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From Wed. and Thursday's Daily—
COMPOUNDING A CRIME.

The News has again essayed to come to the rescue of the White Pass railroad. Its latest effort is on a par with previous attempts of a similar nature, and will accomplish nothing except to confirm the already well established conviction that our contemporary is in the pay of the company.

In an article dealing with the subject of "future freight rates" the News endeavors to dissuade the merchants and mine owners of the community from attempting to recover a portion of the money of which they have been mulcted by the railroad company.

"Now," says our contemporary, "we are approaching another season, and we would like to see more time and attention given to an equitable rate for the coming season, than a long fight to obtain a rebate upon something long since dead and buried." The course to pursue is to deal with the future conditions and let the dead bury their dead.

In other words, simply for the reason that the railroad company has been compelled through the force of public opinion, backed by the strong arm of the government, to announce a radical change in its policy for the coming season, the News urges that no effort be made to secure redress from the grievous wrongs of the past, and that by-gones should be allowed to remain by-gones. We can scarcely credit the fact that a newspaper professing to be an advocate of the interests of the community from which it derives its support, would place itself in such a position.

The government has declared that the rates charge by the railroad have been exorbitant, excessive and wholly and entirely unwarranted by law; that the freight schedules have never been approved as required by the federal statutes and that the company has proceeded in direct violation thereof.

The company has extorted every dollar that by any pretense whatsoever it could wring from the community and by its arbitrary and unjustifiable exactions has done its utmost to prostrate the industries of the territory and bring its commercial interests to the verge of bankruptcy. Nevertheless, the News says that the past should be overlooked and the railroad forgiven, because, forsooth, it has at length yielded, under compulsion, to the demands of justice.

Such a shameful proposal is not worthy of a moment's consideration. Either the policy of the railroad has been right or it has been wrong. If the former is the case, then there has been no ground for complaint, and the fight which the Nugget has made against the road, and the declarations which have issued from the government in support thereof, are inconsistent and unwarranted. On the other hand, if the railroad has been in the wrong—as is maintained by the almost unanimous voice of the community, then it becomes the duty of every individual interested to exert himself to the utmost to see that the wrong is righted. The position of the News is that of one who advocates compounding a crime.

TIMBER SUPPLY.

Fears have been expressed at various times that the supply of timber available for the Dawson market will not last for any number of years. This fear has been grounded partially upon the fact that immense bodies of timber are annually destroyed by fire and by the further fact that in the comparatively short period of four years the shores of the Yukon and Lewis rivers have for many miles been practically stripped of their forest growth.

It must be remembered, however, that the work thus far done, has been confined to the immediate banks of the rivers. In very few instances have loggers or men in search of firewood penetrated any distance from the banks. Their operations have necessarily been confined to the shore timber owing to the great expense involved in getting logs to the bank. There is left untouched an almost inexhaustible supply of splendid timber, which will be ready for market soon as logging becomes established as a practical industry.

Not only is this true of the country immediately adjacent to the Yukon but along the Klondike and Stewart rivers the same conditions prevail. There need be no uneasiness felt in respect to the timber supply. Mr.

lions of cords of splendid logs are awaiting the introduction of modern methods of logging. The cost of placing timber in the local market may increase slightly as it becomes necessary to go back in the interior, but that there will be enough for all demand for years to come there can be no doubt.

The Seattle P-I is greatly agitated over the origin and use of the word "electrocuted." The word is described in a late dictionary as "a vulgar newspaper coinage." This may be perfectly true but nevertheless the word is admirably adapted to the purpose for which it was invented—viz.: to express the idea of putting to death by means of electricity. As there is no other word in the language which possesses a similar meaning, it may be expected that "electrocuted" has come to stay.

The resignation of Chief Stewart from the fire department recalls the fact that the resignations of all the men in the department were filed some time ago. At that time the Nugget urged upon the council the necessity of reorganizing the entire department. This necessity seems more apparent now than ever before. It may be well, however, to wait until the organization of a municipal government is accomplished.

Our good neighbor the Sun extends the olive branch of peace and softly murmurs a hope that the newspapers of Dawson will be able, hereafter, to get along without quarreling with each other. If the Sun really and truly wishes to avoid all strife it should continue its time honored policy of taking its editorials from the Toronto Globe and Montreal Star. The Sun never makes a mistake until it essays to become original.

As usual, the chronic talkers and agitators were to the front at last night's meeting and the men who pay the bills remained by their comfortable firesides. If the legitimate business men of Dawson do not come together shortly and determine what they want, they will wake up some morning and find the community dominated by professional agitators and mischief makers.

Every steamer arriving at Skagway from the coast cities, brings a crowd of returning Klondikers. When the trail once becomes settled and travel actually begins, there will be a constant and uninterrupted stream of travel headed in the direction of this city. A great many people left Dawson before the close of navigation, but most of them went with the expectation of returning.

If the Sun wishes to achieve fame that will be undying, it will form a company of South African volunteers to include the entire Sun staff. Such an act of patriotism would be greatly appreciated by this long suffering community, no matter what its effect might be in bringing the Boer war to a termination.

Parties who passed the mail which arrived yesterday, in the neighborhood of Stewart river, reached Dawson 24 hours ahead. Given plenty of time, the mail will be sure to reach its destination.

It is estimated that the cost to the government of bringing the mail which arrived yesterday, would average in the neighborhood of \$1000 per sack.

A Skagway newspaper complains that the mounted police have taken a crazy man to Skagway and turned him loose. Skagway is a chronic kicker.

PAINFUL
ACCIDENTSmall Boy Drives Peice of Glass
Through His Hand.

While a number of boys at the Sister's school were playing with a small mirror yesterday it was broken and in grabbing for the pieces Howard, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hemman, drove a piece of glass through his mitten and clear through his left hand between the knuckles of the third and little finger, the glass breaking and leaving a piece an inch long in his hand. The little fellow hurried home when his father took him to the office of Dr. Cassels, who, assisted by Dr. Sutherland, administered chloroform, removed the glass and dressed the wound. The boy suffered great pain from the time of the accident until the glass was removed.

Clothing cleaned, pressed, dyed and repaired—both men and women's—R. J. GOLDBERG, tailor for Hershberg.

WHERE LOVE IS NOT KNOWN

Instances of Where Men Have
Married Out of HatredOne Man Marries to Avenge a Lost
Brother, Another to Ward off
Having a Step-mother.

For a man to marry a woman he hates simply out of a feeling of detestation appears a most unconscious thing, but it has occurred, though cases of the kind are exceedingly rare, and it is extremely difficult to possess oneself of the whole facts of such cases.

The younger of two brothers who were strangely devoted to each other had been engaged to a young lady for some few months, when he received a letter from her breaking off the engagement on a mere pretext. Being at the time in very poor health, the young fellow was so terribly shocked by the letter that he fell ill with brain fever, and after some weeks of illness he died.

At first the older brother was inconsolable in the loss he had suffered, but after a time he astonished and even shocked his relatives and friends by paying obvious court to the young lady who was really responsible for his brother's death. He turned a deaf ear to all remonstrances, and after a brief courtship, married the lady. Soon after the marriage it began to dawn upon his friends that he had married simply to revenge his brother.

Totally ignoring the duties of a husband, he settled down to make his wife's life as unutterably miserable as possible. Never, of course, stooping to violence or abuse, he subjected her to a course of systematic malice and ill-usage such as few women have ever had to suffer, so that when they had been married barely eight months, and she was not twenty-seven, her hair was turning grey and her face was lined by sorrow. Yet she was always ready to confess that he had never done a single thing for which she could have prosecuted him, and it is questionable whether, if she had sought a judicial separation from him, the court would have granted her prayer. The husband made no secret of his reason for having married her, and eventually her friends insisted upon his leaving him, which she did with his consent after they had been married about eighteen months. But her health had been so ruined by his cruelty that she died soon after the separation.

An actor well known in the provinces is said to have married his wife out of hate, not for her, however, but hate of a gentleman, a solicitor, to whom she was engaged to be married. It seems that the actor had some good reasons for detesting the solicitor, who had been his friend, and discovering by chance that his enemy was hopelessly in love with a talented young actress, he at once set himself to alienate her affection to himself. Despite the fact that the actress was engaged to the solicitor, a fact of which the actor was not then aware, the scheme was successful; the actor succeeded in inducing the actress to jilt her lover in favor of himself and marry him. He left his wife on their wedding day, explaining to a friend who remonstrated with him about his heartless conduct that he could "not bear the sight of the woman," and had only married her to spite the solicitor. Subsequently, husband and wife found themselves in the same touring company, and gradually, by her charming character, the wife won her husband's admiration and affection, and today there is not a more devoted couple on the stage.

A short time ago there was on trial at the matrimonial courts the petition for a judicial separation from her husband on the grounds of desertion. The lady was forty-three and the husband just turned two-and-twenty, and the lady won her suit. But very few persons who heard the case tried were aware of the extraordinary circumstances which led to the marriage which had resulted so unhappily. The truth, however, was that the young man had married the lady simply and solely to prevent his father doing so. The father, who was a widower, had persistently courted the lady, who was a widow with some means, and the son, rather than submit to her becoming the step-mother of his three sisters and himself and the wife of his father, set himself to win her affection by flattery and attentions and all the arts he could command. He was aided by the fact that the lady's father had rendered it impossible for his father to marry the undesirable lady by "straightway" deserting her, as a result of which she instituted a suit against him to compel him to support her. To meet this he filed a petition in bankruptcy on the strength of the law expenses of the trial, and he thus left her in precisely the same position in which she had been before she took action against him.—Ex.

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

EMPIRE.
Milton Brochert, city; Miss Jessie Zimmerman, Portland.
REGINA.
John J. Donovan, Dominion; Chas. M. Logan, Hunker.
FLANNERY.
A. Christie, Sulphur; D. A. McCaskill, Hunker; Chas. McLinde, Montana; Messrs. McRae and Foley, Dawson.

AGAINST THE
MILITARYLawyer Corcoran of Nome, Says
Money was Accepted.

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—M. J. Corcoran was introduced by the respondents in the Nome contempt cases today to testify in their behalf. He is an attorney who was appointed by Judge Noyes as commissioner of the Kougark district. Among his first statements was the assertion that he had "no time" for the military since 1879 and would not ask a favor of them under any consideration, and when the court adjourned he had just testified that "the military was a serviceable tool in the interest of certain parties." He alleged that a Lieutenant Craig had placed a guard over a claim where the two contestants had just shot each other to death, this he says, being followed, after Judge Noyes reached Nome, by Capt. French sending a soldier with an order dispossessing two clients of his from their claim. He also testified that he had been granted a one-third interest in claims extending along Anvil creek for a distance of two and one-half miles, and knew that from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a day was being taken out from the property during McKenzie's receivership. He knew of an appeal in the litigation involving them and did not know that any of the cases in which he figured in as a defendant. He was also an owner of several claims in the Kougark district, where he was commissioner by virtue of Noyes' appointment, and said that Mrs. Noyes also owned claims in that district.

Late Pence was called as a witness in rebuttal by the amicus curiae, and testified that he was with the attorneys who visited Maj. Van Orsdale after the arrival of the writs, and demanded that the military assist in their enforcement. This is opposed to that officer's testimony when he said on Monday that no demand had been made on him. Pence likewise contradicted the testimony of Peyton Frost, who had been his friend, and discovered by chance that his enemy was hopelessly in love with a talented young actress, he at once set himself to alienate her affection to himself. Despite the fact that the actress was engaged to the solicitor, a fact of which the actor was not then aware, the scheme was successful; the actor succeeded in inducing the actress to jilt her lover in favor of himself and marry him. He left his wife on their wedding day, explaining to a friend who remonstrated with him about his heartless conduct that he could "not bear the sight of the woman," and had only married her to spite the solicitor. Subsequently, husband and wife found themselves in the same touring company, and gradually, by her charming character, the wife won her husband's admiration and affection, and today there is not a more devoted couple on the stage.

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THE GOLDEN BOWL OPIUM DEN

And the Purposes to Which the
Spiked Room Was Put.It Contained the Secret of the Loss of
Sir Richard Neville Wearing an
Empty Sleeve.

I have often been asked how it came about that Sir Richard Neville possessed but one arm during the last twenty years of his life, but the circumstances under which he lost the other were so painful a nature that I have never, during his lifetime, felt justified in making them public.

Those who were intimately acquainted with Sir Richard must have noticed the unhealthy appearance of his face, which was attributable to the fact that he was an excessive consumer of opium—he never did things by halves—and when he took to opium he did not believe his reputation for thoroughness.

We were in Paris in 1874—had gone there to spend the season; and it was towards the end of our stay I perceived that Sir Richard had been paring his face too freely of the frightful narcotic. I knew that remonstrance was useless, so I did not attempt it, but I worried considerably and wondered what the end would be.

One morning he did not make his appearance at the breakfast table, and though I was rather surprised at this I did not make inquiries, but when he did not appear at lunch, I asked a waiter to ascertain if he were still in his room, and when he much concerned to learn that his bed had not been slept in.

Knowing the firm hold his weakness had taken upon him I began to fear that he had by some means got into one of the opium dens which at that time abounded in Paris, my knowledge of such places not in any way allaying my fears; for I had heard of men, especially wealthy men, who had left them in far different circumstances from when they had entered—indeed, some never came out at all.

Well, he did not appear the next morning, and I at once went and put the police in possession of the facts. All particulars of Sir Richard's dress, habits, etc., were noted, and the authorities, not forgetting that he was a rich man, promised to do their utmost.

During the next two days I heard nothing of Sir Richard—the police had discovered nothing, although everything that was possible had been done. I cancelled all our social arrangements and joined in the search myself. Assuming that Sir Richard had gone to his own den—had he gone there trapped?

On the third day after his disappearance I found myself in one of the lowest neighborhoods of Paris, outside the "Golden Bowl," one of the most notorious of Paris dens. I went into a dirty looking little shop, opposite the entrance, on the pretence requiring some matches—in reality to acquire, if possible, some information. A man with a wooden leg and smelling vilely of garlic was seated behind the counter. I put down a franc and told him to keep the change; this, as I had anticipated, put him into a good humor, and he was soon on the best of terms. Gradually I worked the conversation round to opium dens