

SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION

Mr. Matheson Explains Why the Fire Hydrant

At the Corner of Second Avenue and Third Street Was Not Used During Yesterday Morning's Fire.

A Nugget reporter questioned Mr. Dan Matheson, manager of the Dawson Water & Power Co., this morning as to why his company's fire hydrant at the corner of Second avenue and Third street was not used in extinguishing the fire of yesterday morning. Mr. Matheson replied as follows:

"You ask what was the reason that water from the Dawson Water & Power Co.'s fire hydrant at the corner of Third street and Second avenue was not used in suppressing the fire yesterday morning. Those having to do with the fire can best answer that question, as we keep no fire department to run out hose at times of fire, but what we do keep is lots of water, which is free to the public in case of fire.

"We wish to inform the public that in case of fire we have a Siamese Wade fire hydrant in the water house at the corner of Third street and Second avenue, which, when required for fire purposes, all that is necessary is to go into the building, connect with the hydrant and run out the hose which is kept there for that purpose and turn off the overflow, which is the top valve, and turn on the lower valve. In order to get increased pressure it is necessary to telephone to the pumping station.

"If the pumping station was called by phone and asked to increase the pressure it could be done by the time the hose was laid, thereby giving an effective service."

The Local Theatres.

Dawson theatrical managers as a rule do not believe in giving their patrons time to get tired of any one class of show before they change it. Last week the Standard put on comedy and this week it is melo-drama. The Orpheum showed melo-drama, and now is giving its audience comedy.

So far the Savoy has made no changes in this respect, evidently believing that its continued patronage is sufficient evidence that it requires no fixing with regard to the body of its performances, and last night it raised its curtain on the usual one act comedy, followed further on in the program by another. The first is entitled "Compound Oxygen," and takes its title from a chemical invention by one Dr. Sparker, who, by its use, blow every one up at the close of the performance.

Jim Post figures in the piece as a U. S. senator, and Dick Maurettus as a broken-down actor who is on the mush. One of the features of this week's show is the moving pictures of Prof. Parkes for which elaborate preparations have been completed.

These pictures represent the first three rounds of the great Cobett-Fitzsimmons fight and are better worth seeing by lovers of the manly art than are most of the alleged contests seen at first hand.

After Jim Post and Dick Maurettus have had their plot to make the audience laugh thoroughly exposed, comes three more rounds of the fight, and, later on after the skit "The Watch Dog," the last five rounds of the fight are shown by the professor at the close of the performance.

Nat C. Goodwin's comedy "The Strategists" is entertaining the Orpheum this week, and it is needless to say that it is doing its work admirably. There are four acts, entitled: Strategy, War, Victory and Peace. The characters are given military titles, and everyone knows his lines and acts the part assigned him in a way worthy the price and its great author. Time was when any old thing would go, and go, to a great extent with the audiences here, but that was in a time when men went to the theaters to drink wine. Now it is different. They go to see the show, and Mr. Pantages, realizing this sees to it that there is a show to see. A short olio of six numbers follows the drama, all of which are up-to-date and pleasing.

"Saved," Arthur Shirley's drama, as produced at the Standard this week is well worth an evening's time. The merits of the Standard stock company are too well known to be enhanced by any lengthy eulogy, and it will be sufficient to say that Lang plays the lead, with Mabel Lenox as leading lady, and that the plot of the piece is a matter of temptation, mistakes, and noble self-sacrifice in combination.

There seems to be a growing tendency to cut down the length of vaudeville programs and lengthen out the legitimate, which many theater goers will hail with satisfaction. This week the Standard presents but six vaudeville numbers, the bulk of the time being devoted to the drama.

All the houses are putting up good shows, and all are equally meritorious of patronage.

BREWERY WANTED.

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Dawson would get it if it did incorporate and a stranger called upon John Grant, formerly mayor of Victoria, and a recent arrival from that city, to explain the rights and privileges of incorporated towns in Canada. Grant spoke at length and showed that, if incorporated, Dawson would have money to burn after paying all municipal expenses. According to a "menu" prepared by him, Grant had over \$150,000 left for street improvements after all expenses are amply, yea lavishly, provided. His suggestion that aldermen be paid a fair salary met with cries of "hear, hear!" or "here, here," the writer not being able to determine which.

When the next speaker, Elgin Schoff, favored incorporation, but opposed the payment of aldermen for their services, no cries of "here, here!" were heard.

Councilman Alex Prudhomme said that, owing to his position, he did not care to speak on the subject further than to say that he always favors the time-honored principle of self-government.

Thos. McGowan, by figures obtained from the district comptroller, showed how, without the money obtained from fines, licenses and whisky permits, incorporation would be not only impracticable, but a financial impossibility.

E. M. Sullivan is in favor of allowing things to go on as they are, but hadn't thought much about incorporation.

Alex McFarlane said the city would have to sell bonds amounting to \$800,000 to get money to start on if incorporated, therefore he is opposed to the proposition.

J. H. Falconer, late of Bennett, said he always makes a speech when opportunity presents. He favored incorporation and made a forward step in submitting a motion that a committee be appointed to confer with the Yukon council regarding what district money would be turned over to the proposed municipality.

Barney Sugrue, who had been making notes all evening, said the Yukon council is not qualified to administer the affairs of the city. Its members are too busy now and should hire assistance. The town should own its own light and water plants, but would not encourage stealing them from the present owners as the franchises for operating them were stolen from the city. Sugrue made the one big hit of the evening when he said that in addition to the city owning and operating its own light and water plants, it should own and operate a brewery. (Tremendous and continued applause from every bench warmer in the hall.)

The mention of a municipal brewery put the meeting in better humor than it had been and the original resolution presented by Col. Reichenbach, Alex McFarlane's amendment to lay on the table for six months not receiving a second, was put and carried.

About this time Joe Clark, who, for him, had been remarkably quiet during the entire evening, began to show symptoms of wanting to do or say something. He arose and started a tirade about secret meetings being held behind locked doors; that people with alien millions and alien ideas are crowding in through back windows to secret conclaves; that such practices never came from Canada, but are imported.

Thos. McGowan resented the imputation against aliens, said the call for the meeting was regardless of nationality and thought if aliens were invited there to be insulted, they had better go home.

Clark denied using the term "aliens," but too many ears had heard the word, so he said it would do to stand off the recent affair at the barracks in which the aliens had the best of it.

Chairman Woodworth humbly apologized for Clark's unfortunate break and expressed great contrition that it should have been made.

Oil having thus been poured upon the turbulent waters, Falconer's motion to select a committee to confer with the council was put and carried.

The following is the committee selected from the floor: C. M. Woodworth, Elgin Schoff, Joe Clark, Dr. Thompson, E. M. Sullivan, Barney Sugrue, Thos. Chisholm and John Grant. Later Mr. Sugrue withdrew and J. H. Falconer was appointed in his place.

While it will not be generally believed, it is nevertheless a fact that Col. Donald MacGregor refused to serve on the above mentioned committee.

On motion of Joe Clarke a vote thanks was tendered the chairman and secretary for their services.

On motion of A. D. Williams, a vote of thanks was tendered Councilman Alex Prudhomme for his distinguished presence at the meeting.

The meeting then filed into the midnight air.

Meteorological Data.

The following interesting meteorological data is furnished by Commissioner Ogilvie, and no doubt will set at rest many disputes as to the length of the days and of sunlight here:

Length of days at Dawson, north latitude 64 deg. 4 min. approximately:
December 21, 3 hours 35 minutes sunlight; January 1st, 3 hours 52 minutes sunlight; January 15th, 4 hours 57 1/2 minutes sunlight; January 31st, 6 hours 45 minutes sunlight; February 15, 8 hours 18 minutes sunlight; March 1st, 9 hours 51 1/2 minutes sunlight; March 21st, 12 hours sunlight.

Four minutes must be added to those intervals to correct for refraction which makes the sun or any other heavenly body apparently rise about two minutes earlier and set about two minutes later than it really does. The sunlit intervals above are calculated on the assumption that the earth's surface here is part of a sphere, not broken by irregularity.

Practically from March 21st onwards until June 21st the figures represent for the same intervals the hours the sun is below the horizon or what might be termed the night.

At midnight June 21st the sun's center is five times its own diameter below the horizon; so there is no midnight sun visible from "Moosehide" mountain nor any other mountain in the vicinity.

December 21st the sun's center is only the same height above the horizon.

When the sun is within 18 degrees of the horizon refraction causes twilight both before sunrise and after sunset. The higher the latitude the longer continues the twilight, hence the continuous daylight here in the summer.

Will Don the Mitts.

The following articles of agreement were signed yesterday by the principals in the coming go to take place at the Club gymnasium next Friday night:

Know all men by these present, that this agreement entered into this 7th day of January, 1901, by and between Colin Sinclair to be known hereafter as party of the first and Kid Brooks and Ben Matteson as parties of the second part, agrees as follows:

First—Party of the first part agree to best the parties of the second part in a ten-round glove contest to come off at the Club gymnasium of Dawson on January the 11th, 1901.

Second—Be it further agreed that party of the first part be allowed at least a ten-minute rest between bouts with the parties of the second part if he bests the first contestant.

Third—Be it further agreed that party or parties winning to take 60 per cent of the proceeds, and 40 per cent to the loser.

Fourth—Be it further agreed by parties of the second part that they will stand up and box and not go down unless knocked down to take the count.

Fifth—Be it further agreed that if parties of the second part go down without being knocked down to take the count they shall forfeit the portion of the receipts.

Sixth—Be it further agreed that the contest shall be governed by Marquis of Queensberry rules.

F. J. (KID) BROOKS.
B. D. MATTESON.
COLIN SINCLAIR.

Bank Robbery.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 18.—Kennedy's bank, at Hope, south of here, was entered at 2 o'clock this morning, the safe blown open with nitro glycerine and \$15,000 carried off by two men who were seen to leave the building by the night operator in the telephone exchange. The robbers had a confederate posted outside with a carriage in which all escaped. A posse has been organized by the citizens of Hope and has started out after the robbers. Hope is only five miles from Flat Rock, where the safe in the postoffice was blown open early Monday morning and \$200 taken. It is presumed that the operators in both cases are the same.

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Denver market for fresh cabbage. c10

Two passengers wanted for a quick trip to Whitehorse. Fare \$75. Inquire Fairview, hotel.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

The police court opened to a full house this morning, Magistrate Rutledge presiding. The first case called was that of George Mick vs. George Wise. George Wise had hit the forehead of Mick "on de kisser" recently in the Aurora No. 1 saloon, thereby displaying his unwisdom to the great damage of the Mick mouth. The difficulty grew out of a nuisance committed by Mick which was resented by Wise in the manner stated. Wise paid a \$2 fine rather than languish in jail seven days, which was the alternative offered by the court.

Wm. Bowman complained that last evening he had been assaulted by Charles Rithkie of the Klondike hotel, who had struck him with his fist just over the left optic, thereby knocking him into the corner. Rithkie entered a plea of not guilty, when Wm. Oleson was called by the prosecution and testified that he had seen Rithkie either strike or push the plaintiff, who fell to the floor. Bowman testified that the went there to collect a bill of Rithkie about a month ago, and was then threatened with dire things, and, being a cripple had kept out of the way till last evening, deeming that the moon was in the proper position to insure success, and that the Rithkie wrath had had ample time to subside, he called at the hotel where he sat talking to a lady when the warlike Rithkie came in and advanced towards him. He got up as any gentleman would to say good evening, but did not stop when he had said this, but with indiscretion came at once to the point and said "How about that account," whereupon the accused had "hailed off and hit" him over the eye, causing his immediate retirement from business. Rithkie then somewhat modified his plea by the statement that he got vexed that he just hit him once. "I didn't knock him down; I just hit him easy and I guess he laid down." "Ten dollars and cost, or a month in jail," said the judge, and after the fine had been paid all the parties drifted out into the snowstorm.

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to have been offered to him by the Rosario-Mining Company of Fort Worth, Tex., for \$800,000.

The state department has rendered an opinion to the effect that the United States government cannot intervene in favor of Puerto Rico in the matter of her claim against Cuba for \$2,000,000. At the request of Secretary of War Root, the house committee on insular affairs has reported a bill increasing the salary of the commissioner of education of Puerto Rico from \$3000 to \$4000.

At a meeting of pan-Germans, protests were entered against the expulsion of Germans from the Transvaal. Some of the speakers so expelled alleged they were brutally treated by the British, and a government inquiry was demanded.

Records in price of New York stock exchange seats have been smashed, \$50,000 having been paid for a membership. This compares with \$13,500, the lowest record, made in 1893, and \$47,500, the old high record, made a few weeks ago.

With the arrival of the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm, for the first time immigrants were admitted to the new immigration station on Ellis island. The boat brought 653 steerage passengers, and these were the first to pass through the new "Castle Garden."

Challenge.

I hereby challenge to run 100 yards, best two in three heats, any or all skaters for any amount not exceeding \$100 and gate receipts. Race to take place in Dawson skating rink. For further particulars apply to manager rink. W. A. CONOVER.

Demented Woman at Large.

Mrs. Grant, a demented woman who is supposed to be looked after and cared for at the Good Samaritan hospital, escaped from that institution yesterday and came down town. The efforts of the hospital people to find her were unavailing and the aid of the police was enlisted. She was finally discovered in a First avenue restaurant. On leaving the hospital the demented woman had sufficient forethought to provide herself with a heavy cape which she picked up in the hall while leaving the hospital.

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