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WAS IT CLEAN.

The Elks benefit performance was reported in our last issue and was an unqualified success but for one thing. It is doubtful if the ladies would attend a second one. At least a hundred ladies were present in the body of the house and many more up stairs, and their attendance was brought about by the solemn assurance many times repeated that the show would be pure and clean and such as any lady might attend. The talent volunteered for the occasion was abundant and of a high quality, and a man could sit with his family and enjoy it all till the last act. That last act caused ladies to reach for their wraps, and many and severe were the comments at the conclusion. They felt they had been inveigled to a charity benefit under false pretenses.

In an audience composed entirely of miners as is usual at these theatres, the performers habitually allow themselves the use of what they term "ginger," but when, as on Tuesday evening, there are ladies and gentlemen gathered together in the name of Charity and under the protecting wing of the Elks, those performers showed their appreciation of the changed conditions and all was serene as a day in June until the last act. Cad Wilson is undoubtedly popular, her repertoire extensive and there can be no excuse at all for her breaking faith with the public who had been assured over and over again that there would be nothing but what a gentleman might take his wife and family to hear and to see with perfect safety to their sense of propriety.

In justice to the Elks it must be admitted they are indignant at the breach of good faith but assure everybody that it was contrary to their wishes and to the promises made them. There has been a storm of indignation since the benefit and apologies for what they couldn't prevent have been most profuse. Cad Wilson has made no friends by her acts that night. Her audacity called out applause in the rear of the hall, but the ladies in front hung their heads and their escorts wished they had never brought them. It was an exhibition of exceedingly bad taste on the part of the performer as well as superlatively poor judgment. The effects will be long felt by those getting up similar entertainments. For those performers who so carefully refrained from anything which might possibly be construed as offensive we have nothing but praise, but words are hardly strong enough to express our condemnation of anyone who deliberately and premeditatedly insults the better part of an audience.

"CONSISTENCY THOU ART A JEWEL."

The government organ makes sickly attempts to defend men and measures so severely and persistently condemned by this paper but resents the suggestion that they should have the courage to openly and courageously protect those who are known to be the best patrons of that paper. "We don't have to" is no argument at all. A lawyer is thought none the less of for defending a guilty client and an "official gazette" should live up to its name. As for the statements made in that paper to the effect that now the paper must be read or official news will not be seen, the Nugget desires to assure its readers that the records of the doings of the Yukon council,

the courts, and the various other governmental offices are as open to this paper as to any other. This much must be said in justice to the gentlemen of the administration who have always courteously met our representative and given any information it was in their power to give.

The object of the government in publishing ordinances, either city or council, is that the public may read and familiarize itself with those ordinances. We desire to raise the question of whether this object will be subserved in the present instance. If there is any virtue in the publication of a given law it surely must arise from the circulation of the periodical publishing it. The spirit of the law might be fulfilled in publishing in a cartoon magazine of a hundred circulation but it certainly is contrary to the spirit of the law.

For a defender to have much weight in defending an obnoxious official it is better that the defender's own skirts be cleared of government concessions and connection with timber deals, etc.

HOPE VS. DISEASE.

Hope has saved many a man's life. The frequent suicides in a mining camp, similar to the one reported in our local columns today, is the result of alternating hope and depression which must ever be the fate of most of the inhabitants of a mining region such as this. Under the stimulating and exhilarating effects of buoyant hope gigantic physical efforts are put forth in travelling, packing, sledding and what not, then comes disappointment, and a body drained of all its reserve energy is but poor support for a mind depressed. Disease often avails itself of the opportunity now offered of fastening its fangs, or the unhappy man is thrown from his mental balance and prefers death to life. The hospital records of Dawson show disease to attack largely the man with absolutely no means of sustenance and whose supply of hope was at a low ebb; while the list of suicides shows hope to have always been a minus quantity in the make-up of the despondent at the time the deed was committed. Suicidal mania always, and disease nearly always, pass by the man who with his sack in hand is joyfully anticipating the departure of the boat which is to bear him swiftly to his longed-for home.

BODIES PRESERVED INDEFINITELY.

The old formula repeated over bodies being interred in the ground, "Ashes to ashes; dust to dust," will be somewhat inappropriate in this section. A body interred under 10 feet of ground in the Dawson townsite would be rapidly frozen stiff and would remain in a perfect state of preservation until a radical change of climate shall have modified our Arctic conditions. Twelve thousand years ago the axis of the earth suddenly changed and this region which had been formerly tropical, and inhabited with purely tropical flora and fauna then became frigid. Animals which have since then become extinct from the face of the earth were frozen to death and preserved in glaciers, etc., until the present day. In Alaska the bodies of animals have of late years been dug from the ice for the ivory of their tusks or the perfectly fresh meat upon their bones. Bodies interred in the glacier which underlays Dawson will remain undecomposed until the end of time, or until a disturbance of the earth's axis again brings us into more temperate zones. If needful for any purposes the bodies could be disinterred at any time and found as they had been left.

NOT BLOCKADED NOW.

The rush of business at the office of the gold commissioner has fallen off until with the aid of the few additional clerks there is no longer a string of men hanging around the entrance for days and weeks as of yore. At almost any time of the day one can now secure admission and the days have passed when it cost from \$5 to \$25 fees outside of the regular cost to get a claim recorded. However, the quarters are too cramped and the force employed cannot be expanded as occasion may require. A succession

of stampedes would result at once in a blockade such as we were accustomed to seeing last winter and the past summer. Stampedes are not so easily induced now as formerly, and the crazy desire to stake unknown ground is not so perceptible. It may be they will not occur again as formerly and then the improved conditions at the office can be maintained.

A SUGGESTION ON SANITATION.

Sanitation is beginning to engage the attention of our prominent people—people whose co-operation is necessary to bring about the necessary reform. A gentleman of influence has suggested as an expedient solution of the difficulty that it might be a good plan to legislate all private outhouses out of existence and substitute in their place well cared for public retiring places. The subject is not pleasant but has to be considered if Dawson is to be anything but a pest house in the spring. We cannot do justice to our sick for there are too many for the amount of charity in Dawson. A thorough system of sanitation such as suggested above would, if effective, be far cheaper in the end than caring for the sick or burying the dead.

This time of year is demonstrable the worst in the country for travellers. The rivers are not yet cold enough to freeze solid, while the temperature of the atmosphere hovers around zero. Rivers and creeks must be crossed and yet to get wet means quick death to anyone unless he can reach a generous fire within a very limited time. The strength of snow-covered ice is problematical in November and only becomes safe later in the year. Even then there are warm springs on numerous creeks where water can be found beneath soft slush, and many an unwary traveller has occasion to bewail that fact. Frozen feet are nearly always preceded by getting them wet and being unable readily to get into dry footwear. The creeks are filled with men to whom this winter will be their first experience of Arctic conditions. Frozen faces, feet and hands will soon begin to be quite common. An occasional death, such as that of Surveyor Cadenhead, is a warning to all of the rapidity with which a man becomes helpless upon getting himself wet. Old timers warn us that it is unsafe to travel alone for if the unexpected happens a man by himself is helpless. Many a man's life is saved in these regions by his companions.

The steady stream of sleds passing daily up the Klondike and Bonanza creek is an indication of the number of men and the amount of work there will be done upon the creeks this winter. The unbroken procession of sleds reminds one of the trail over the summit this spring. Every man feels himself a prospective rich man or he would not submit to such arduous labors. Many must of necessity be disappointed, but we have a stout-hearted population and the majority of them throw off disappointment like a corrugated iron roof sheds water.

Not a Play of Words.

Does sweetheart, wife or baby dear
Remoan your absence? Do they fear
The hand of Providence will forbear
To guide you, east upon his care
Without belief in Heaven or prayer.

Taking things easy? or was it despair
That drove you from the old arm chair,
In doubt that God is always near,
To find His hidden treasure here
That helps to make life's trail clear?

And straight through death's cold flood so
If prospects on your claim appear (dear
So bright and fair that winnings this year
Will make of you a millionaire;
What then! Will loved ones' constant fear

Count for ought? Partner, unless you bear
Some burden of a cross which Christ doth share
You're lost and grieved your loved ones are,
Tonight my partner lies upon his bier,
God helping now the babes to cheer.
B. F. BAY.

Portland Market supplies hotels, restaurants and steamboats at special rates.

Poultry and game at Portland Market.

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A Good Map for 50 Cents.

The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields, should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50 cents.

THE PIONEER
DINSMORE, SPENCER & McPHER, Proprietors
BEST GRADES OF
SCOTCH and CANADIAN WHISKIES
And the Old Favorite Brand of
JACK McQUESTIAN CIGARS

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COR. FRONT AND SECOND STREET
Headquarters for
BEST OF WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS
Mixed Drinks a Specialty

ELDORADO SALOON
HALL, MCKINNEY & YOUNG, Proprietors
KLONDIKE CITY
Finest Brands of
Wines, Liquors and Cigars

The "Monte Carlo"
FINEST BAR IN DAWSON
QUALITY OF WINES AND LIQUORS THE HIGHEST
Mixed Drinks a Specialty
HIGHEST GRADES OF CIGARS

THE OPERA HOUSE
HAKKE, WILSON & PETERSON
Proprietors
DAWSON
Headquarters for Best of
Wines, Liquors and Cigars
Mixed Drinks a Specialty

BILLY CHENOWETH BILLY WILSON
THE BODEGA
223 First Avenue.
**Most Elegant Gentlemen's Resort
in Dawson.**

THE NORTHERN
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