

HA'S TRICK

From Vancouver in defiance of U. S. Regulations.

SHOULD COME TO GRACE.

for Presidency and led by Papers.

CHILDREN IN COURT.

Boat Men Reach Skagway Heavy Business is Predicted.

B. C., April 7, via Skagway. The steamer Alpha arrived for Nome with 386 in open defiance of the U. S. regulations. The secretary had wired to enforce the law against the steamer, and she was permitted to land at an anchor. She will probably be brought back and confiscated. A sub-port.

Shot for Dewey.

Admiral Dewey has himself a candidate for the presidency, and the hot shot he is getting is warmer than the papers from the Spanish.

Kansas City Fire.

City, April 6, via Skagway. The building in which the national convention was held on July 4th was destroyed by fire; loss \$400,000, rebuilt at once.

Children in Court.

April 7th, via Skagway, April 7th. A. M. Jose who has lately been freed from her husband, who Klondiker, has a suit on for custody of her children. A wife case, James Flood, was perjured. When the officer handcuffed Flood said: "No, no" and fled. The officer fired after him, but he escaped, arrested later.

Steamboat Men Coming.

April 12.—Fifty steamboats arrived here in the past two or three days and are going to meet and other outside points. Generally believed that navigation this year open fully three months.

Rev. Sinclair Expected.

A. Sinclair, who left Bennett city over two weeks ago with a wife, is expected daily to arrive at the end of his journey. Should be here between now and Sunday. He is not too much fatigued from his journey, he will probably occupy right's pulpit on that day. Sinclair, having been for a long time in charge of the Skagway Presbytery, has hosts of friends here who will be pleased to meet him. While here he will deliver several missions on the creeks most densely populated, after which he will return to Clouseleigh and a Presbyterian congregation. The company having presented a letter for this purpose. The company to give material aid in the erection of the church building.

Nels Peterson Telegraphs.

Daniels is in receipt of a telegram from Nels Peterson stating that he left Seattle Wednesday last on his way to Dawson. He reports that the company to be in excellent condition with every indication of a prosperous season.

GAME LAWS ARE NEEDED

For This Country the Same as in Older Places.

Question Now Being Before Yukon Council—Text of New Proposed U. S. Game Law.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Within the past few weeks the need of some sort of protection to the wild game of the Yukon district has been forcibly called to the attention of the Yukon council, with the result that action is being taken by that honorable body insofar that an ordinance has been introduced looking to the bringing about of the desired ends.

The council will do well to remember that the time to protect game is while there is game to protect, and not after it has been either exterminated or driven far back from the haunts of civilization and beyond the reach of all save the most daring and intrepid hunters.

Perhaps in no country on the American continent is there a more valuable quality of game than in the Yukon district, and with the necessary legal protection from ruthless, careless and indiscriminate slaughter in season and out of season, it will serve to supply the miner and prospector with food for many years to come. It is to be hoped the local council will treat the ordinance now pending in a broad and comprehensive manner.

Appropos of the question now before the local council, the Seattle P.-I. prints the following relative to game laws for the States, where, in the majority of cases, there is but little to protect as compared with the amply stocked hills and valleys of this country:

"Much local interest has been aroused by a bill now being considered by the house of representatives relating to state game laws. Congressman Cushman has sent copies of it to Seattle sportsmen for the purpose of obtaining their views on the subject. The bill, which has been reported favorably upon by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, has been printed.

"It provides for the enlargement of the powers of the secretary of agriculture, so as to include the preservation, distribution, introduction and restoration of game and other wild birds. He is authorized to purchase such fowl as may be required, subject, however, to the game laws of the states and territories. The object is to aid in the restoration of birds that have become scarce, and the introduction of others in parts of the country where they have not before existed. It is made unlawful to import into the United States any foreign wild animal or bird except under special permit from the department of agriculture, the object being to keep out such pests as the English sparrow, the mongoose, the fruit bats, the starling and others that may be considered injurious. All such are to be destroyed or returned at the expense of the owner.

"Another important proviso is the following, which is designed to prevent the killing of game contrary to the laws of one state and shipping it for sale in another, where there is not a prohibitory law:

"That all dead bodies or parts thereof, of any foreign animals or birds, the importation of which is prohibited, or the dead bodies, or parts thereof, of any wild animals or birds transported into any state or territory or remaining therein for use, consumption, sale, or stage therein, shall upon arrival in such state or territory, be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such state or territory enacted in the exercise of its police powers, to the same extent and in the same manner as though such animals or birds had been produced in such state or territory, and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced there in original packages or otherwise.

"In reporting the bill back, the committee said: "In many of the states the native birds have been well-nigh exterminated. Agriculture suffers a pecuniary loss by their destruction, for they are the farmers' and planter's best friends in the destruction of noxious insects. There is a sentiment involved in the question that makes the preservation and restoration of these birds a matter of public concern. Attempts have frequently been made by private individuals and clubs to introduce new varieties, or to restore again the old varieties of feathered life. Their active and persistent foes have usually destroyed such birds within a year or two after their introduction.

"There have been some notable exceptions to this rule. In Oregon the

Chinese pheasant has become abundant, though it has been introduced within the last 20 years. Your committee believes that the birds that may be the subject of experiment by the department of agriculture will receive more encouragement from the people than in private individuals undertake their introduction or restoration.

"The grouse of the Northwestern Pacific coast would no doubt readily adapt itself to the woods of Pennsylvania and the states of the far South.

"At a moderate expense the department of agriculture could not only introduce new species, but could return species that have become locally extinct, and at the same time disseminate such information as would create a healthy public sentiment for their preservation."

THE HERO OF LADYSMITH.

When it comes to praising heroes For the valor they've displayed, There is one to be remembered For the gallant stand he made. He is Ladysmith's true hero, Well deserving wide renown For his patience and his courage In the long-besieged town.

Four long months he grimly battled With a fierce and eager foe, Seeming doomed to slow starvation— Or a sudden overthrow? But he fought from dawn till nightfall, And he watched from eve till dawn, Baffling schemes of strong besiegers As he stubbornly held on.

Though on every side encompassed, Though with shot and shell assailed, He kept Britain's colors flying, And his spirit never quailed. Long and trying were his vigils, For he fed him night and day, But he watched and fought and guarded, And he kept the foe at bay.

Famine's specter rose to plague him, And still ever closer crept; Every day brought new privations, And disease upon him swept. But, though tried by sore afflictions, Ever brighter grew his fame, And he held at bay the foe men Till the longed-for succor came.

To the valor of this soldier Is the greatest honor due, For in four long months of battle To all duties he was true; And when honor and British heroes Are accorded laurels bright, There'll be none found more deserving Than brave Sir George Stewart White.

Hester Creek.

W. P. Wood, who with his partner, Mr. Bullock, has a two years' lay on No. 3 Hester, on which they began work about the first of the present year, is in the city for the first time in several weeks. Mr. Wood reports the few claims now being operated on Hester as turning out very promising dumps.

Claim No. 1 is being worked by a quartette composed of Alex Mathews, Bartlett, Donnelly and Johnson. They have out a big dump of as high grade gravel as is to be found on any of the older and more celebrated creeks. Jack Huntington's claim is also showing well and will yield handsome returns at the cleanup.

No. 2, on which Wood and Bullock are working is not yet thoroughly prospected, as bedrock has not yet been reached. However, they have got down to good paying gravel and expect to reach bedrock in a few days. They have not yet had a hauler on their claim, but have arranged for one as soon as they are ready to begin the work of drifting.

Mr. Wood does not anticipate any lack of water for sluicing purposes on Hester, but thinks the work of cleaning up will be much earlier this year than last.

Cronje Ate and Smoked.

In a brilliant description of Cronje's surrender a correspondent to the London Daily Mail says:

"It was a picturesque scene when Cronje was brought to Lord Roberts at the headquarters camp. A heavy-shouldered, almost hump-backed man, heavy-eared and heavy-lipped, clad farmer-like in drab, and wearing a broad-brimmed felt hat, lumbered along on a little grey Boer pony, followed by an escort of Lancers.

"Dismounting, he found himself before the little, wiry, close-knit Roberts. It was the greatest contrast possible, but Lord Roberts, who was wearing a sword, received the Boer general with a dignity that made him look six feet high.

"Cronje bore himself with dignified simplicity, accepting with a bow the chair which Lord Roberts himself proffered him. They talked together for some minutes, Cronje's secretary, Mr. Keizer, interpreting.

"Cronje said it was impossible for him to hold out against the position the British had gained, and he had to recognize the inevitable. The Boer leader showed no emotion at his situation, accepting it with fortitude and even occasionally smiling grimly. He had a very uncomfortable time, he said, and had lost terribly.

"Between 3000 and 4000 prisoners marched out of the laager, as well as Mrs. Cronje and a grandson, who accompanied the commandant.

"The only disappointed man is Gen. Hector Macdonald, who was nursing his wounded foot and talking of the anniversary of Majuba. He thought the victory cheaply bought.

"Later—As I have already telegraphed, the game was finished this morning. A

few minutes of daylight were this morning enough to show Cronje the decisive nature of the advantage the Canadians had gained in the darkness.

"He sent out a white flag at 6 o'clock, and then came out alone, and, after some brief negotiations, rode in charge of Gen. Pretzman to Lord Roberts' camp. Even now when all was lost he could not miss an opportunity of deceiving the hated roomek, who this day 18 years ago left him with a bullet in his body, which he carries still.

"After a few minutes' conversation, during which Lord Roberts was most considerate and courteous, Cronje asked for breakfast, and ate heartily and unconcernedly.

"'Look,' said a young officer, 'he gives us all this trouble, and is now fast wolfing our ham.'

"After breakfast he smoked a cigar—one of a few remaining choice ones with which the staff is supplied. He smoked with philosophic enjoyment. When it was finished he asked for another, as he was without his pipe.

"Then an officer went and asked him how many men surrendering it was necessary to provide rations for.

"'About 3000,' he said. A few hours later, when the disarmed Boers marched into camp and were counted, it was found that Cronje was a thousand wide of the truth. There were over 4000, besides a number of women and children."

The Chilkoot Tunnel.

L. D. Kinney, the original promoter of the Chilkoot tunnel scheme has returned from the Sound. In a late issue of the Post-Intelligencer Mr Kinney said that among those interested in the Chilkoot Tunnel Company are D. W. Small, of Walla Walla; Michael King, of the Victoria & Yukon Transportation Company; F. F. Stotko, of Skagway; C. W. Young, of Juneau; Sam Blum, of Juneau; F. D. Nowell, of Juneau; W. Erskine, of Boston, and George Westervelt, of New York; that the Canadian capital in the project is \$1,000,000 and the American capital \$50,000.

He estimates that it will require \$115,000 to put the 3800-foot tunnel through and \$1,500,000 to complete a proposed second and much larger tunnel below the first—one should the latter prove a success.

It is also proposed to construct an electric railroad from Dyea through the tunnel to Whitehorse rapids.

Kinney said he expected the railroad committee of the British Columbian parliament to give a permit soon to proceed with the tunnel work, and with the prestige of such a permit he says he does not anticipate a refusal of the parliament to grant a charter or any difficulty in interesting ample capital to carry out the whole plan.—Alaskan.

Committee Report Forwarded.

The report submitted by the Board of Trade committee on mines, mining and smelting, which is composed of Messrs. Jozier, Condon and McGivray which report was most carefully prepared by the two gentlemen first named on the committee, and which was published in the Nugget as adopted by the Board of Trade, was yesterday forwarded to Ottawa where it is believed by those most vitally interested, it will receive due and favorable consideration. Its unanimous adoption at a full meeting of the board, which board is composed of upwards of 100 men the majority of whom are mine owners and operators, gives to it sanction and weight which have never yet accompanied any request forwarded for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, singly or collectively, which it is thought the consideration of this document at Ottawa will bring about. It is the first time in the history of the Yukon that the miners as one man have intelligently engrossed and embodied their views, expressions of opinion and desires in a document for presentation at headquarters and there is little doubt but that the presentation of fair, liberal and broad-minded expression of general feeling will redound to the benefit of all who are in any way interested directly or indirectly in mines and mining.

Woes of an Undertaker.

An undertaker of this city is constantly growling over the narrow limits to which his advertisements are confined. Just the other day, picking up a newspaper, the man of somber countenance turned over its pages until his eyes caught an attractive ad.

"See here," he said. "Now we have it. I will read: 'Make the children happy. Sensible presents that will delight the children.' Can we say that we have a special line of little plush caskets that will delight the children?"

"What special inducements can we offer to attract trade? Can we say, we will send some of our homemade coffins on trial, to be returned if not satisfactory?"

"Suppose we were to say that we had a special line of high grade caskets

which we procured at a special dissolution sale, which we were offering at reduced rates to those who call early. I tell you it would not be considered professional. We cannot advertise any bargain sales in our business. We cannot say that we have bargains hitherto unheard of that will delight and astonish all who call upon us.

"Just notice this" said the sad one, turning over another page of the paper and reading from the woman's department: "Cut this ad out and send to us. State your weight and height; also the number of inches around the waist and bust, and we will send you a beautiful plush cape by express, subject to your examination, and if found perfectly satisfactory, you may send us the money for it. If not satisfactory, return to us at our expense." Now, there is a great piece of business enterprise, but we don't feel at liberty to branch out in that way.

"Then there is that splendid scheme of testimonials. A man writes a letter stating how well he is satisfied with the goods, and the advertiser runs to the newspaper with it. It might be proper for a man to say that he has tried John Doe's sassafras and found it satisfactory. We can get no one to say that he has used our burial boxes and that he has found them satisfactory.

"Talk about men being born free and equal, it isn't so. Other men are advertising for a special trade, and we simply have to sit here and take what comes. We can't even say 'trade solicited.'"—Rochester Herald.

Prosperous Bennett.

Bennett is flourishing—of boisterously so, but moving along a trifle in advance of the procession of most burghs in the province. The past couple of weeks found our merchants and hotel men doing a large business. Many new enterprises have been started and persons from other parts of the world have decided to cast their lot with this new but rising city. And speaking of climates, right here at this season of the year Bennett can't be beat for climate.—Bennett (B. C.) Sun.

Incoming Mail.

The incoming mail reached Selkirk last night; and if no accident happens, it should arrive in Dawson on Saturday. The consignment is quite large, but the carriers have experienced no difficulty in traversing the lakes and upper river.

Eggs, Oranges, Lemons.

A. M. Kilgore arrived this morning with seven tons of apples, oranges, lemons and eggs. He made the trip from Bennett in 22 days and came in with six horses and three sleighs. With him arrived Messrs. Stewart, Falkner, Gregory and Markwood.

New P. O. Building.

A telegram has been received by Postmaster Hartman requesting him to notify contractors and builders to prepare their bids to submit for the erection of the proposed new postoffice building according to the plans and specifications now in his possession where they may be seen by those who so desire. Each bid must be accompanied by an approved bond for double the amount of \$10,000, which has been appropriated for the erection of the building. An official of the postal department of the Canadian government, the superintendent of public construction for postal purposes, is now on his way to Dawson and all bids will be opened and acted upon by him on his arrival.

Several Dawson contractors have signified their intentions of submitting bids for the work. The new building will be erected on the corner of Third avenue and Third street.

Manager Wills Returns.

H. T. Wills, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, arrived in town this morning from Bennett. With him came R. L. Cowen, who will be teller of the bank to succeed Mr. Maynard, William Rourke, familiarly known as "Colonel Bill," and Frank Speller. The journey from Bennett was accomplished in 12 days.

During his absence Mr. Wills traveled extensively in the United States and Canada and made a trip to England and the Continent.

He reports the trail as exceptionally good, although he was advised to the contrary at Bennett.

Temporary quarters have been engaged for the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch at Clouseleigh, although in the conversation which the Nugget man held with Mr. Wills it was inferred that closely will not be a lively business point. There are as yet no improvements made there, but active operations will probably commence at the opening of navigation. It is the intention of the bank to open a down to an office again, but at what time Mr. Wills did not state.

FOR NEW SIDE WALKS.

Committee Will Make Recommendation Today.

All Walks on Streets Between Front and Fourth Avenues to Be Eight Feet Wide.

The special committee appointed at the last regular session of the Yukon council and to whom was referred a petition relating to sidewalks will, it is stated, submit to the council at its regular meeting this evening a report favoring the granting of the petition and the carrying out of its suggestions as soon as possible.

The purport of the report which will be submitted is reported to be that it will be recommended that a sidewalk 12 feet in width be constructed on the east side of Front street its entire length, and that on Second, Third and Fourth streets and Second avenue that walks eight feet in width be constructed on both sides of these particular thoroughfares. This will give to the business portion of the city a system of sidewalks commensurate with her growth and metropolitan appearance, as the present walks, if they can be dignified by the name, are but mere excurses.

To the same committee above mentioned was referred for its consideration the question of registration of dogs; but it is said that the committee will recommend that no action in the matter be taken.

The committee will also recommend, regarding the unsanitary conditions of the town of Grand Forks, that a new health district be formed to include Grand Forks and the valleys of Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, and that a board of health consisting of three members, of whom one should be a medical health officer, be appointed to have charge of the new district which shall be subject to the same laws of health and sanitation as now apply in Dawson.

Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The following letter has been received by Commissioner Ogilvie in acknowledgment of a draft for the amount of the proceeds of the entertainment given by the American citizens on the night of Washington's birthday for the benefit of the Canadian patriotic fund:

Ottawa, 19th March, 1900. William Ogilvie, Esq., Commissioner of the Yukon.

Sir: I am requested by the committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28th Feb., inclosing a bank draft for \$434.25, the proceeds of a concert held at Dawson on the 22d ult. Our executive committee desire to express their grateful acknowledgment to the citizens committee at Dawson for this renewed instance of their patriotic spirit and generosity.

It cannot be but most gratifying to all true hearted Canadian citizens to recognize and appreciate at its true worth, the kindly feeling thus manifested between them and their fellow citizens of Dawson, who are American subjects. The commemoration of heroic lives and deeds will ever tend to make all nations akin—and the relief of suffering caused by war is the strongest link to unite humanity.

I will transmit the draft to our treasurer who will send a receipt therefor and will acknowledge in full the source from whence it is derived in the public press. (Signed) D. T. IRWIN, Secretary.

Yukon Theosophists.

The Yukon Theosophists entertained a large audience last evening at its regular weekly open meeting. Mr. Wall read a most interesting paper on the theme of "Why He May Become a Theosophist." The reason or reasons why were so plain, pointed and pertinent that every one present seemed to appreciate them as their own, judging from the hearty approval and generous applause with which they were greeted, and the number of interesting questions which followed the reading of the paper. Mr. Wall was requested by unanimous vote of the club to give his admirable paper to the press for publication, as it was too useful and truthful for the mere adornment of an archive pigeonhole. The club will hold another open meeting on next Wednesday evening, when its chairman, Mr. Crum, will read a paper on "Theosophical Thoughts and Literature."

Drilling Suspended.

Drillmaster Sergeant Davis, of the V. F. F., is not active these days in his regular duties for the reason that what was once his drill grounds in the square is now a lake, the blind ditch which conducted water from the square and under the sidewalk and street into the Yukon having fallen in, with the result that water is two feet deep in some places on the sergeant's drill ground. As his men are not marines he has some hesitancy about procuring a fleet of canoes in which to drill.