

GUSTAFESON GETS BACK

And Tells of Many People Coming Over the Ice.

Gustafeson, the well-known cattle importer and all-round ruster, arrived yesterday from the outside, bringing with him his bride whom he recently married in Vancouver.

WOOD PRICES ON DECLINE

Best Quality May Now Be Had at \$12 Per Cord.

Within the past few days wood for fuel has declined from \$14 to \$12 per cord, the latter price now commanding the very best quality to be had.

EAGLES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Who Will Serve for Succeeding Six Months.

At the regular meeting last night of Dawson Aerie, No. 60, Fraternal Order of Eagles, the following officers were chosen to fill the various chairs for the coming six months: President F. W. Clayton, re-elected; Vice-President C. W. Larry; Chaplain, S. Marks; Secretary, Dr. Edwards, re-elected; Treasurer, John Mulligan, re-elected; Conductor, Frank Boyles; Trustees, J. A. Green, A. G. Martel, Gilbert Sinclair; Physician, Dr. J. A. Sutherland.

WILL ARRIVE WEDNESDAY

A Consignment of 700 Pounds of Mail Passed Selwyn.

An incoming consignment of mail, 700 pounds, passed Selwyn today at noon and should reach here sometime Wednesday unless a day and a half is consumed in coming from Ogilvie to Dawson as was the case with the last mail to arrive.

The B outfit.

The heaviest snowfall of the season at any one time occurred last night, when an average of about four inches fell. As it was very light the high wind caused it to drift considerably, but for all that it will greatly improve the roads. However, the river trail in places is said to be entirely obliterated.

Statutory Holiday.

Today was the Feast of the Epiphany, a statutory holiday in the province of Quebec, and was generally observed by the Roman Catholics of the city.

CASES WERE PROLONGED

Legal Luminaries Cause Slow Progress in Police Court.

When an attorney is employed in a police court case it means that the case will be long drawn out and the same questions will be asked from three to a dozen different times, thus revisiting recollections of James Whitcomb Riley's story of the country school teacher and the peanut.

Inspector Starnes sat as magistrate in police court this morning, the regular magistrate, Judge Macaulay, being engaged as revising barrister in the territorial court room.

The first case called was that of Harry Langelier and May Leslie, the two being jointly charged with stealing wood at West Dawson from Geo. De Lion to the value of \$100.

De Lion and Dan Stewart each testified, the former that he had owned and had not sold the wood in question to anyone, and the latter that he had purchased wood from Langelier which wood had been hauled from West Dawson when delivered to him.

Considerable legal hickering was indulged in by the opposing council in the case which was finally adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon in order that certain documentary evidence might be produced. During the hearing the man and woman both stood in the prisoner's box and it was probably the first time in its history that it ever drew a pair.

Harry Edwards of the Exchange saloon and dancehall was up on the charge of having sold liquor during prohibited hours, to-wit, early Sunday morning of December 29th. Both the prosecution and defence were represented by attorneys and the manner in which questions were asked, re-asked and then asked again was wonderful.

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DOG MARKET LOOKING UP

Mushers to Koyukuk Will Stimulate Trade.

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John Farnham was the next witness. His memory as to the time of night was better than that of Annie whose strong suit was to evade questions with "I don't quite understand." John said it was 12:30 Sunday morning when he first entered the Exchange and began to transfer draught beer from the keg to the capacious maw of Annie, and that after going upstairs and buying and drinking several bottles of wine it was fully two and a half hours later before he left the place.

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Against Re-enactment of Chinese Exclusion Act.

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As is well known, the law expires in May of next year, and already the opposing forces are lining up for the struggle. It has been the general impression that the proposed law extending the time so that Chinese shall not be allowed to enter the United States for another twenty years would be passed without much trouble. On the contrary, a strong opposition has been developed, and it is already assured that there will be a bitter fight.

The principal element which favors the removal of restrictions upon Chinese immigration comes from the manufacturing states of the east and middle west. The argument that is used is that if the United States expects to gain trade from China this country must treat the Chinese with as much consideration as the people of other nationalities.

They say, and quote statistics to prove it, that the trade possibilities in China and the far east are enormous; that one of the principal objects in keeping the Philippines was because as forming a gateway or entrepot to this trade, and that if the United States only gets its fair share of the great commerce that is awaiting development in that quarter it will far over-balance any disadvantage we might suffer through the abandonment of our exclusive policy toward the Chinese.

On the other hand, labor is up in arms on the subject. Senators and members of congress are being bombarded with letters and petitions from labor unions and organizations of all kinds in every part of the country, urging the prompt passage of a bill to extend the exclusion act.

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