

THE DAWSON CURLING CLUB

Elects Ten "Skips" for a Series of Games.

Next Wednesday Night Will See the Initial Contest Between Two Picked Teams.

The members of the Dawson City Curling Club met last night at the rink and arranged for their first series of club matches to commence Wednesday night next. Two rinks will play each night, except Saturday, until ten rinks have been played. A great deal of enthusiasm was manifested last night by the members of the club, when the election of the skips for the teams was announced. Robert Jones, the caretaker was highly complimented by President Wills for the able manner in which he had overcome the unexpected difficulties and adding that the ice was in far better condition than he had any reason to hope for. The following teams were scheduled and skips elected:

E. E. Lewin, E. E. Giff, R. M. de Gex, H. G. Wills/skip; Dr. Grant, W. H. Scarth, Dr. Wills, Judge Craig, skip; D. A. Matheson, F. G. Crisp, J. P. McLennan, Dr. Norquay, skip; Dr. McDonald, Chas. Milne, M. H. Jones, J. T. Lithgow, skip; H. E. Rogers, Rod Chisholm, Dr. McFarlane, W. G. Hingston, skip; H. D. Hulme, P. R. Ritchie, W. L. Walsh, W. H. Rourke, skip; W. M. McKay, T. A. R. Purchas, Dr. Richardson, A. Scott, skip; F. J. McDougall, J. P. Bell, R. B. Young, H. G. Wilson, skip; A. M. H. Anderson, F. J. Stackpole, Capt. McDonel, D. G. Stewart, skip; D. B. Olson, A. F. Nicol, S. A. Burpee, W. D. Bruce, skip.

To those unacquainted with the sport the following information may be interesting relative to the game. Curling is supposed to have originated in Scotland, but when is only a matter of conjecture. For the past three centuries the game has been played, however. The method of playing is somewhat similar to that of shuffle board, only of course the game is played on the ice, which must be perfectly level, and with stones weighing some 45 pounds. The stones are thrown from one end of the rink to the other or from back (taw) to tee (center of circle). The standard length of the rink is 42 yards and after one series of stones are thrown by both competing teams in one direction, called an "end," the position of the players is reversed and the game continued from the opposite end. If four players are in a team each stone of the team which is nearer to the tee than that of the opposing team is counted one for each stone so placed. The stones have handles and by the dexter use of the same when the stones are thrown by the player they are made to "curl" if necessary either with an "in" turn or an "out" turn as the exigencies of the game may demand. Each player uses two stones and plays one alternately with his opponent. Four players constitute a "rink" and opposed to them are four others. The fine points of the game are putting to the tee, curling around stones in the line of the tee, striking out opposing stones which have the advantage of position and placing the stones to block the opponent's play. Each team has a "skip," or captain who directs from the opposite end of the rink the position the player should make his stone occupy. When the skip plays another member of his team directs him in turn. Sweeping is an important feature of the game as when the stone comes down the rink slowly the ice is swept before it making it smooth and allowing the stone to travel freely. There are many other features of the game which makes it an attractive sport and one requiring the greatest skill, but above all is the good fellowship the game engenders, for a "curler" is a synonym for manliness and bon comradship.

He Is Not Marked.

Mr. E. J. McCormick, looking fat, sleek and trim, is back from a visit to the outside with a fund of experience not usually acquired on the ordinary business journey from Dawson to the outside world and return.

Mr. McCormick left here on one of the last steamers in October and reached Skagway in due time, from which place he took passage on the steamer City of Seattle for Seattle. And there was where he erred, for had he waited in Skagway for another steamer, or had he shipped for below in a small boat he would have gained time, for when the Seattle reached Vancouver her passengers and crew to the number of 400 per-

sons were ordered into quarantine, and there they stayed for 41 days. However, Mr. McCormick had the distinction of being one of seven, five men and two women, to have the smallpox, but from his rugged and very healthy appearance now no one would ever suspect it. He says all the cases were very mild, no worse than chickenpox, and that he did not even take to his bed one day on account of the infection; but ate like a drover and played football every day.

Mr. McCormick speaks in terms of the highest praise of the treatment of the marooned people at the hands of the British Columbia quarantine officials and says that everything that was wanted was had for the asking.

On being released from quarantine Mr. McCormick proceeded on to Seattle and transacted his business, remaining but five days and starting back for Dawson at once. The trip in was uneventful, that portion of it from Whitehorse down being made in 10 1/2 days on a two horse sled on which were eight passengers and 800 pounds of freight. The trail is reported by Mr. McCormick to be in fairly good shape for horses and sleds, but rather too new yet for bicycles.

Mr. McCormick will remain in Dawson the remainder of the winter looking after his various property interests, one of which is the Portland hotel property on Second avenue and Third street.

Biding His Time.

It is well that the Yukon is frozen over hard and solid, and that it is some distance from the North end of town to where there is an open piece of water broad and deep enough for convenient drowning purposes, otherwise there might have been a tragedy within the past few days, which would have left one, or possibly two chairs always vacant afterwards.

The averted tragedy has several people and things mixed up in it, and contains all the component parts for a novel by "The Duchess" or a Conan Doyle mystery.

To begin with there is the grand old incentive, jealousy, raging away like a river steamer fires when pitch is burning and a nigger is perched on the safety valve. This awful thing is still going on and the young men concerned are being watched by their friends who are fearful of the worst yet. For a clew for the modern Sherlock Holmes to begin business with, there is the most delightful thing in the world—a lady's black silk mitt.

The thing that started all this trouble was a promise made by a young lady that she would be on hand at a place named, and would, so the story goes, accompany one of the gentlemen in question from there to the midnight mass at the Catholic church Christmas eve. There were two ladies in question as well as two gentlemen, but both masculine hearts were centered upon the same lady, and besides the love that is said to be the cause of sometimes breaking the organ all to pieces, there was room in one of them for somewhat of guile. The possessor of the guileful blood pumping apparatus went to the handsome hero and told him that all he had to do was to wait quietly at the trying place and he, the friend and all around good fellow, would bring both ladies.

This arrangement looked good to the hero, so he dressed and repaired to the place of meeting where he began smoking and waiting and after a while wondering why the expected ones did not arrive. At 3 a. m. he had consumed two bottles of Scotch and reduced to ashes and bad odors nearly a whole box of cigars. He had done more than this he had taken counsel with himself and decided that his friend had "trun him down," and that he deserved death as the reward of his treachery. In casting about for a means of extermination he thought drowning would be about the proper thing, but as he can not drown his hated rival he is waiting with what patience he can muster till the river breaks up, and if nothing further is done to augment the debt of hatred will allow the enemy to lumber the earth till there is water.

A Merry Time.

Messrs. Stumer & Shenkle, proprietors of the Cascade Steam Laundry, gave their employes on Christmas a most enjoyable time at their place of business. A fine repast was served to over 25 people and Christmas presents were distributed to all, there being fully 125 articles distributed, some of which were of a most ludicrous character.

Just in Time.—Diamonds galore at Soggs & Vesco. Who wants fine stones?

Mum's, Pomery or Perinet champagnes \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

Pine line of 25c goods. Rochester.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Capt. Starnes occupied the magistrate's chair in the police court this morning for the first time since his illness.

The first case called was that of Kline against Kahn which had been remanded yesterday morning in order to give the defendant time in which to secure the aid of an attorney and prepare his case. He did this with the result that Attorney Hulme appeared for him and the case was dismissed. F. M. Wright, who is a carpenter and who had been in the employ of Kahn and Kline, and had acted as a sort of mediator and messenger between them in order to effect a settlement as a prelude to getting the money due him for work performed, was called to the witness stand and testified to having heard the threats of Kahn concerning the gray matter of Kline, but was unable to say whether the defendant was a very dangerous man or a meek and lowly follower of the precepts of peace on earth and good will to man. If such language had been addressed to him he should have acted on the principal that it was fighting talk and that a man would not say it if he didn't mean it. Kahn said he had nothing in his possession at the time to harm anyone with excepting a small key which he produced. Attorney Hulme submitted that to sustain the charge of threatening great bodily harm it was necessary to show that something more dangerous than words had been used and the magistrate took the same view of the case, but said to the accused that if the charge had been one of disturbing the peace under the vagrancy act it might have had a different ending. "You had better be careful of that tongue of yours," he said, in closing; "because such language as that will not do, and will sooner or later land you in jail if you don't stop it."

COMING AND GOING.

Death from pneumonia is more prevalent this winter than ever before in Dawson, there being ten cases at present in the Good Samaritan hospital and six or seven at St. Mary's, all of which are said to be on the way to recovery.

Fred Payne, of the Yukon hotel, has been missed from behind the register for several days. He is suffering from an attack of quinsy.

C. T. Weldon, a miner from the Forks, died at the Good Samaritan hospital of pneumonia day before yesterday, 24 hours after his arrival from the Forks.

House rent in the city is coming down to where others than the representatives of the Rothschilds can afford to inhabit a cabin.

As a Christmas gift, Major Wood is in receipt of one of the handsomest poker sets that ever came into the country.

Inspector McDonnell of the N. W. M. P. left the barracks this morning in a sleigh drawn by two horses. Upon the front seat were two policemen, and at the office it was said he was going for a drive, which information seemed a little vague, although manifestly true.

Masons Organize.

There are many Masons in Dawson, and they have been looking forward for a long time past to effecting an organization here. Last evening this was effected, under the charter which arrived some little time since from Winnipeg, from which place also comes a dispensation under which the lodge will work during the next six months. About 65 Masons gathered in the Masonic building last night and elected the following officers:

Dr. C. H. Wills, worthy master; W. V. Tukey, senior warden; M. H. Thompson, junior warden; Dr. Alfred Thompson, treasurer, and J. A. Donald, secretary.

Further officers will be elected next Thursday evening, the regular meeting night being the first Thursday on or before each full moon.

Mad Horse Sent Out.

The horse owned by Lew Craden which was bitten by a mad dog some time ago an account of which appeared in the Nugget at the time, has been sent up the river as it was found to be not only impracticable but almost impossible to keep the animal and work him around Dawson. The very sight of a dog drove the horse mad and caused him to become wholly unmanageable. It was this horse that stampeded the stages coming from the Forks a few mornings since, an account of which appeared in the Nugget the same evening. While hitched in a team on the Klondike river near the ferry the horse had got sight of a dog with the result that he kicked and raved until all fastening gave way and he was free.

Previous to being bitten by the dog the horse was considered a very valuable one; but two days ago when Mr. Craden received an offer of \$100 for him, he jumped at the opportunity to "let go." If no dogs are met on the trail between Dawson and Whitehorse the new purchaser will get value received for his money. But in the event of the meeting of a dog team, there is no telling what will happen.

Cyrus Noble whisky. Rochester.

A new and large jewelry store now occupied by Lindeman; Monte Carlo building.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

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MINING ENGINEERS.

J. B. TYRRELL, mining engineer, has removed to Mission st., next door to public school.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—One black dog, setter and Newfoundland, pacer. Owner can have same by paying charges. Driard Hotel, Mouth of Caribou.

Private dining rooms at The Holborn.

Notice.

Miss B. V. Robson can learn something to her advantage by calling at the Nugget office.

Men's fur lined gloves and mitts. Sargent & Pinsky.

For watch repairing see Lindeman.

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The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Club Notice.

All members of the Monte Carlo Club are requested to be present at a special meeting to be held at the club rooms Saturday, 8:30 p. m., Dec. 29th for the purpose of reorganization. E. J. Fitzpatrick, Sec.

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