

## THE COMING WINTER SPORTS

**Dawson Athletic Association Formed Last Evening.**

**A Large Number of Charter Members Signed the Roll and Great Things Are Expected.**

The Dawson Athletic Association, that is the name of the club whose charter members signed the roll last evening in the Board of Trade rooms.

Great things are expected this winter in the line of athletics and social events under the auspices of the young association, as the members are nearly all enthusiasts. It is proposed to buy a building, if one suitable can be found, for club and gymnasium purposes, and to build one otherwise. Grounds four acres in extent are also desired. These last for the purpose of preparing grounds for outdoor sports. Ball grounds, bicycle track, skating rink, curling rink, etc., etc., almost without end.

Among other enthusiasts present was Col. W. O'Rourke, who delivered an extemporaneous oration on the grand old game of curling. When the colonel began to speak on the subject, many present did not know the meaning of the word except as applied to the feminine hair with hot irons. When he finished everyone knew and admired the game—some could give expert testimony as to its virtues. During the colonel's remarks he made the very generous offer to bring in for the association from the outside a set of curling stones, free of expense. At the close of his speech the association returned a vote of thanks for his offer.

A committee of three was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Clark, Young and Story. After considerable debate it was decided to furnish each member with a membership roll, and that these were to be filled, as nearly as possible by the time of the next meeting, when further and more permanent organization will be effected.

The next meeting will be subject to the call of Secretary Young, as Dr. Wilcoxon, temporary chairman, expects to leave for the outside in the near future.

An offer has been made in connection with the foundation of the association, by J. G. Morgan, of the New York Life Insurance Co., to furnish a cup to be contested for by club champions contests this winter.

Following is a list of charter members who signed the roll last evening:

Dr. Wilcoxon, chairman; C. W. Young, secretary; Dr. Richardson, W. F. Clayton, A. L. Smith, J. C. Dougherty, J. A. Clarke, J. S. Sugrue, Col. W. O'Rourke, M. Marsden, J. A. Davison, E. C. G. Berry, E. C. Brown, John O'Hare, Frank Slavin, Thos. McKay, Humboldt Gates, W. Norville, E. M. Croford, C. G. K. Nourse, E. K. Liffce, Mr. Tomilson, W. M. McKay, W. Burritt, P. C. Stevenson, M. H. Jones, D. Buchanan, E. E. Tiffin, R. Cowan, O. T. Fiencie.

### With a Clean Bill.

About the time the steamer Hamilton was due to haul in her gang plank and pull out for St. Michael last night the thought entered some head that she should carry with her a clear bill of health. The project was carried out with that characteristic swiftness (?) of Dawson red tape. The health officer went on board and among the passengers, and after upwards of an hour which was occupied in looking at tongues, feeling of pulses, having passengers trot up and down stairs as a test of wind, filling out papers and certifying to the same, the steamer pulled out at 9:15; and, while she did not carry many passengers she did carry a duly certified clear bill of health, thus insulating from contagion any and all points at which she may touch on the downward voyage.

### A Miner's Theory.

A late issue of the Seattle P.-I. contains the following communication which may prove of interest to the mining portion of our readers:

Everett, July 6, 1900.

To the Editor: In today's Post-Intelligencer is an article headed "Hidden Gold in Alaska" and the "Source of Rich Placers Found There." I believe the following to be a partial solution of the source of the gold found. I would take the richer part of the Klondike as an example. That it is simply the weathering down of hundreds of feet of the soft schistose rock, where the gold is found. Where the pay streak is narrow the schists stood nearly vertical; where at a varying angle the pay streak would be wide, as on Eldorado creek

and the bench claims adjoining, where the pay is wide.

My reasons are that the gold found there, and elsewhere, is flattened, as coming from a laminated rock, like slate or shale or schist; the absence of any amount of gravel; the finding of nuggets of gold sticking on the outside of pieces of clear crystalline quartz; and the quartz looks as though freshly broken, showing no sign of movement by water or of ice; and the finding of this crystalline quartz in places in the soft schistose rocks there, from the thickness. Also the finding of gold in place in two places widely apart.

And my advice to men going to prospect, from the Quesnelle river, in British Columbia, north to Point Barrow, that know nothing of mining, would be to hunt for the soft schists and slates that will be found on either side of the belt of granite, the softly rounded hills and cream-colored dirt as found on the Klondike; and my belief is that gold will be found in hundreds of places and it would seem to me that there are big chances for capital to prospect, if done intelligently.

If you think there is anything in my reasoning that would be of interest to those going north, I would give my reasons more in detail.

C. H. BRIDGES.

### BRIEF MENTION.

W. C. Leak is stopping at the Metropole.

Wm. Northep, of Bonanza creek, is registered at the Regina.

James Kelley, of 22 Dominion, is stopping at the Plannery.

A number of sewers were flushed today by the fire department.

Mrs. R. I. Hiltz was a passenger for the outside on the Flora yesterday evening.

Mrs. Archie Allen and son Frank, started for their former home, Whatcom, Wash., on the Flora.

Dr. Tugard, until recently matron of the Good Samaritan hospital, left for the outside last evening.

Dick Adams, of the American consulate, left for the outside last evening. He expects to be back Sept. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Heidinger were passengers on the steamer Flora, en route to their old home in Puyallup, Wash.

The number of passengers now traveling up the river is much greater than the number returning on the same steamers.

The roads being in fairly good condition, pack trains and teams are now busy transporting supplies to the various creeks.

Dr. Wharton who has been critically ill with typhoid at the Good Samaritan hospital is recovering rapidly and will soon be out again.

Bishop Grouard will hold services at the Catholic church next Sunday, at Grand Forks on the 29th, and at Dominion on Aug. 5th.

On Dawson's social horizon may be dimly seen the coming formation of a Bohemian club. Tom Cunningham and Sheriff Hilbeck would make a healthy nucleus.

When F. B. Millard, the visiting Examiner man, returns from his present visit from the creeks he is to be invited to partake of a small dinner, and incidentally meet a number of old newspaper friends and acquaintances.

### River News.

The steamer Lightning of the D. & W. H. N. Co., will sail this afternoon for up-river points. She is now at her berth at the Yukon dock.

The Gold Star arrived last night and is unloading at the lower end of town. Manager Nixon, immediately upon her arrival, took a trip up the creeks. It is not known when she will sail again.

The Yukoner is now on the ways at the C. D. Co.'s shipyard undergoing repairs. Her stem was found to be badly shattered.

The Clara will probably continue for the present in charter for the N. A. T. & T. Co. as a collier. She leaves tonight for Fortymile.

The steamer Columbian is due to arrive today. She passed Selkirk this morning.

The Ora will arrive Sunday. She left Whitehorse this morning.

The Canadian should leave Whitehorse today.

Capt. Richardson, a recent arrival on the Yukoner, has been appointed inspector of boilers.

The Hamilton sailed last night for St. Michael.

### Mohr Still a Partner.

The statement in yesterday's Nugget to the effect that Emil Mohr, of the firm of Mohr & Wilkins, grocers, had disposed of his interests was an error. Mr. Mohr still retaining his interest in the business. He left for Whitehorse on the steamer Lightning this afternoon.

### Prepare for Winter.

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### POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate Scarth was in the chair this morning and readily disposed of the short docket before him.

John C. Lilly who lately arrived with a scow load of provisions and who had yesterday sold ten cases of bacon in a wholesale lot to one man, was up under the transient trader ordinance. The court remanded the case until tomorrow morning, as he remarked that the wholesaling of a scow load of goods is not, in the true sense of the word, transient trading. If it is, every man, other than a resident merchant, who brings to Dawson a scow load of goods which he disposes of at wholesale, is liable to arrest and fine under the ordinance whose object it is to protect legitimate dealers against peddlers and hawkers. The construction put upon the ordinance at the hearing tomorrow morning will be of great interest to those bringing in and disposing of goods in wholesale lots.

M. C. Brown, charged with having sold whisky contrary to the Canadian Indian act, was dismissed, the son of the forest alleged to have been the purchaser not being present, having returned down the river on the steamer Sarah.

Alexander King, the old man charged with the murder of Herbert Davenport up the Yukon last Sunday evening, was brought in from jail this morning when the case was remanded until this afternoon. Dressed in a new pair of overalls bearing the brand "P. P." a brown sweater and moccasins, the old man looks as though a full realization of the enormity of the crime he is alleged to have committed has dawned upon him. His look is downcast and troubled, that of a man who had acted in haste and is repenting at leisure.

It is but proper that a baker should want his "dough." It is in line with the eternal fitness of things, and is probably why James Smith has entered suit against Richard Rigor for the collection of \$35 which he alleges is due him for service performed while employed in the latter's bakery at the ferry. Rigor declines to pay the amount claimed, and sets up in defence that this particular member of the family on whom the sun never sets, spoiled his bread, thereby causing the bakery to lose customers and furnish others with 14-ounce loaves of the staff of life instead of with 18-ounce loaves, the regularly ordained weight. Smith said the ingredients with which he was furnished from which to make bread were poor; the yeast cakes were poor, the flour was poor; everything was poor. He submitted documentary evidence to prove that for 26 long years he has been following his trade, that of baker—supply his needs by kneads, so to speak. Mr. Rigor very rigorously denied that Smith is a good baker and asked that the case be continued until he can bring witnesses to prove his position. The court very reluctantly granted the request and the case will be further aired tomorrow morning.

### Opposed to Silver.

The late Chas. A. Dana, for more than a quarter of a century the editor of the New York Sun, a conservative Democratic paper, established for it the reputation of advocating principle regardless of party. The Sun is still a Democratic paper, but, as evidenced by an editorial in a recent issue, the examples set by Dana are still followed and party affiliations cuts but little figure when a principle is at stake. The article reads:

"The congress elections this year will be of the gravest importance to all business interests. The present house of representatives has a Republican majority of 13 only, and that dangerously small margin for the defense of the gold standard is the consequence of the recreancy of the business men of the city of New York in 1898 to the sound currency principles upon which its prosperity depends.

"The first 15 congressional districts of New York are all in the city of New York as it now is, except the First, which is made up of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties, in Long Island. In 1898 10 of these districts elected Republican congressmen to the Fifty-fifth congress. Two years after, in 1898, all of them returned Democrats. It was a shameful abandonment of the defense of the gold standard by the great commercial and financial capital of the Union.

"This year when a new congress is to be elected a great effort will be made to persuade the citizens of New York that they can repeat this recreancy without danger on the ground that the gold standard is established by the Republican currency act beyond the reach of disturbance. The gold majority in the senate, it is asserted, will remain for its successful defense, even if Bryan is elected, and along with him a Bryanite house of representatives; but actually there is no such assurance. The probability is rather that before Bryan's administration was over both houses of congress would be controlled by a majority against the gold standard and be ready to repeal the present law.

"No good man of sound judgment, whether a Democrat or a Republican, will risk such a catastrophe by voting for a Democratic candidate for the house of representatives or for a legislature which is to elect a senator.

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