

TOO MUCH MOTHER-IN-LAW.

An Evil Not Generally Prevalent in Dawson.

Intervention of "the Girl's Mother" Causes Seattle Man to Lose His Wife—Should Have Flown Hither.

That there are many drawbacks connected with life in Dawson is conceded by even those who are most comfortably, to all appearances, situated and located. But the mother-in-law is an evil that does not exist to any great extent in this section. If there were more of them it would not require so much fuel to heat cabins as is now needed. It is not known that any man is living here on purpose to keep out of range of his mother-in-law, but once here and located some of them may not be over anxious to go back to the land where that venerable lady is in evidence. A late Victoria paper contains an account of how a honeymoon was most ruthlessly broken into and the nest of a pair of cooing doves cruelly destroyed by the untimely arrival of "the girl's mother." The mistake the couple made was in not devoting the first hour of their married life to packing their trunks and starting for Dawson. The sad story is as follows:

Peter N. Bremmeyer, of Seattle, who is at present in this city has had a unique matrimonial experience. The public of course can glean the outlines of the case and speculate upon details, but some day perhaps Mr. Bremmeyer will tell the particulars of the story which will certainly be worth hearing.

It was about Christmas day that Mr. Bremmeyer arrived here from Seattle, where a short time before he had obtained a divorce from his wife. But Mr. Bremmeyer is still young and not uncomely and had no intention of letting this incident prevent him from obtaining another partner. There were difficulties in the way—the principal one being a clause in the marriage laws of the State of Washington which forbids a divorced man from acquiring a second wife before the expiration of six months from the date of his divorce. This little obstacle, however, he proposed to circumvent by coming to Victoria to be again wedded, and to facilitate his purpose the lady of his choice joined him here on the morning of the 27th.

The young lady, Elizabeth Clair Stephens, is only nineteen years of age and a school mistress. Upon joining her future husband here no time was lost in repairing to a clergyman's and later in the forenoon the nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Mr. Miller.

"Fate, in the form of the girl's mother, appeared on the scene the following morning, and under the pilotage of Officer Murray, the clergyman who had performed the ceremony was soon found. Later, the pair were located in private rooms on Pandora street, where the persuasions of the mother prevailed and the girl was induced to leave her lately wedded husband.

"This morning mother and daughter returned to Seattle on the Victorian. The luckless husband cannot be seen, but his opinion of his mother-in-law is generally understood to be of the popular variety."

Last Night's Wind Storm.

Last evening's storm was the worst which Dawson has experienced during the present season, in fact, for the period of an hour or so it raged with the intensity of a blizzard. Considerable harm resulted to property around the city. A number of signs were destroyed, and a few buildings which were in the course of construction were damaged to a greater or less extent. Those who were unfortunate enough to be traveling on the creeks had to seek the shelter of the nearest roadhouse in order to escape the fury of the wind.

Yesterday morning the weather was more moderate than it had been for the

previous week or ten days, and most all of the freighting concerns began moving the consignments which they had been holding during the cold spell.

Many teamsters who had gone to the Forks and vicinity early in the day, were overtaken by the storm while returning to Dawson, and were compelled to spend the night at convenient roadhouses.

Reports from down the river are to the effect that all of yesterday afternoon there was a strong wind blowing from the south. Those who started in the morning on the trip to Nome went into camp upon reaching the roadhouse about 12 miles below here.

It is impossible to tell exactly the velocity of last night's wind; but it was strong enough to remind one of the storms experienced at Skagway.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Price of Grand Forks is a guest at the Regina Club hotel.

H. S. Turner, a sport of Grand Forks, is spending a few days in town.

Fred Card of Dominion creek is registered at the Hotel McDonald.

William O'Connell, a miner on Dominion creek, is visiting the city.

Ike Schwartz of 41a, Hunker, paid the city a business visit yesterday.

J. C. McCormick is rigging up a dog team preparatory to a trip to Nome over the ice.

Jack Lawson, who has been hunting game on Australia creek, has returned to town.

A. Boyd, of No. 36 above on Sulphur, is in Dawson to secure treatment for his eyes.

Ed Ensel, who is interested in Magnet gulch property, is in town on matters of business.

H. M. McDonald of Bonanza creek and Mrs. Mason are among the guests of the Hotel McDonald.

E. K. Hayes, C. P. Dolan, C. O. Heninger, from Last Chance, are stopping at the Flannery hotel.

S. R. Bonin of Weyman & Bonin, prominent merchants at the Forks, is in the city on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bartlett arrived from Dominion creek yesterday and are stopping at the Hotel McDonald.

John Manning, the genial proprietor of the roadhouse at No. 60 below on Bonanza, is visiting friends in Dawson.

Mrs. J. M. Pickel and daughter, Josephine, and Mr. and Mrs. Sesoltz have returned from a two weeks' visit at the Forks.

John B. Melbourn, proprietor of the boarding house on No. 17 Eldorado, is in Dawson for the purpose of purchasing provisions.

J. A. Curry, who has conducted the roadhouse at No. 28 Gold Run, recently sold to Chute and Wills, and is now a guest of the Flannery hotel.

Messrs. William Young and William Scource, owners of claims 14 and 15, Eldorado, returned yesterday from the outside to which place they went last summer. Their claims have been worked on full time this season, a brother of Mr. Scource having them in charge. Both men were around greeting their many old friends last night. Both look well after their hard trip over the trail from Skagway, which was made with Nugget Express Messenger Buckhols.

Sub Rosa.

Bruce and Hall, the popular caterers, have opened a private dining room over the Holborn cafe. This is the only strictly private dining room in Dawson having a separate entrance.

The dining room is fitted up with all the accessories—necessary and will, without doubt, become a favorite resort for those preferring to dine en famille.

Daring Nimrods.

Capt. A. McLean and C. W. Franklin left Dawson last week to hunt moose. After traveling some 80 miles up the Klondike they made a permanent camp from which to sally forth and fall with unrelenting fury upon the cervine inhabitants thereabouts. The next day with all the artfulness of the true hunter, they inveigled a moose to come up to within shooting distance of them and with true aim they brought their prey to the ground, where they left him, that they might regain their camp before dark. The next morning an early start was made to bring the moose to camp, load up their sleighs and return triumphant from the chase. What was their surprise when they came upon the scene of their yester-

day's prowess to find seven wolves tearing tender morsels from the game, which was "theirs by right of conquest." The wolves were not to be bothered either for menacing growls and wolves' eyes struck terror to our two hunters, and they immediately sought the safety of the higher branches of a spruce, leaving their guns behind, which were too cumbersome to take up the trees. Once the wolves were full of moose, they were full of thirst for human blood, and retiring to the foot of the trees, toyed with the guns and sang "timber songs" as only wolves can sing. Disgusted with the lack of appreciation from those "on high" they finally withdrew and two very badly chilled men (chilled goes both ways) came back to earth again, gathered up their guns and the remaining part of the moose struck for camp, went to bed, but did not sleep, and arrived here yesterday with 40 pounds of moose meat, so bravely rescued from the wolves.

Stampeders For Nome.

Mark Bray returned from the lower country yesterday. He reports that Fortymile, Eagle and Circle City are practically deserted. The stampede to the Koyukuk district attracted a few adventurers, but the majority have started for Cape Nome.

Mr. Bray, on his journey to Dawson, met large numbers of people traveling down the river. Some of them had no dogs and were pulling their own sleds. Mr. Bray's opinion is that much suffering will be experienced by those who attempt the trip over the ice. None of the towns down the river are prepared to furnish provisions to great numbers of people; no preparations have been made to supply the wants of stampeders. Roadhouses are scarce, but between here and Circle, deserted wood choppers' cabins provide shelter for travelers.

Mail From Tanana.

Last evening, two sacks of mail, which left the Tanana on December 15th, arrived in Dawson. Lars Westovick is the carrier who had charge of the sacks from Circle City. He made the trip from the latter point in 11 days, and reached here without experiencing any serious mishap.

Towards the latter end of his journey, he was accompanied by two men, who reached Dawson with him last night.

Westovick reports that he met a great number of people traveling to Nome. The trail is in fairly good condition.

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A patent was issued on the 20th of December last by the department at Ottawa to Mr. J. H. Holme, of Dawson, for the steam drill which is in common use by mine owners using steam thawing machinery. Mr. Holme will in future have entire control of the manufacture and sale of the drills. He has already instructed that legal proceedings be taken against all persons infringing upon his patent.

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