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IT WAS A RED HOT GO

Claimants for Fairy Smiles Engage in Battle Royal.

Clark and "Kid" Owens Meet on the Field of Honor—The Fight by Rounds.

Dawson has taken another hitch in her trousers and made one more step forward in the effete ways of the far east. Her latest claim to distinction is due to a typical "affaire d'honneur" which took place in the Club gymnasium at a late hour Saturday night, the cause being a woman's smile, the love for whom had driven many a good man to hard drink. Mae Stanley, though a mother for 12 years, is a stunner before the footlights. Petite, vivacious, possessing an angelic face and a form which Venus might have envied, she has numbered her captives by the score. Among them was Joe Clarke, hero of a hundred battles fought against corruption, politician and general secretary to everything. "Kid" Owens, connoisseur of beauty and formerly a member of the police, was likewise bound by silken ties to her of the seraphic smile. Joe and the "Kid" were partners once but are strangers now and this is how it happened. At an unseasonably early hour Saturday morning the object of their adulation paid them a call at the cabin they were occupying on Second avenue and in the distribution of smiles the ex-soldier of the king scored the most points. Joe got real mad, said she was a nasty thing, the imputation was resented, a mixup occurred and Joe emerged with a beautifully tinted optic. The following evening satisfaction was demanded and it was arranged that the matter should be settled in a gentleman's way, the weapons to be such as nature had provided. There was to be no limit to the number of rounds, it was to be a battle until one or the other dropped dead.

The meeting, as was stated, took place in the gymnasium. Billy Perkins was chosen as referee, Cariboo Sinclair seconded the "Kid," Jack Merritt held the sponge for Clarke and Billy Reed acted as official timekeeper. Light four-ounce gloves were used and Curly Monroe, who rubbered through window, constituted the audience. Joe

weighed in at 135 and the "Kid" at 135.

Round 1—Both sparred cautiously for some time; the "Kid" turned his head around to spit and as he came back Joe handed him a left uppercut, knocking out two gold front teeth. Referee allowed five minutes in which to look for the teeth. Unsuccessful. Supposed Cariboo found them later and sold them to Uncle Hoffman.

Round 2—Joe's wind getting short. Argued much with the referee on his decisions. Merely a subterfuge to gain time and incidentally a little wind. The "Kid" got a left hook which brings the claret. Reciprocates.

Referee kept busy breaking clinches.

Round 3—Spent principally in wrestling. Greasy-Roman the favorite style.

Round 4—Clark's wind still shy. More arguments with the referee. Asks for a change of venue, but Owens would not stand for it. Latter called Joe a coward and told him to get up and fight.

Round 5—Ditto.

Round 6—Ditto.

Round 7—Owens landed a straight left on the point of the jaw. Clarke facetiously asked why he did not follow it up. "Kid" replied that he proposed prolonging the torture to the bitter end.

Up to the 13th round honors were even. Owens got his second wind and made Clarke look like 30 cents. The latter wanted the referee to call it off and let them adjourn to the hill back of town where it could be finished with bare fists.

Round 14—Several hot punches to the stomach and Clarke's second threw up the sponge. He could go on no longer. Claimed the hot air knocked him out.

Owens has a little science, but in a rough and tumble fight Clarke would have done him to a finish. The usual collection was omitted from the program. At the conclusion of the bout Clarke had two hum lumps, a scratched nose and a bleeding heart. Owens looked like a hamburger steak, but is satisfied that he won the game.

About the girl? Ask the long chap who is always seen wearing "golfer's" and a big sombrero.

Herbert Safe.
Geo. Murphy, proprietor of the Bonanza Market, writes his brother from Skagway that W. S. Herbert who was a passenger on the Islander is among the saved. It is believed that Herbert is identical with the U. S. Hebert who is reported elsewhere in this issue as being the first man to arrive in Juneau overland from the wreck.
Mr. Herbert's father who is in Dawson is overjoyed to know of his son's safety.

SUICIDE YESTERDAY

D. H. Wright Takes His Own Life—Had Been Drinking.

Dawson has again been visited by the demagogical monster suicide. The latest victim is D. H. Wright who died yesterday afternoon at 4:30 from the effect of a large dose of arsenic taken early in the morning.
The poison had begun its deadly work before a physician could be summoned and after a lingering illness during which he suffered the most intense agony and which all the efforts made to relieve him were unavailing he succumbed to the effect of the poison which had been administered by his own hands. That he had premeditated his own destruction for several days is an assured fact.

Wright lived with his wife in the Arcade building on Third street just above Third avenue.

He was a very heavy drinker and for some time past had been on a protracted spree. One morning a few days ago he exhibited to his wife a powder which he said was a sedative powder which he was going to take as soon as he could get some champagne with which to take it.

Yesterday morning he came home about 6 o'clock with a bottle of champagne and taking the powder from his pocket he put it in the glass, drank it and afterwards went to bed.

Mrs. Wright left the house shortly afterwards to attend early mass at St. Mary's church which commences at 7 o'clock and when she left he was all right and sound as 'cep. She returned from church shortly after 9 o'clock and found him suffering the most acute pain.

She asked him what the powder he had taken was and he again told her it was a sedative. As his pain increased she called to Mr. O'Brien, who, with

his family, occupies the front of the house.

Wright still denied having taken any poison but thinking that there was something materially wrong Mr. O'Brien notified the police and sent for a doctor.

It was after 10 o'clock when the doctor was sent for and even had it been known that he had taken the poison the chances would have been very small for his recovery, but he still denied having taken the poison and continued to do so until shortly before his death.

Every effort was made to relieve the intense pain he was suffering, but it

was all unavailing and he finally told the doctor that the efforts were useless as he had taken a large dose of arsenic and was beyond all human help. Within a very few moments after making that statement he gave up the struggle and was dead.

BERRY BACK IN DAWSON.

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moody, building and operating stoves and dams together, and in every way each working in conjunction with the other. I found a creek near Teller that would have done very well as a hydraulic proposition, but the claim

owners were so tickled up that no two men could be made to work together. I offered to put in a plant, but I couldn't get a chance.

"I was accused down there of having arrived with Eldorado expectations, but it was untrue. All I asked for was a good, big piece of ground with a well defined paystreak that would pay in response to a generous outlay of capital—a little better than expenses to the shovel each day, but I could not find a paystreak in the whole Teller district. There are some spots of gold here and there, but that is about all you can say for the country. And about those rich pans you often hear

of, I never saw any. I visited a number of the best claims, but they are always just gone through the dirt."

Mr. Berry does not think, however, that the lower country is wholly unprofitable. The fault lies principally with the people rather than with the country. There is an extensive territory containing more or less of little will be accomplished in the way of inducing outside capital to do now for the price asked for property. We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store. Photo supplies reduced at Georgetown.

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