

## SOCIAL CLUBS OF DAWSON

### Are Well Patronized at the Present Time.

#### The Organizations Which Take an Active Interest in the Social Affairs of the City.

The social organizations of Dawson have assumed considerable importance during the past year. While it is true that a few clubs were running last winter, they were not as well patronized as they are at present. The winter months comprise the most successful season for the clubs here as elsewhere. One or two organizations which started under favorable auspices seem to have been neglected by their members. A year ago the Elks were prominent as a social order in Dawson, but this winter the society has been inactive. Early in the present season, and until some weeks ago, the Eagles' association took a leading interest in the social affairs of the city; recently, however, their meetings have been discontinued, and it is said that the one which was held a few weeks ago is the last for this winter.

The most successful as well as the oldest club in Dawson is the Regina. It was organized in October, 1898. Its membership consists of about 100 gentlemen, among whom are the leading merchants and professional men of the town and many of the wealthiest mine owners in the district. The present officers are Thomas O'Brien, president; C. G. K. Nourse, vice-president; E. B. Condon, secretary, and T. C. Healy, treasurer. The quarters of the club are on the third floor of the Regina hotel. There is every convenience for the members, and the furnishings and recommendations equal those of clubs in towns of similar size on the outside.

The Yukon Club is situated on the second floor of the Dawson building, northwest corner of Third street and Second avenue. Its officers are H. C. Lisle, president; F. C. Little, vice president; J. N. Storry, secretary, and A. F. McIntosh, treasurer. At present the organization has a membership of 35. The Yukon club was formed in June, 1899, by the members of the old Dawson club, which was disbanded after the big fire of last April.

The Arctic Brotherhood is the only secret fraternity in the Yukon territory which exists under and by virtue of an authorized charter. The Dawson lodge was organized in December, 1899, by Messrs. A. F. George and E. J. Fitzpatrick. The members meet every Friday night in the McDonald hall. At present there are about 75 brothers in the local branch of the order. A. F. George is arctic chief; E. J. Fitzpatrick, vice arctic chief; E. B. Condon, treasurer; E. J. White, secretary; and Emil Mohr, arctic guide.

Ford's gymnasium club is an athletic association comprised of about 60 members, and under the management of Mr. Bert Ford. The gymnasium is 30 feet wide by 50 feet long, and is well furnished with all the necessary requirements. The quarters of the club are situated at Ford's bath house on Third avenue near the corner of Third street.

#### Glove Contest a Draw.

Ford's gymnasium last night was the scene of several rattling bouts between members of the club followed by a 11-round go "for points" between Sammy Jones and Walter McMurray, colored.

McMurray was introduced by Jim Donaldson as "better known as the Kansas Cyclone," but the reputation of the state suffered considerably last night as the Cyclone was very short of wind. The fight was to be for points, 10 rounds, with a decision, but lasted 11.

Sammy did all the fighting and had his man going in the second round. Black Prince, who was acting in the colored boy's corner, thought his man was gone and with a theatrical gesture threw a towel in the ring in the absence

of the sponge. His man evidently thought it was an invitation to wash up, but was too busy to do so as Sammy was crowding him hard. Time was called here and the colored boy took his corner, bleeding profusely from the nose. The Black Prince left the hall in disgust, as his man was still fighting when according to all precedents he should have been dead to the world.

After the second round McMurray looked ready to go out at any time and only waited for Sammy to land, but while Jones was getting in all the blows he had not the strength to finish his man.

At the end of the go Jones did not show a mark, the colored boy reaching him but once during the match, while McMurray was battered in the mouth and his lower lip was badly damaged. The fight was Sammy's from first to last, and as Donaldson stated at the opening of hostilities that the go was for points, he should have got the decision. It was declared a draw.

The entertainment was opened by a four-round go between Sinclair and Malloy. Malloy showed to best advantage, while Sinclair is rapidly improving, although having a bad practice of flinching at expected blows. This was a lively and interesting exhibition.

Then followed a four round go between Hall and the Benicia Kid. This was a kangaroo battle, both combatants doing some great foot work. The Benicia Kid expected to get kicked in the jaw as he watched Hall's feet very closely. He discovered he was in no danger from that source, however, and as a gentlemanly evidence of his disregard for the fistic efforts of his opponent, spit a mouth full of water in his face. The go ended in a jumping match.

Case, a brother of Dick Case, and Ford next donned the buckskins for a four round go and gave and took equally. Case shows practice at the art and guarded and landed very neatly.

After this followed the go between Sammy Jones and Walter McMurray—a draw. Jim Donaldson referee; W. H. Lyons, time keeper.

#### Plamute in Chicago.

S. H. Stevens, jr., No. 5432 Jefferson avenue, is anxiously searching for a dog. The animal is one that did him good service in the Yukon country some months ago, and its return to the Stevens home is eagerly awaited. It is of the type that draws sledges in the gold districts, has wolf's blood in its veins, and is not prepossessing in appearance.

For that reason, when the dog disappeared last Wednesday night, it was hunted by the police and residents in the neighborhood of Jefferson avenue and Fifty-fourth street, who disliked its howling proclivities, and who yearned for its death. The animal, however, was too active for its pursuers, and vanished.

It was the intention of Mr. Stevens to present the Klondike dog to the Lincoln park menagerie, and he may do so yet, if he regains possession of the brute. In the meantime Mr. Stevens will be thankful for information leading to recovery of "a big gray dog, with shaggy hair, a bushy tail, and a nose like a wolf."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

#### Prolific Heber Ricks.

A correspondent writes to the Chicago Inter-Ocean as follows:

In the valley of the Snake river, near where that stream forms the boundary line between Wyoming and Idaho, lives the father of the largest family on the American continent, and probably in the world. The owner of this unique distinction is Heber Ricks, one of the faithful followers in religion and practices of the late Brigham Young. Reliable persons who have known Ricks for many years say he has 12 wives and 66 children. Many of his sons and daughters have long since taken unto themselves helpmates for life, and to these have been born 218 children, thereby bringing the number of souls in the Ricks family, exclusive of the

venerable father himself, up to 296—a pretty good showing for one man.

The members of the Ricks family are scattered over a stretch of country 14 miles long by two miles wide. Heber Ricks has an even dozen ranches which, with those of the sons and daughters, make quite a good size settlement. In the center of this settlement a town called Ricksville has been established. Here are located a general store and a church, the latter being the largest as well as the most substantial building in the Ricks empire. During week days the church is transformed into a school room, and a regularly employed teacher (usually one of the Ricks daughters) labors with the descendants of Heber. On Sundays, and not unfrequently on an evening, services, which are, of course, strictly Mormon, are held. These religious meetings are usually presided over by the elder Ricks and are very interesting, being conducted in that manner peculiar to the Mormon faith. In case of the absence of the "bishop," as the head of the family is known in the settlement, as is frequently the case when he makes a visit to one of his wives living in the extreme upper or lower ends of the colony, one of the sons will fill the pulpit and preach the doctrine of his father.

#### POLICE COURT.

If the attorneys of Dawson are as derelict in collecting fees as they are in getting to police court to champion the cause of their clients their contributions to the causes of home and foreign missions must necessarily be meagre.

Major Perry's court this morning was a "waterhaul" all owing to the fact that Dawson's attorneys are the busiest set of men between Pushfinger, Arkansas, and the North Pole, and therefore the balance of the world, the flesh and the devil, must needs "hang fire" on this account.

The first case called this morning was that of the Queen vs. Edward Bartlett who is charged with having, on January 16th, unlawfully taken a pair of bobs, the property of E. R. Knight, and of since declining to return them to the rightful owner. Bartlett said he had secured the services of a lawyer who would be present soon, so the parties were told to stand aside.

The case of Brown vs. Sam'l Matherson for labor performed on the latter's Sulphur creek claim to the amount of \$607 was next called. Matheson disputed the account and said he only owes Brown \$474.25, which amount he is ready to pay at any time. Brown broke the spell at this stage of the proceedings by saying "My lawyer will be here in a few minutes," and the parties in this case retired to the already crowded waiting shelf to bide their time until the disciple of Blackstone would deign to appear. The "few minutes" in which the lawyer was to appear in this case chased the "few minutes" in which the lawyer was to appear in the other case over the faces of the chronometers present and still the legal luminaries did not appear. Major Perry looked at his watch, shifted in his chair, looked at his watch, shifted again and in about 30 minutes had been transferred from the scroll of time to the shelf of eternity, and still the lawyers came not. "Has any one else any business with me this morning," asked the court. No one present had any tales of woe to reveal. At this point patience ceased to be a virtue and court was summarily adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon, and upwards of a dozen men, all anxious to be allowed to return at once to their various occupations, were thus detained all on account of the apathy and evident carelessness of two petty foggers.

#### Arctic Brotherhood.

The regular weekly meeting of the Camp Dawson, No. 4, Arctic Brotherhood, will be held in McDonald hall tonight. As there will be a large number of initiations, it is necessary that all members be on time in order that there may be no delay in getting to work.

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