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The Worden Went Very Quickly After the Fire Started—How the Water Front Occupants Saved Their Goods.

To George Noble, the popular mixologist of the burned-out Worden hotel, belongs the distinction of being the first to observe the fire breaking from the nearby Green Tree hotel. After arousing the people of the burning building, he quickly saw that the handsome and well-furnished house, which he had charge of in imminent danger. So quickly did the flames spread that he barely had time to make the tour of the upper rooms and arouse the guests when she was in flames. Some of the guests endeavored to return for a second load of their valuables, but were debarred by friends who saw it would be at the risk of their lives.

The two store buildings occupied by the Arctic Meat Company was a number of buildings from the fire and Manager Perkins and his men were out rendering good service in fighting the fire and saving the goods of merchants in some imminent danger. While all were away some excited individuals came to the conclusion that the Arctic Meat Co.'s building must be destroyed in order to save the town. The contents were hurriedly carried out and no one knows where a lot of the stuff is to-day. Then others attacked the inside with axes. The walls were chopped, the racks were chopped and someone ran an axe through the windows and the ceiling would have been chopped down could anyone have reached it. Meanwhile someone had slung ropes over the top of the building and were putting it over into second street with a "Heave, ho! heave, ho!"

The building quickly inclined at an angle when explanations were heard and the ropes were cut. It was urged that the turning over of the building would block Second street and prevent access to the river and would also form quite a good bridge to conduct the fire to the next block if it continued to come that way. And so the building was left and it took jack screws galore to straighten her up next day. Manager Perkins had a handsome fur coat of Australian possum which has failed to put in its appearance since the fire. He desires to tell the fellows who got it that they can keep what meat they took for their stomach's sake, but to please return the coat for his hide's sake.

The "water-fronters" had a convenient beach behind their buildings on which to lower their goods out of the way of the devouring flames. Men with armfuls of goods were running "in every direction, but it was noticed that some men were going from pile to pile, and after picking up some things would lay them down and proceed to another pile to repeat the same actions. It looked so much like looting that a report was made at once to the proper officers. It the "shake of a lamb's tail" there were boys in uniform down on the beach. "Drop those goods! Drop them, I say!" was the peremptory order. Of course, some of the men protested. It was their own goods they were carrying to a place of safety. But, nevertheless, they had to drop them out of sight without a permit. The promptness of action of our police at this time was most commendable.

The Green Tree was destroyed so rapidly that the man in charge of the bar hadn't time or thought to remove the gold dust from behind the bar. Next day the ashes and surface soil was gathered and "panned out" with the result that only the buckskin sacks were lost. The gold had run together in large cakes in some instances, forming irregularly shaped ingots and were picked out by hand. Upwards of \$1000 was recovered.

The buildings destroyed by the fire are in a number of cases being rapidly rebuilt; but the scarcity and high price of logs etc. is apparent in the diminutive size of the new buildings. A notice posted up on the water front signed by Mr. Ogilvie suggests the impermanence of the sign, and the buildings going up there are much smaller than those destroyed.

The new buildings going up on front street are being built to a line in front which is a vast improvement upon the old style where the buildings overlapped and projected in front of each other in a charmingly independent fashion.

The men who suddenly came into prominence the day of the fire by showing themselves expert and willing with the dead fire apparatus have been notified by Mr. Ogilvie and the police to hold themselves in readiness at any moment to perform similar duties in case of another outbreak.

No Need to Appoint a Judge Now.
Before the arrival of Judge Dugas on the Ora the situation appeared so grave that rumor says Mr. Ogilvie was very seriously thinking of appointing a judge from amongst the legal talent here. The time has gone by when the police were empowered by public sentiment to deal summarily with all cases from treason to bigamy. The slower methods of more civilized courts are of course upon a higher plane of justice, yet many an old timer regrets the departure of the times when men with criminal instincts received such short shift they would rather take their chances of death on the trail than face the striped trousered gentlemen who held such autocratic powers.

All Aboard for Seattle.
The daring little Ora departed for White Horse on Thursday morning, with plenty of passengers aboard willing to take their chances with her of getting through. She not only in-

tends making the trip but also to return to Dawson for the winter. "Fortune favors the brave," and, strangely enough, the floating ice disappeared from the river, as if by magic, as the sailing hour approached, and the gallant little Ora left Dawson on a river as placid and tranquil as midsummer.

The passengers included the popular Bill McPhee, Tom Sunny, Mr. and Mrs. Demandel, F. W. Herring, F. A. Elliott, A. Zeens, H. C. McGoon, B. W. Marlin, A. E. Smith, A. B. Russell, O. P. Attwood, Mrs. F. H. Sloan, R. C. Miller, Edward Irving, Louis Johnson, J. J. Ditter and J. M. Richards, the last three gentlemen being for way points.

The Ora also took out eight sacks of first-class mail bound for the outside, probably the last mail to go out by steamer.

The Three Hats.
The comedy of The Three Hats presented at Pioneer Hall on Tuesday night was a pronounced success. The play was given under the auspices of the Dawson City Dramatic Club. It is an amusing sketch adapted from the French, and abounds in funny dialogue and complex situations resulting from an unfortunate exchange of hats.

Considering the time which had been at the disposal of the company for rehearsal, the play went off quite smoothly although some of the cast required considerable prompting.

Mr. Fernand de Journal in the part of the French husband proved himself a clever actor and his natural accent added much to the effect. Miss Josephine Pickett as Tilly was a most charming little parlor maid and received many congratulations and compliments for her efforts. Her lines had been well committed and were spoken with effect and expression.

Miss Houck in the character of Mrs. Dubois entered thoroughly into the spirit of the play and sustained her part to the entire satisfaction of the audience.

Leroy Tozier as Hoose Blithers was perfectly at home on the stage and was well adapted for the part he took. Had he been more familiar with his lines he would have scored a hit.

The remainder of the cast was as follows:
Fred Bellamy..... Mr. Fred Johnson
Capt. Caskill..... Mr. R. B. Sutherland
Dibbs, a boy in buttons..... A. E. Lee
Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dubois..... Miss B. A. Mulrooney
Lottie Blithers, Fred's fiancée..... Mrs. Lillian Kirk

A large and representative audience assembled to enjoy the entertainment and the applause that greeted the performers at the conclusion of each act testified to their hearty appreciation.

St. Mary's Hospital.
Father Judge is making a strenuous effort to place the St. Mary's hospital on a firm financial basis. The hospital has been conducted during the past year largely as a charitable institution and a great many of those who have received attention and care from the benevolent Father and his able staff of assistants have left the institution without giving one cent of remuneration. In fact the hospital probably has accounts on its books aggregating a larger sum than the amounts collected.

Yearly tickets are now being sold and from these it is hoped that a considerable sum will be raised to meet present pressing financial difficulties.

The following is a report of the hospital for the week ending October 20th:
Patients entered, 20; patients discharged, 15; patients in the hospital, 123.
Four deaths: G. Balston, Oregon, on the 14th; L. A. McNamara, California, on the 17th; T. Donahoe, California, on the 18th, and E. Lawrence, from Illinois, on the 19th.

Farewell to McPhee.
A banquet was given to Bill McPhee and friends Wednesday evening by Miss Mulrooney, the genial little hostess of the Fairyview hotel. The spread was sumptuous, the wine-list long and the company congenial, and McPhee's departure to the outside will be distinctly remembered by the farewell banquet given in his honor by Miss Mulrooney.

After the banquet the room was cleared of its furniture and taken possession of by an invited party of dancers. Refreshments were not wanting and merriment reigned supreme until an early hour in the morning. Among those present were the following:
Louis F. Cook, F. W. P. Smith, Chas. S. W. Barwell, G. H. Herd, Mrs. Annie Primrose, W. A. Radger, Thos. Chisholm, T. W. Smith, Geo. A. Brown, Mrs. Janet Stephenson, Murray S. Ends, Murray E. King, W. Squier, Ben R. Everett, A. D. Field, Mrs. A. D. Field, Mrs. W. A. Barlen, Mertie Houck, O. P. Reckless, Mrs. L. Kirk, W. H. Narrel, J. F. McMartin, Mrs. Emma Kimball, Jacob Kline, Dr. D. Macleod, H. A. Turner, Fritz Ranke, Douglas Wateman, Kitty Pilkington, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Leroy Tozier, Thomas Sunny, Capt. J. Rattenbury, N. Talbot, S. T. Dinwan, Dr. R. R. Macfarlane, Nellie Coakley, W. H. McPhee.

Did not Hurt the Meat.
The thaw of the last few days caused a feeling of alarm in many breasts concerning the probable fate of the tons of frozen meat stored in Dawson at the present moment. A NUGGET representative called upon a number of the meat dealers and butcher shops for an expression of opinion, and it appears to be the unanimous belief of all that the meat is frozen so solid it would require a much more protracted thaw than any we may expect at this time of the year to work an injury. Meat recently slaughtered and but partly frozen may be somewhat injured, but the thousands of quarters stored away will not suffer deterioration.

Have your prescriptions filled by Kelly & Co. Druggists, Front street.

THREW GOOD BEEF OVERBOARD.

Had to Do It to Save the Balance of the Valuable Cargo.

A Change of the Timber Agent's Office—After Unclaimed Wood on the Beach—Must Take It Out of the Water or Have It Confiscated.
Tuesday last found one of Pat Galvin's immense meat scows badly on a bar in the center of the river, somewhere above the Stewart. The floating ice was in immense cakes and endangered the barge. Mr. Thebold was in charge and at once decided that prompt measures alone could save the craft and any of its contents. The water was shallow and the ice was administering crushing blows behind. A small boat to transfer the cargo of meat to the shore was not to be thought of as it could not live a minute and it would take days to transfer. Orders were given to lighten the cargo and reluctantly the precious quarters of beef were raised to the height of the gunwale and slid into the water. Twenty or thirty quarters and still the craft wouldn't budge and thump! thump! went the ice on her stern. Fifty, sixty quarters; but pike poles were still useless. Eighty, ninety, a hundred quarters of succulent beef was lost to Dawson; but the barge would not budge. At last the hundred and twenty-eight quarter had vanished amongst the floating ice; by a herculean effort the boat was floated into deeper water and proceeded on her way.

It is also reported that an entire scow load of meat was wrecked and lost at the mouth of Indian river on Monday; but the particulars are not obtainable.

Change of Land Office.
The large private building next to the timber office has been secured for the use of the government. The crown's land agent will occupy one wing and the rooms at the back will be used as well as those upstairs as quarters for the clerks of the land and commissioner's office. Mr. Willison has removed from his former cramped quarters and the small building is now occupied by the government surveyor.

Mr. Biney, who owns the newly occupied land office building, has been to considerable expense. It is lined throughout with white cloth, with stoves in all the lower rooms and drums in those above. The ceilings are high and rooms airy with a large sitting room upstairs opening upon a balcony.

Peremptory Orders.
The arrival of frost found considerable fuel along the water's edge which was quickly frozen in solid. Expecting that a gorge of ice might put in its appearance any day and that the firewood would then be lost to the city, the timber authorities notified the owners to remove the logs at once to a safe place or at least to keep a man with it until it was all out of danger. Consequently there has been much activity along the beach since last Saturday and at present little wood is in danger of being lost. Forfeiture was to be the penalty for non-attention to the orders.

Epworth League Organize.
On Sabbath evening, of October 9th, there was organized at the Methodist church an Epworth League for the systematic prosecution of Christian work, with the following staff of officers:
President, R. H. Roper; 1st Vice-President, H. E. Rogers; 2nd Vice-president, Miss Swan; 3rd Vice-president, A. B. Cook; Secretary, W. M. Cribbs; Treasurer, Miss Edna Fitch; Organist, Miss Alberta Swan.

The first business meeting was held Tuesday night, a constitution was adopted and other preliminaries were arranged. Regular meetings are held on Saturday evening of each week at 7 p. m., in the church two doors east of Good Samaritan hospital, on Church street. All are cordially invited to attend.

The New Postoffice.
The Brewery saloon has been leased by the government for a postoffice in place of the one burned. A force of men are busily engaged in putting up the pigeon holes and boxes so hastily torn from the old office. It is expected that two or three days will see the office delivering mail once more.

A Correction.
Dear Sir.—In my letter of Oct. 19th, I did not say "the medical law of the N. W. T. was relative in spirit." I said it was "retaliative." Further on I said that "Dr. Merryman should have prosecuted his assailants," not his assistants, as was said by the Nugget. Instead of "the shadow," read "their shadow," i. e., "the shadow of the American bona fide practitioners."

These corrections are important, especially the first of the series, because the whole spirit of Canadian law seems to be retaliative. In fact, one would think that we were living in the era of Jehovah, under the doctrine of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

With thanks for your courtesy,
Very truly yours,
WM. CATTO.

Notice.
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