

Senate Adjourned.
Washington, March 9, via Skagway, March 15.—After a session of only six days length the senate has adjourned. John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, took the oath of office and was generally complimented on his re-election. All nominations sent in by the president were confirmed without objections.

Still Seriously Ill.
Indianapolis, March 9, via Skagway, March 15.—Ex-President Benjamin Harrison is still seriously ill, his complaint being intercostal neuralgia.

Skagway Hopeful.
Skagway, March 15.—Attorney J. H. Price who was sent by the citizens to Washington to represent them in the townsite case against Moore, has returned. He says the secretary of the interior will undoubtedly reopen the case but gives no special reasons why he should do so.

REGARDING THE TRAIL.

McCandless Thinks It Will Not Last Long.

Mr. H. McCandless returned from a trip to the outside a few days ago. "This wind," said Mr. McCandless, "is very bad on the trail, causing the snow to cover it in some places as deep as five feet."

"Everybody is looking for an early breakup and in many places water is already running down from the hills. All the old timers along the trail say that there is more snow this year than any season in their recollection and they are looking for high water."

"There is an immense amount of freight coming in. Every boat from the sound to Skagway is loaded and the trains are kept busy hauling it from Skagway to Whitehorse. It is impossible for the stages to carry the number of passengers who are at Whitehorse on their way in and the probabilities are that the majority of them will either have to walk or wait for the opening of navigation."

"I think I am within the limit when I say that there will be as many as 50 teams come into Dawson within the next ten days. Travel along the route has been very slack all winter and the roadhouse people are all complaining, but from now on until the river begins to be unsafe travel will be very brisk."

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

THEY MUST VACATE

Only Warehouse Business Allowed on Waterfront.

Crown Land and Timber Inspector Mr. F. X. Gosselin has caused to be served on all persons doing other than a legitimate warehouse business on the waterfront of the city of Dawson notice that they must vacate the public domain just as soon as they can arrange for so doing.

When permits are issued by the government for the erection of warehouses on the water front it is stipulated that such warehouses shall be used wholly and exclusively for the purpose of storing incoming and outgoing goods and not for storage of goods to be sold therefrom at either wholesale or retail.

That portion of the water front on which the Allman bathhouse now stands has been leased to the Dawson Hardware Co., which will erect a large warehouse and wharf thereon.

TONIGHT'S EVENT.

The Big Fellows Will Meet at 9:30 O'Clock Sharp.

At the Savoy theater box office last night more money was taken in than at any previous night in the history of the house. All night tickets were sold for the big go to be pulled off tonight and with few exceptions the reserved seats were all taken up. At 8 o'clock tonight the probabilities are that seats will be at a premium. Devine when seen last night was in fine condition and positive that he would get the decision. He said:

"I cannot see how I can lose, and I firmly believe that I will win. If I cannot win you will see ten rounds of heavy work."

Slavin is equally confident and in a good natured way intimates that he will knock the spots off Devine and pound him through crack in the stage floor.

It is said by the knowing ones that Slavin will rush Devine from the start and finish the go if possible before the end of the fourth round. That is believed to be the program for a side bet of \$1000 is up that Devine will stay seven or more rounds and for Slavin to be sure of the money it means that his opponent must be finished in the few opening rounds as after the fourth it is comparatively easy for a clever man to worry through three rounds even if against a far better man.

Captain Libby in Town.

Hon. John B. Libby, ex-member of the Washington state legislature and for the past 20 years manager of the Puget Sound Tug Boat Co., which operates a fleet of a dozen or more tugs, is a late arrival from the outside. Capt. Libby has long enjoyed the reputation of being among the most skillful navigators on the Pacific coast and his long continued election every year as manager of the big company over which he presides is indicative of his worth as manager of a fleet of steamers. He is heavily interested in the Yukon Iron Works of this city and it was business connected with that industry that brought him to Dawson.

Orpheum Matinee.

The management of the Orpheum theater at the request of numerous patrons has decided to give a Saturday afternoon performance, when the ladies of Dawson can witness the show of which Dawson theater-goers are talking so much about. There are two entrances to the theater, one from First avenue and the other from the alley at Gandolfo's corner.

COMING AND GOING.

J. J. Putrow, of 16 Eldorado, is in town for a couple of days.

Mike J. Conlin a wood dealer is very seriously ill with erysipelas at St. Mary's hospital.

Several teams of oxen are on the way in. Some of them being within 50 miles of Dawson.

Mr. Patterson, the well known contractor, arrived in Dawson this morning from Five Fingers where he is operating a logging camp for the A. C. Co. He brought down with him a thawing plant for Harris & Comer, of 19 below Sulphur.

Dangerous Business.

A collector of bad bills in the city is authority for the statement that more worthless checks have been issued in Dawson lately than during the entire previous year. These checks have been taken by merchants, saloon keepers and at gambling tables and when presented at the banks have brought forth the response, "No funds." The fact that these check writers have not been brought up and asked to explain their acts is due to leniency on the part of those by whom they were taken and no to want of law and evidence to make them write checks heedlessly.

REGISTER OR BE FINED.

Ordinance Regarding Partnership To Be Enforced.

A crusade is to be made against all partnership firms who have not as yet registered such partnerships. A list is in the hands of the council and a week's further time has been given in which an opportunity will be extended for all delinquents to make their registration. In speaking of the matter at the council meeting last night Justice Dugas said: "There is so much litigation and legal entanglements resulting from a failure to comply with the ordinance that the time has come when a strict enforcement should be demanded."

The penalty for failure to comply with the ordinance is as high as \$500, so that it behooves those who have not already done so to register their partnership business before the week of grace has passed.

REPORT WAS FALSE

No Telegram Affecting Closing Order Received.

At a late hour yesterday afternoon someone whose creative power is stronger than his love for truth and veracity started the report that two telegrams had been received from Ottawa, one by Major Wood, the other by Sheriff Hilbeck, countermanning the order relative to the closing of gambling houses and extending the wide open period to July first. The glad tidings spread like measles in a country school. There was no doubt about it. Major Wood and the sheriff had telephoned the news to the chancellor of the treasury who fired it on to the inspector of fines, who in turn transmitted it to the royal inspector of coffee mills who was then at Biddy Malone's house and Biddy yelled it over the back fence to Bridget G. Step-and-Fetch-It just as Bill Jones was passing and Bill came on down town and got a drink on the strength of the story at the Aurora and Jim Smith heard Bill tell Andy McKensie all about it and Jim told the man that told another man that told Jim O'Neill all about it, and a fellow who was taking a drink at the Pioneer at the time heard it and he told me. So, you see, I got it straight and there is no doubt about it.

But like thousands of other stories that there are no doubts about, there's no foundation whatever for the report. On the question of the closing of gambling houses no telegrams were received by the above mentioned officials and the status of the order is the same as it has been for two weeks past, namely, that all gambling must close to remain closed tomorrow night.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor Pioneer Drug Store.

Brewitt makes fine pants.

Round steak 50c at P. O. Market.

Fresh halibut at the Denver Market.

TAXATION QUESTION

Was Principal Theme of Discussion at Last Night's Council Meeting

WHEN BOARD OF TRADE COMMITTEE

Was Present to Discuss Various Systems

FOR LEVYING ASSESSMENTS.

Council Willing to Act With Citizens and Committee Appointed With That End in View.

In response to the invitation of the Yukon council for suggestions from the business men in regard to the taxation question, a committee appointed by the council of the Board of Trade composed of Falcon Joslin, H. T. Wills, Thos. McGowan, F. W. Clayton and J. J. Delaney, appeared before the Yukon council last night.

The council went into a committee of the whole and was addressed by Falcon Joslin on behalf of the committee, who said that at a meeting of the Board of Trade held Wednesday night at which a representative body of business men was present a general discussion of the taxation question was held and a meeting of the council of the board was called for Thursday afternoon with instructions to prepare some kind of system of taxation which would meet with more general satisfaction than the present one and submit the same to the council.

The council of the board had met in the afternoon but the time has been so limited and the question given so little thought that it was found to be an impossibility to prepare a plan in the short space of time allowed. However the committee had arrived at two conclusions: First, that the present ordinance as far as the tax on real estate is considered is fair and just and is generally approved. The tax on the volume of business popularly called the "turnover" system, is considered unfair and unjust and to arrive at some modification of that tax or prepare a new system is the duty of the committee.

The license system had been considered and it was the opinion that a general license tax on business houses and professional men and other occupations would probably be decided upon. The details of such a plan could not be worked out in such a short time and the committee wished to request a week's time in which to prepare their report.

In reply Commissioner Ogilvie stated that when the present ordinance was enacted opinions had been requested from the business men regarding the best method of taxation but that very few had expressed their opinions on the matter, but that the majority of those who responded were of the opinion that the tax on the volume of business was the one which met with the more general approval. "The turnover and license system, in my estimation,"

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