

YOUNG MAN GOES BLIND

Through Poisoning of His Eyes
With an Unclean Towel.

C. E. Davis' Pitiful Plight From
Which There Seems to Be no
Hope of Escape.

Near the Klondike bridge, just on the edge of the hill in South Dawson, in the cabin of his friend Edward Pierce, there sits, hour after hour and day after day, a man who has what is perhaps a more righteous cause to complain at the hand dealt him in the game of life by fate, than any living soul in Dawson.

The man's name is Charles E. Davis, and he will probably never see the light of day again. He is blind. The manner in which Mr. Davis, who is a young man, otherwise strong, vigorous and healthy, just in the prime of manhood, met his great misfortune is at once pathetic—aggravating to a degree. He was a miner, and at the time the recent quarantine was declared at the Forks, was engaged in prospecting a side hill claim opposite No. 2 Eldorado creek. One day he wiped his face, after washing on a towel which had been previously used by some one else for some unclean purpose, and his eyes were poisoned. He tried to doctor them himself, not knowing what was the matter, and used some eye water and steamed them over a vessel of hot water, but they grew steadily worse, till he went to the Forks one day intending to come to Dawson in search of relief through medical treatment. He found, upon arrival there, that there was a quarantine on, and still delayed a few days. Then, there being no improvement in his case, he consulted Dr. Edwards, who advised him to come to Dawson at once, and procured a pass for him to pass the quarantine lines, which he did. It had been his intention to secure the services of Dr. Alfred Thompson, but at the time he arrived here, Dr. Thompson was away on a trip to the Stewart river, the sufferer, whose eyes were now giving him so much trouble that he felt the urgency of immediate treatment, entered the Good Samaritan hospital under the care of Dr. McDonald.

He failed to improve any and in fact his eyes grew rapidly worse until now, as noted above, he is practically blind. In conversation with a representative of this paper yesterday he spoke as follows:

My right eye is totally gone so far as sight is concerned, and the left one barely enables me to distinguish between bright light and total darkness. There is a chance, I am told, although a very slender one, that the sight may yet be partially restored to my left eye, but in order to take advantage of this, I must get to a specialist on the outside, and that soon.

"In the winter time under the existing conditions here, you can see what this chance amounts to.

The sufferer is now in charge of Dr. Thompson and everything possible is being done for his relief. His friends are in hopes that he may succeed in reaching the outside for special treatment before his eyesight becomes a total loss.

Still on Trial.

The damage suit by Mrs. McConnell against the water company is still before Justice Craig.

This morning Assessor Ward Smith was on the stand under the fire of Attorney Wade's questions concerning the assessment of the Melbourne hotel and other properties. The assessment of the volume of business of the Melbourne, the witness could not remember, but he produced documentary evidence going to show that the building and lots had been assessed at \$31,000. He said that afterwards this figure had been reduced to a much lower figure by the court of revision.

Concerning the unlovely tank house having been placed before the side door of the hotel he avowed that if the Melbourne was his property he would not do any vigorous kicking concerning the obstruction, but on the other hand he would not solicit any one to place a building of the kind there.

So far as the obstruction of the view from the windows and that of the house from the opposite side of Third street was concerned, Mr. Smith thought the detriment was more than overbalanced by the benefit of having the water there.

"But we don't want the water there," said Mr. Wade; "you can take the water and put it any where you like. We object to this house."

When questioned about the length of time two round sticks and a log would burn in an air tight heater with the draught shut off, Mr. Smith said: "Oh, dear! Now, how on earth can I tell about that. I have heard of stoves that will keep a fire all night, but I never

owned one. I don't know how long two round sticks and a log will burn."

Mrs. McConnell was called in rebuttal, but she was suffering from a severe cold and her evidence could not be heard distinctly.

She testified concerning the methods practiced by the Standard theater people and the water company to make connections with the mains of the water company instead of the A. C. Co.'s water pipes, contrary to agreement. Some argument followed as to the admissibility of evidence in this matter which was finally ruled out.

With regard to a conversation she had held with Mr. Mizner regarding the signing of a petition asking for the removal of the building, Mrs. McConnell said that Mr. Mizner had said he would like to sign the petition, but he had just been dining with Justice Dugas and hadn't time. He had told her to go to Mr. Fairbanks and tell him to sign for the company.

COMING AND GOING.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the museum association was held last evening at which Commissioner Ogilvie was chosen permanent president.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, of 60 below Bonanza, will give a grand dance at that popular hostelry tomorrow evening. Free stages will leave McDonald hotel at 6 and 7 p. m.

First avenue sidewalks have had the corrugation chopped down till they are in very good condition. There are a number of places on Second avenue where a little carving would result in improvement.

Where Are the People?

The big crowds of people noticed in Dawson last fall have dwindled down until fully one-half of them are not longer in evidence. They did not all go to the outside on the late steamers; in fact, very few of them went and the late steamers carried in almost as many passengers as they took out. Yet these people are not in town, hence they must be scattered around on the creeks where many of them are employed and others are awaiting the beginning of work and are hibernating in creek cabins until that time to escape the wives and allurements that beset the unemployed in the city.

Local Matters Discussed.

The Dawson Liberal Club, of which Thos. O'Brien is president, and Mr. Turner, of Bruce & Turner, is secretary, met Tuesday night in the Board of Trade rooms when matter of purely local rather than of political interest were discussed. The question of the present poor service afforded by the mail carriers was the principal topic discussed. A committee was appointed to confer with those in charge of the work to see what can be done towards relieving the present deplorable condition of affairs.

Orpheum to Open.

Alec Pantages is again to front as manager of the Orpheum theater, that house to be opened on Monday night next as a "legit" theater, the initial performance opening with the three-act drama, "Bob, or the Debutante." Fred C. Lewis is stage manager. The company includes Bob Lawrence, Billy Mullen, Fred Breen, James Duncan, Julia Walcott, Babette Pyne, Sappho, Lillian Grant, Kate Rockwell, Evaline, Josie Gordon, Ollie Delmar, May Miner, Garnett, Mae Stanley, Dolly Paxton and Mable Williams.

Board of Trade Meeting.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade last night steps were taken which today resulted in the following communication being submitted to Commissioner Ogilvie today: To the Honorable William Ogilvie, Esq., Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Dawson:

Sir—I am directed by the Board of Trade to transmit to you the following resolution which was duly passed at a regular meeting of the trustees Wednesday evening, December 19th, 1900:

"Whereas, The contractors at present handling the mails are manifestly neglecting the spirit of the mail contract and are not in any sense of the word furnishing a mail service, thereby causing great injury to the entire community; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Board of Trade request the Yukon council to take such steps immediately, by way of recommendation or otherwise, as will lead to the withdrawing of the mail contract from contractors either unwilling or incompetent to furnish a service commensurate with the price paid and to the placing of the service in the control of those who may be able and will furnish a competent service."

Trusting that you will give this matter your usual prompt attention, I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

F. W. CLAYTON, Sec.

The following memorial was ordered presented to the Yukon council:

1. That, whereas, the expense and delay of collecting small debts in the Yukon territory is very great and make collections through the territorial court unprofitable and burdensome.

2. And whereas, it has been proposed by the Yukon council to pass an ordinance dealing with the collection of small debts and conferring jurisdiction on magistrates to try the same.

3. We, the members of the Board of Trade of Dawson are of the opinion that such an ordinance should be passed immediately and would request and urge upon the Yukon council the desirability of passing such an ordinance.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate McDonnell presided in police court this morning, the only case on for hearing being one in which B. F. Germain was charged by Chas. A. Wickerdahl with having misappropriated funds to the amount of \$50. The evidence of Wickerdahl was that on the 13th of October and when in the employ of Germain in the capacity of cook, he had entrusted the latter with a letter and \$50 with the request that he purchase a money order for that amount, enclose it in the letter and register the same to a certain lady in Oakland, California; that Germain promised to comply with his request and the same day returned to him (Wickerdahl) the change—the balance left of \$2 given Germain with which to pay the charges of having the money order issued and letter registered; together with the receipt for the register. By the last mail to arrive from the outside Wickerdahl received a letter from the lady which states that the registered letter was duly received and that it did not contain any money order as it stated. Wickerdahl further claims that inquiry at the Dawson postoffice shows that the money order in question was never issued. Frank Dugal, who at the time mentioned was head waiter at Germain's, testified to having seen Wickerdahl give Germain the money with instructions as to its disposition. Attorney Howden who appeared for Germain in the case, submitted that the letter from the lady in Oakland could not be submitted in evidence in that it was not sworn to and might be the result of a collusion. He asked that the charge be dismissed. The court, being desirous that the postmaster and postoffice money order clerk be heard in the case, continued it until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A. F. Brant Dead.

There died at St. Mary's hospital yesterday morning a young man well known both in town and on Hunker, as a freighter and wood dealer. His name was A. F. Brant.

Mr. Brant came from his native state, Pennsylvania, in 1898 to the Klondike and has engaged in various occupations since, the last of which was freighting on Hunker creek.

There are many cases on record where men have known that their death was due at a certain time, and have set their houses in order accordingly, but few incidents have been known where a man of only 22 years of age, has kept at work for over a month, suffering all the time with a painful illness, settling up accounts and making preparations for his end with the method and coolness of a soldier who has heard his death warrant read.

The deceased had been sick for a month yet had settled all his accounts before coming to the hospital, which he entered some two weeks before his death, which, because of the delay in coming, was known to be inevitable from the first.

Still Voting Liberal.

A private wire received today by Capt. H. A. Bliss conveys the information that the late Liberal victory in general Canadian elections was meant by the voters. The late provincial election in Quebec for the selection of members to the local legislature was but a reiteration of the party fealty expressed at the general election, the result, according to the message received today, being the election of 65 Liberals to 9 Conservatives.

Furs for Christmas.

We will undersell any other firm in Dawson in the fur line during the balance of 1900. L. H. LOUGHEED, The Furrier, Second ave., next to S. Y. T.

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A Blotch, part St. Bernard, reddish brown, scar on nose, badly used—In French & Carroll.

LOST—A Black Pocket Book, Tuesday, 18th, between Fairview Hotel and Old Post Office, containing papers and money. A reward will be given if returned to Mrs. Blaker, Fairview Hotel.

LOST—Brown Pup, two months old, white feet and tail. Return to Bay City Market.

FOR SALE.

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It is amusing to watch the expression of visitors when they enter the doors and first observe the beauty of the scene, as nearly in every case the visitor pauses in astonishment at the striking effect. The place is well worth visiting if for nothing but curiosity.

The Tiffany of the Klondike, Sale & Co. the jewelers.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Try Cascade Laundry for high-class work at reduced prices.

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