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AMUSEMENTS.
 Auditorium - "Tennessee's Pardner."
 ANOTHER CHAPTER CLOSED.
 The execution of the murderers La Belle and Fornier closes another chapter in the history of Yukon crimes. Retributive justice has been done; the mandate of the law has been carried out and society breathes more freely.
 It is a dreadful thing to take human life, even when done with the sanction of law and in punishment of offenses as heinous as those which men sit in judgment upon the lives of their fellows they assume a responsibility which can be justified only by the weightiest of reasons. Society, however, must find its own protection against those who seek its destruction. In legislating for the preservation of civil order and for the protection of the individual, the unit of which the state is constituted—provision must be made for the individual of murderous instinct, equally as against the petty thief.
 Penalties are instituted as much for the prevention of crime as for its punishment. It is often maintained that no good arises from the execution of a murderer and truly it must be admitted that the effect arising therefrom is always an undetermined quantity. Nevertheless it will be found that in countries where the death penalty is strictly and rigidly enforced, capital offenses are comparatively rare occurrences and it must, therefore, be concluded that the fear of the gallows is the most potent preventive of murder that has yet been devised.
 The force of this argument has been demonstrated in a remarkable manner by the history of events connected with this territory. In the early days of the rush to Dawson, when hardened characters from every mining camp in the world flocked in this direction, opportunities and inducements for such crimes as the one perpetrated today at the barracks, were offered on every hand. In those days gold was possessed as carelessly as though it possessed no value. Gold pans and tin buckets filled with the precious metal could be found on any claim on Bonanza or Eldorado and no extraordinary protective measures were ever taken. Nevertheless such a thing as a murder with the purpose of robbery was entirely unknown, and yet there were men of most desperate character in the country.
 Miners went about their business without fear and with the knowledge

ELDERADO AND BONANZA.
 Though the thermometer hovered in the fifties last Saturday night it held no terrors for those who intended going to the dance given by Mr. Downing No. 41 above Bonanza. It was the kind of a dance that you read about. A large crowd of creek residents were present, friends of Mr. Downing. Music was furnished by Scotty, Frank Burney and Henry Voight. A delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Canavan. Following is a partial list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Canavan, Mrs. Kenon, Miss Peters, Miss Daly, Miss Dalton, Miss Brub, Miss Jarren, Messrs. Campbell, O'Leary, Grant, Stephenson, Sibbitt, Fisher, Carlson, Cameron, Smith, McPhearson, Haas, O'Connell, Downing, Nelson, Dalton, Elliott and Pearson.
 Coekey Joe, the father of the man with the pick and shovel, and proprietor of the Migners' Friend restaurant at Grand Forks, has closed up his place of business for a couple of months. There is no doubt but during the time the lock is kept on the door the hundreds of hungry men will go to the door but will fail to see the smiling face of the obliging proprietor behind the counter. He will open up again in March.
 Mrs. McNeil of Dawson is visiting Mrs. Crow of No. 21 Eldorado.
Closed Up Tight
 Seattle, Jan. 6.—Seattle was certainly a closed town last night. True to their agreement, the proprietors of four of the large variety theatres in the old and new downtown districts closed their doors to the public. The Comique theatre on Sixth avenue south was running full blast, but the women performers and dance hall girls were not permitted to solicit drinks in the barroom.
 The Clancy and Considine houses on Washington street did not even open their barrooms. The Folly barroom opened during the earlier part of the evening and several women were employed to take care of the customers. The standard barroom was also open for a time.
 It is very likely the fact that the grand jury has now convened will serve to keep the big resorts closed for some time to come. The tenderloin district has not been so quiet in months as it was last night.

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Will Not Arbitrate
 Paris, Dec. 19.—Admiral Rouvier telegraphed from Marseilles that the strikers there refused to accept the government's proposition for arbitration. A slight conflict between gendarmes and strikers has occurred at Havre. This is the first disorder during the strike.
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that they were in perfect safety— simply because the murderous element knew perfectly well that the gallows would sooner or later confront the man who took the life of another without just cause.
 The very few murders that occurred in the country have all been punished with prompt and unerring justice and the execution which took place today serves merely to emphasize the fact that the Yukon murderer invariably meets his just deserts.
 While there is undoubtedly a growing sentiment in favor of the substitution of life imprisonment for capital punishment, the lesson of experience seems to teach most clearly that nothing can act more successfully as a deterrent of crime than an object lesson such as occurred at the Dawson barracks this morning.

THEY NEED A LESSON.
 The dispatches today tell of the formation of a strong capitalistic league, designed to control the coal situation in the eastern part of the United States.
 Owing to the great strike which raged all summer long in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania and west Virginia coal today commands a greater price than ever before in the history of the United States.
 Taking advantage of the necessities of the people of the small stock of coal available and of the hard winter through which the eastern states are now passing, a conspiracy has been formed to maintain the prevailing exorbitant prices and keep the consumer at the mercy of the coal barons.
 The visible supply of coal is rapidly being cornered and the prices are to be kept just as high as the traffic will bear.
 This is the program of the coal barons, but it remains to be seen whether the people will submit to it being carried out. Already there are signs of revolt and resolutions calling for the nationalization of the coal mining industry are before the United States congress.
 It looks very much as though the greed of capital is contributing to its own downfall and if ever a set of millionaires deserved harsh treatment it is the clique who control the coal industry in the eastern states.

WISDOM OF BABYLON.
 Herman Hillprecht, who has been excavating mounds in Nippur, states that he will devote his life to deciphering the 23,000 tablets found while excavating. He said to a New York Sun representative recently:—"The contents of the tablets will altogether change the ideas of the world as to the state of civilization and knowledge of that early people. It will be seen that they knew, 2300 B. C., that the earth was globe, and that their astronomers took the same view of celestial phenomena as we now take.
 Nippur is, in fact, sixteen cities, one built above the other. We have by no means reached the lower of the buried cities. Much of the Temple Library has been brought here, and it is now in the museum of the university here. The temple in that early period was not only the place of religious worship, it was also the school, the college.
 Within the last four months our most important discoveries were made. The day before I embarked on my homeward voyage I had in my hand a tablet upon which were the minutest astronomical calculations as to the constellation Scorpion.
 One of the most interesting tablets is mathematical. The Babylonians, in the multiplication table, for instance, went far beyond us. Our multiplication table stops at 12; 13 times 12 is the highest. The Babylonian tables went up to 60. Their children might have sung 60 times 60 if reciting the multiplication table. Indeed, for astronomical purposes, they carried the table out to 1,360, that is, the results of multiplication up to 1,360 times 1,360 were tabulated. They wanted to know at once the result of large calculations. They did not want to be retarded in their work by arithmetical problems that was why they extended the table so far.
 The Babylonian children would have been wonders in our view. Not only did they have to learn arithmetical tables carried out to four figures, but they also had to learn two languages, the Babylonian and the Samaritan, one a learned, the other a colloquial language, and that in the schools of the lowest grades, and not as our children learn Latin in the high school, by the mouthful, but so thoroughly as to be able to speak and write them."
 Strange! I wonder why women are not admitted as members in the school-charge?
 What reason? For practical reasons. If one came in a man would be expected to give up his \$20,000 seat to her.—Philadelphia Record.
 If we believe what Rumor says, in speech both grave and funny, the modest people get the praise. The bold ones get the money.—Washington Star.

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 "Also to prevent any serious injury from freezing during uncoupling. I would appreciate your consideration of this matter at your early convenience, as its nature would urge such action."
 Dr. J. A. Sutherland, city health officer, filed a report covering the past six months which shows the general health of the community to be of the very best. He states that in the time there have been but seven cases of typhoid fever in the city which have originated here, only one resulting fatally. A number of cases have been sent to the hospitals from the creeks and surrounding country, but they have no relation to the sanitary condition of the city. There have been eleven cases of scarlet fever in the city and two deaths. The disease was brought in by a Finlander from Vancouver, and the doctor considers it fortunate that the authorities were able to control its ravage as well as they did. Reference is made to the general sanitary condition of the city which is declared to have been greatly improved by the system of drainage that has been inaugurated during the past six months. Greater care has also been taken in the disposal of the refuse of the city. Thanks are extended to the citizens for this, as they as a rule have aided in every way they could in keeping the city clean. The report concludes:
 "At present the general health of Dawson compares more than favorably with that of any city of its size in Canada."
 Police Commissioner Macdonald filed the report of the chief of police for the month of December. During that time twelve arrests were made for infractions of the city bylaws. Six dogs were shot and one horse impounded. Of the arrests made five were convicted and seven were dismissed with a caution. Those convicted, included two for drunk and disorderly, fined \$1 and costs, one for the same offense, fined \$2 and costs, one for having committed a nuisance, fined \$2 and costs, one for driving over the fire hose while it was in use, fined \$25 and costs. Total fined collected, \$31. Among those dismissed with a caution were five charged with being drunk and disorderly, the lieu-

Stroller's Column.
 The wire was up for a few minutes yesterday and brought to your notice the passing away of one of our notables in the world's history. Also, the rope was up early this morning, and by the same figure it noted the passing away of two very leading features of local history. To you boys who plod very often alone on the trail, miles and miles away from even a roadhouse, the business of this morning means a great deal. You don't know how much because you have never stopped to think about it. And the more you think of it the more you will wonder that there were not more of such cases in the early days, before we had telegraphic communication all through the territory, practically, and when men went out in dog sleighs carrying their own pole of their earnings for the year. Clayton was one of the most foolish of men in that respect, and it must have seemed an easy thing for a real bad man to ease him of his wad and, if necessary, tumble him into the river. It was easy, but the skillful manner in which the crime was directly traced to O'Brien, and his hanging for the crime a little over a year ago, one would think would be a dissuader to any attempt in that direction for all time to come. No, there is always another fellow who sees the mistakes the last one made, and who will take the risk. It is a big one, and the fellows who were swung off this morning have found it out. It was the easiest thing in the world to kill those three Frenchmen and to throw their bodies in the Yukon. It is another thing to keep the mounted police in the dark about such a thing. They will get on to it sometime and somehow.
 But the Stroller did not start in to sing the praises of the mounted police at all, for they need none, but to tell an altogether different story of a death the cable brought us word of yesterday, which may or may not be of interest to the boys on the creek. He shows it will be to a few of himself, who are globe trotters and had money to burn in their youth—the proper season for such indulgence—and who came to the Klondike to hew wood to make the daily pot boil. Never mind, we had our fun, and if bedrock turns out as it ought to turn out, we will have some more of it. These few of us will, I hope, be interested in the Stroller's reminiscences of the greatest foreign correspondent of modern times, the dean of them all, so to speak, for he was one of the first. The reference is to Adolphe Oppet de Blowitz, for many years the trusted and high salaried correspondent of the London Times. He is said to have gone over the divide yesterday, and although he never struck the Stroller pleasantly, he has to admit that his disappearance will cause a considerably wide ripple on the surface of continental journalism.
 The Stroller first met De Blowitz at a wedding in Paris. It was that of Allan Gover, who but a few years after this auspicious wedding went up in a balloon and never came down, so far as the court records show. The bride was an American girl who had just passed the Conservatoire of Music and made her debut at the Grand Opera, and it was a very pretty wedding. The American legation was fully represented there, and the English embassy, and the haute society of the continent, including De Blowitz, who, probably, at that time, as the correspondent of the London Times, occupied the highest position of any newspaper correspondent in Paris.
 After the ceremony the Stroller walked with him up the Avenue des Champs Elysees to his "den" as he called it, and was shown a remarkable collection of souvenirs from all the crowned heads of Europe and the makers of history from nearly the beginning of this century. For De Blowitz was, after all, a remarkable man. He had the knack, as most of the correspondents of these later days have far better developed, of interesting the one he was interviewing. He either did or pretended to know all about the subject in hand, and thus made the subject to cabinet officers and even to rulers themselves. It was in this way that he obtained the celebrated interview with Bismarck after Gravelotte, and with Bismarck after he gave up his sword at Metz. Had he not possessed ability of a special kind he would never, when war correspondence was practically in its infancy, have been able to do this.
 But he was a curious character for all that, in the early eighties. He was fighting off the ravages of age, with all the arts open to the passe prima donna. Foppishness was his principal characteristic. He strutted down the Elysee on an afternoon a veritable Beau-Brummel. His moustache and side whiskers were black as the raven's wing, with the same metallic blue in the chiaroscuro. These hairs on his rufous face were curled with the graceful rigidity which made the ironwork of Quentin Matsys famous. At his heels a black poodle, the hair of which may be said to have been treated in the same extravagant fashion. He never for a moment permitted himself, or any

body else, to forget that he was De Blowitz.
 Perhaps that was because he was not De Blowitz at all, and therefore felt equipped all his life to act the part of a man of title until he actually believed himself to be one. As a newspaper correspondent himself the Stroller had the acquaintance of the much younger man whose duty it was to put the great man's information into decent English, but it was not until he met the now noted artist of the New York Journal, who originated the Alphonse and Gaston and other famous laughter-making series of caricatures, that he learned any more as to this title. Fred Oppet was then doing the back page of "Puck," and gradually rising into fame. He came from Blowitz, in Prussia, a little village which at one time was a fashionable resort. The great Times correspondent was his uncle, and had no more right to the "De" than any small shopkeeper of the little burgh where he was born had. Still, he has gone to his rest full of years and honors. De Mortuis nil nisi bonum.
 But the Stroller is afraid that this old reminiscence of the great European correspondent of the Thunder, whose name will doubtless go down into history, will appear to very few after all. The Klondike population is made up of all kinds of people from every part of the world. And on the platform its population has been extolled as the most intellectual of its number to be found in any part of the world. The Stroller hugged this species flattery to his bosom as ardently as anybody did. But the last election—oh, what a sad revelation that was!

AN AMERICAN OFFICER DECORATED BY THE KAISER.
 Word has come from Washington that a bill has passed both houses authorizing Captain Bowman H. McCalla to accept the decoration of the Red Eagle of the second class, and words which the Emperor of Germany conferred upon him for his aid and bravery in battle during the recent Chinese campaign.
 The honor is seldom conferred on anyone below the rank of admiral and few that reason McCalla's distinction is a source of congratulation from hosts of his California friends.
 The Kaiser was prompted to confer upon Captain McCalla this high honor by his approval of appreciation of the Captain's conduct during the four days' battle with the Chinese between Tien Tsin and Pekin. Details of this bloody struggle of the international column with the sea were reported to the emperor by the German admiral on the Chinese fleet, Captain McCalla, a thick of it, was wounded three times.
 The decoration of the Red Eagle, a cross of the white enamel, with brilliant in the center and a pair of gold crossed swords, is to be worn around the neck with 2 1/2-inch striped ribbon. The cross swords show that it was given to distinguished conduct in war against an enemy.
 The decoration will shortly be sent to Captain McCalla from Washington. Captain McCalla has recently returned to California, having been ordered to temporary duty as president of the board of inspection and supervision of the Alameda Island and San Francisco Bay and station.
A White House Hoax
 King Grove at his table found a note reading, and there it stood:
 Of good things said and why
 When presently King Grove spoke
 "A certain note this table came
 'Come, Daniel, pass the pie!'"
 Then quoth Sir Daniel, smiling
 "Pie hath not been at Lancelot's"
 "Nay, Arthur was our King,
 'Specially, I wot, were said,
 'Twas he that made the pie, were it not
 For pie's a 'tween ye and I!"
 "Despite King Arthur's rash word
 Which ill-honoureth mine and me,
 King Grove answered flat,
 "I will have pie three times a day!
 Let detours carry as they may—
 And pumpkin pie, at that!"
 Then, frowning a prodigious frown,
 Sir Daniel pulled his sword down,
 And, with a mighty yell,
 Out strode he to the kitchen, where
 He bade the varlet slaves prepare
 Three times each day a pie!"
 Thereafter, King Grove was our best,
 And all his reign in peace was spent.
 And when 'twas questioned why
 He waked so hale, and why the wild
 The whole domain was free from
 He simply answered, "Pie!"
 —English Poet.

of the court being due to offenses having been committed on holiday when considerable more latitude is allowed than ordinarily in such cases, one for having discharged a firearm in the city limits and one for keeping a ferocious dog at large.
 Johnson moved that Macdonald be made the senior member of the council to act as mayor in case of the absence of the latter, which was agreed to. Macdonald thanked the conferees for the honor extended to him. He said he had enjoyed the same distinction with the former council and fortunately was not called upon to act in such capacity upon one or two occasions. He hoped that such would prove the case with the present council as he knew of no one who would grace the chair with so much dignity as the present incumbent. However, if called upon to substitute for his worship he would do his duty to the best of his ability.
 The confirming of the committees was then taken up with the following result:
 Finance committee—Johnson, Macdonald, Edwards and Ryan.
 Streets, works and property—Murphy, Lalonde and Johnson.
 License, police and health—Lalonde, Murphy, Ryan and Edwards.
 Fire, water and light—Macdonald, Edwards and Murphy.
 Printing and by-laws—Edwards, Johnson and Macdonald.
 The chairman of each committee the gentleman first named.
 Lalonde gave notice that at a meeting to be held not less than two weeks hence he would offer a resolution to amend by-law No. 4 by providing the word alternate in the council. Under the amendment the council will meet only on alternate Mondays. A special meeting, however, can be called at any time he may see fit.
 Macdonald gave a similar notice of the effect that he would introduce a resolution amending the fire by-law looking toward greater restrictions in the construction of buildings of a business section of the city.
 The franchise bill was not taken in response to a request from representatives of the railroad that it be deferred until the next meeting.
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