

ZERO CLUB AND ITS GUESTS

Enjoy Most Delightful Time Saturday Night

With Music, Story-Telling, Recitation, Address and Feasting Was the Occasion Regaled.

Every member and his friend were present at the Zero Club "social session" Saturday night where from 7 o'clock until well along next morning good cheer and good-fellowship reigned supreme, attesting to the popularity of the club, the harmonious manner in which it is conducted and the distinguished liberality and metropolitan air which stamps its members not only as a body but as individuals.

Overture, orchestra; solo, F. W. Clayton; address of welcome, a most able, happy and appropriate effort, Attorney C. C. McCaul; club swinging, Ben Treneman; solo, Walter H. Crowl; recitation, John Boyd; chorus, "Why In -- Do We Work?" Zero Club and guests; solo, Herb Robertson; recitation, Mr. Johnson; Arctic Brotherhood quartette; address, Commissioner J. H. Ross; bass solo, Mr. McConnell; song, Ben Davis; song, Mr. Aske; recitation, J. L. Timmins; short talks, Capt. Hansen, E. A. Mizner, Mr. Fairbanks, E. W. Brown, L. R. Fulda, H. T. Willis, Dick Cowan, Capt. Olson, Attorney Walsh and others.

At 12 o'clock luncheon was announced and a spread that would do credit to any metropolitan club on the continent was ably discussed and eminently enjoyed for the next hour. The bounteous spread and the high culinary art displayed in its preparation were subjects of general and most favorable comment by the many guests whose privilege it was to be present.

As a social institution the Zero Club is a most agreeable surprise even to those who were most enthusiastic in giving it birth. As was stated in Mr. McCaul's address of welcome Saturday night, nationality, sect and creed are unknown factors in its composition. Rather it is conducted on the broad plane of man's common brotherhood; it is without a boundary line and is ready and willing to embrace in its roll of membership any and all who are respectable and fit associates for mankind.

POLICE COURT VERY TAME

Notwithstanding the fact that Saturday night and Sunday had intervened since a session of the police court was held, the prisoner's bench was unoccupied when Capt. Search opened court this morning.

The police station at the forks is about completed. Indications are that Eureka creek will soon be classed among the good producers of the country.

The only case up for hearing this morning was that of William Drynan vs. Stephen Seigle and Edgerton. Williams claimed \$25 for brown and musk expended, while the trio of defendants were only willing to pay for the labor performed by the trio claiming that he had worked the days instead of 30 as alleged

in the complaint. The Bible says "At the mouth of three witnesses shall a thing be established." It was so in this case which was dismissed.

A Spring Omen. Notwithstanding the chill north wind which carries a sort of Moosehide aroma with it, there is a general belief that the opening of the river will not be delayed to exceed a month or six weeks, and in preparation for that time many men are now at work saving lumber from scows which have lain in the embrace of the Yukon ice all winter. The lumber is in great demand for the erection of rude buildings from residences down to caches.

ANOTHER LETTER

Mrs. Edward McConnell Writes About the Famous Libel Case.

Dawson, Y. T., April 20, 1901. Editor Daily Nugget: Will you kindly state to the public that in the cases of defamatory libel charges made against me at the instance of Justice Dugas, Commissioner Ogilvie, Major Woods and Gold Commissioner Senkler for writing a letter to the minister of justice regarding the illegal acts of a few members of the Yukon council, has been nolle prossed through a telegram sent by the minister of justice to P. C. Wade, K. C. From the very beginning of these proceedings against me I have thoroughly understood the situation—believing a conspiracy existed to force me into the courts again at a great expense. This time to defend my good name and reputation, I firmly resolved to fight this battle to a finish, absolutely refusing legal advice from anyone. If any person or persons state that they have advised me legally in this matter it is false and I will prosecute them for the statement if brought to my notice. Neither have I had a pull at Ottawa as has been reported. I believed the heads of the Dominion government to be just and right. I believe also, that the new administration will bring the Yukon territory more happiness, more prosperity and less litigation. Very sincerely yours, MRS. LUELLA DAY M'CONNELL.

NATURE'S REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge, Food and Fastidiousness All Supplied.

As flourisheth the green bay tree or a Georgia pumpkin vine, likewise flourisheth the horticultural, agricultural, floral and cuisine departments of L. W. Horkan's Standard Library, the most diversified yet most quiet and well regulated place in Dawson. It is an off hour of an off day when fully room are not quietly seated at the various desks and tables delving after knowledge in one of the many thousands of choice volumes with which the library is filled, while day and night sees the long lunch counter filled with appeasers of voracious appetites at prices which are intended to barely clear the cost of supply for Horkan is a philosopher who would scorn to die rich.

In the other departments of the Standard Library are fully 4,000 receptacles for earth in all of which are planted some sort of plant, each receptacle containing a different variety. Adjoining the rear of the library building is a vacant lot which has been secured and which will be converted into a flower garden as soon as the weather permits. For attractiveness and general beauty, the Standard Library will far excel any other spot in Dawson this summer.

Eureka Creek Notes. Ground sluicing on the left fork will be resumed on an extensive scale by Joseph G. Ponpore who left Dawson Sunday morning with a large outfit. He will employ a large force of men on a group of five claims.

Steam thawing plants are in operation at various points on both the right and left fork of Eureka.

The police station at the forks is about completed.

F. A. Cleveland is prepared to do heavy or light freighting and packing to Montana and Eureka creeks, the Black Hills country and the conglomerate mines across the Indian river.

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

COMING AND GOING.

Mail for Tanana will close this evening.

"Sam'l of Posen" will be put on the Standard tonight.

A mail from lower river points is expected to arrive in Dawson tomorrow.

Mrs. J. Carroll, of Gold Run, is a guest at the McDonald today.

Mr. C. W. Bowhay, of Adams Hill is in town today.

"A Hot Night at Whitehorse" is Jim Post's latest and may be seen at the Savoy tonight.

"The Huckleberry Picnic" is the curtain raiser at the Orpheum for this week.

Mr. H. S. Beck, city agent for H. H. Honnen, is laid up today with a very severe cold.

H. C. Lewis, L. W. Harper and W. C. Jones, of Bonanza creek are registered at the McDonald.

The snow on the flat almost entirely disappeared under the scorching rays of the sun yesterday.

The Eagles held an interesting meeting last night at which there was a large attendance, several new members being initiated.

One thousand pounds of mail were reported at Selwyn at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. It is due to arrive in Dawson tonight.

The A. B. entertainment promises to be the best ever given in Dawson. The date for its delivery has not been set yet but it is supposed to come off sometime near the end of May.

In Territorial Court.

The following is the peremptory list of cases which is posted this morning to be tried before the justices of the territorial courts this week:

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Dugas—Tuesday, Grotshier vs. Kloke, De Lion vs. Reed; Wednesday, Perkins vs. Reed, McFarlane vs. McDonald; Thursday, Doering vs. Geisman and Ladue vs. Davis.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Craig—Tuesday, O'Dea vs. Carboneau; Wednesday, D'Avignon vs. Jones; Thursday, Makila vs. Watkins and Paxton vs. Morford.

Friday the courts take their regular monthly adjournment until the first of the month in which to prepare their judgments on the cases which have been tried during the month.

Justice Dugas held chambers court this morning hearing motions for trials. In the case of Shute vs. Torrence, the capias which had been issued against Torrence was discharged upon its being shown that Torrence was the representative of the Klondike Northwestern Agency and has considerable money. The costs of the action were charged against plaintiff. In the case of Lucas vs. Doyle the injunction stands and the motion was continued until the next chambers day.

Mr. Justice Craig's time was occupied this morning hearing the case of Macaulay vs. Timmins.

Klondike Vegetables.

The people of Dawson are evidently going to revel in the luxury of fresh vegetables and garden fruit this year as many experienced gardeners have gone into the business and active preparations are now being made by them for the coming season.

Gardens are now started along the Klondike in different places and several are well under way across the river below West Dawson. Planting out has not as yet commenced as it is found impracticable until the last snow has left the ground which will be within a couple of weeks.

Last fall W. B. Morgan and his brother J. A. Morgan, both men of long experience in the business prepared 160 acres of land for this year's sowing. This tract is back of West Dawson about a half mile on the flat and will be entirely utilized for the raising of different crops for the Dawson market. A large part of the land will be set out in vegetables and berries, plants of different varieties of the latter having been imported this spring including raspberries, strawberries and blackberries. Rimbarr will also be grown, the firm having 100 choice plants of that delicacy to put out.

The enterprise of the Morgan Brothers will be somewhat of a surprise to people on the outside, many of whom imagine that it is impossible to raise anything in this country other than niggerheads, disturbance and discontent.

Scratch Bowling Contest.

Commencing Wednesday, April 24th and closing Saturday 27th the management of the Reception Bowling alleys will offer a valuable prize for a scratch bowling contest the same to be awarded to the man making the highest average in ten games. Everybody invited to compete.

I, the undersigned, challenge any man in the territory to contest in a bowling match of 10, 20 or 30 games from \$50 to \$500 a side.

JOE M. HERRY.

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Some More Police Methods.

Because the P. I. deemed the police of Seattle corrupt and went to the extreme of proving its case, the police waxed wroth. Whether this was by reason of having been caught in their sin, in resentment of exposure, or that they wanted to impress upon their critic the futility of counseling them to lead a better life, is not clear. Anyhow they were wroth. They frothed at their several mouths, swore round oaths, gripped their clubs and declared that the P. I. should not have the news.

Most potent force! Policemen have tried this trick before, smart policemen, too, not the immature amateur brand, and they have always been left. The police force does not exist in this country able to scoop a corps of reporters. On the other hand the reporters often scoop the police. In cities where the police endeavor to be fair and honest they are glad to secure the co-operation of newspaper men, and freely grant their confidence. Such confidence is never betrayed. The reporter who would betray it would lose caste in his own calling as quickly as he would lose it with the police. One instance of betrayal proved against him would cause his dismissal. Reporters do need to know this to make them faithful to a trust. Professional pride is as high among them as among men of any vocation, and with no intent to flatter, it may be added that in intelligence they stand on a plane that permits them figuratively to look down on the top of the police helmet.

To observe the police in the act of not permitting the reporters to get the news will afford Seattle a pleasing spectacle while it lasts. It will not last long. Gradually the fact will percolate through the gang, from chief down, that they are making monkeys of themselves.—Tacoma Ledger.

Company in Luck.

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He Slept in Security.

There is a 5-year-old boy in Massachusetts avenue who is of the blood of patriots. His grandfather was in both the Mexican and civil wars, and his father was also a soldier, consequently the little fellow has heard much "flag" talk in his short life and has exalted ideas of its protective qualities. He was the baby of the family till very recently and occupied a crib bed in his mother's room. When the new baby came, Harold was put to sleep in a room adjoining his mother's, and as he had never slept alone before his small soul was filled with nameless fears which he was too proud to tell in full.

"It's mighty lonesome in here, mamma," he called the first night after he had been tucked in his little white bed.

"Just remember the angels are near you and caring for you," replied mamma from the outer room.

"But, mamma," he objected, "I'm acquainted with any angels, and I'd be scared of them if they came rustling round, same as I would of any other stranger."

"Now, Harold, you must go to sleep quietly. Nothing will hurt you."

"Can't I have the gas lighted in here?"

"No; mamma doesn't think it necessary, and it is not healthy."

There was silence for some time, and then the small voice piped up again.

"Oh, mamma!"

"Yes, dear."

"May I have grandpa's flag?"

"Why, what for? I want you to go right to sleep."

"Please, mama!" and a small night-gowned figure appeared at the door. "Just let me stick the flag up at the head of my bed, and then I'll go right to sleep; indeed I will! You know the other night grandpa said at the meeting that 'under the protecting folds of the flag the weakest would be safe,' and I feel mighty weak, mamma."

He got the flag, and when his mother looked in on him an hour later he was ast asleep, with a fat little fist under his red cheek, holding fast the end of the "protecting" flag.—Ex.

Off for Eagle.

H. G. Torrence and his confidential agent, Jackson, started this afternoon for Eagle by horse sled. They expect to travel mostly during the nights and forenoons owing to the softness of the trail late in the day. Torrence owns some valuable property in that portion of the country.

They Can't.

Mr. Thomas F. Porter, poet of the Boston Globe, is out with a lyric to the effect that the country will outlive the town. Not if the interurban trolley roads can prevent it.—Baltimore News.

Much More Likely.

"Is there anything about golf in the Old Testament?"

Aguinaldo's Oath.

Manila, April 2.—Since his rival at Malanan investigating conditions in the archipelago. He has relied almost entirely upon the instructive advice of Chief Justice Arellano. As a result, today he subscribed and swore to the declaration on page 11 of my annual report.

(Signed.) MACARTHUR.

The oath referred to is as follows: "I, hereby renounce all allegiance to any and all so-called revolutionary governments in the Philippine islands, and recognize and accept the supreme authority of the United States of America. I solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to that government; that I will at all times conduct myself as a faithful and law abiding citizen of the said islands, and will not directly or indirectly hold correspondence with or give intelligence to any enemy of the United States, nor will I abet, harbor or protect such enemy; that I impose upon myself these voluntary obligations without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion, so help me God."

Four asterisks in the cablegram mark a perage withheld from publication, about which the officials will say nothing now.

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