

## TELEGRAPHIC CLICKS.

### The War Situation in Africa Is Improved.

### Aggressive Campaign in the Philippines Results in the Demoralization of the Filipinos.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 9.—The secretary of war has originated a plan of campaign in the Philippines, of a most aggressive character. From what has leaked out, it is believed that simultaneously, on the sixth inst., all the United States troops in the Philippines attacked the enemy. Generals Lawton, MacArthur and Wheaton attacked from as many different points. After the inaction of the past six months, the news of the vigorous measures being taken is received here with joy. Word has also reached here that a fleet of transports and tenders, bearing 5000 troops, have sailed from Manila to Dagupan to harass the retreat of the enemy. In all there are nearly 35,000 American troops engaged.

Victoria, Nov. 9.—Glowing reports from the seat of the war in Africa are being received. General White's sortie was the completest thing in the war. Over 600 Boers were killed, some 1500 captured and the position taken. This more than compensates for the British losses of a week ago, by which 700 picked British troops were made prisoners.

Seattle, Nov. 11.—The aggressiveness of the Americans has already borne fruit. It is reported that the Filipino leader, Aguinaldo, has fled to the hills. His demoralized troops are now temporarily without a head. General Wheaton has captured the port of San Sabin with trifling losses, the rebels being dislodged by a bayonet charge.

London, Nov. 9.—The success at Ladysmith was a serious blow to the Boers, who have withdrawn their troops from Colenso. The wild bayonet charge of the British troops with the Gordon Highlanders in the center, was a sweeping and bloody affair, resulting in a complete rout.

Cincinnati, Nov. 9.—At the Olympia club tonight Choynski had no trouble in defeating the terror Tom Carey. It was to be a 16-round go, but in the second round Choynski delivered a right swing on the jaw which did the business.

London, Nov. 9.—Word from Cape town is that Gen. White made a sortie from Ladysmith, aided by the marines, and created a rout among the Boers, who deserted their position commanding the town and precipitately fled.

Seattle, Nov. 11.—Ex-Governor John H. McGraw has been appointed United States commissioner for Cape Nome. The salary is \$1,500 per annum.

Seattle, Nov. 9.—A colossal scheme of federating all the provinces of Australia under one central government is afoot.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 11.—Admiral Dewey and Mrs. Hazen were united today in the holy bonds of matrimony.

### An Expensive Stoppage.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—The magnitude of commerce east and west via the Great Lakes is illustrated by the recent wreck of the steamer Houghton in the Sault Ste. Marie canal. "The wreck caused the gathering of some 60 big freighters and smaller vessels above the canal and a fleet of equal size in the channel below. A dispatch from the Sault says: "It is generally considered this is the most expensive marine disaster that has ever occurred on the lakes and one of the vessels' owners here says a quarter of a million dollars a day would be a conservative estimate of the loss that is being sustained by vessel owners and skippers.

### Board of Trade.

The trustees of the Board of Trade held their regular meeting on Wednesday night at the office of Chairman L. R. Fulda. The committee on public education, consisting of Messrs. Geo. M. Allen, chairman; R. M. Crawford and F. J. Holden, rendered their report, which was unanimously adopted by the board. The report recites the facts that there are, according to the late census, a total of 163 children of school age in Dawson; that a portion of these are provided with educational facilities at the Catholic school and a private school; that aside from the books held by individual children there is practically no supply of school books in Dawson.

The committee believed, however, that a sufficient number of books could be secured to warrant establishing a school.

The report goes on to state that Mr. Alex McDonald had tendered the use of his hall free of charge for the use of a public school, and it is the belief of the committee that a school to accommodate 50 scholars can be maintained at an expense not to exceed \$300 per month. The report concluded with a recommendation that the Yukon council be presented with a statement of the facts recited in the report and requested to appropriate a sum sufficient to conduct a school for a period of six months, beginning with December 1st.

The report as noted above was unanimously adopted and the committee was requested to lay the report before the Yukon council as representing the views of the trustees of the Board of Trade.

### SMILEY VS. STEELE ET AL.

#### Valuable Property on Dominion Creek in Litigation.

On Wednesday, the trial of the case of Smiley vs. Steele et al. was concluded in the gold commissioner's court.

For the past three months, at various times, the respective parties to the suit have been submitting evidence. Wednesday the attorneys completed their arguments, and the action was taken under advisement by Mr. Senkler.

The litigation affects a property on Dominion creek, which is known as No. 13 above lower discovery; and the trouble originated when the creek was staked.

In June, 1897, the plaintiff, Smiley,

scribed as No. 13 above lower discovery. The ground located by Steele is 200 feet long, and covers the upper portion of the claim which Smiley staked and termed No. 37 below upper discovery. When Steele recorded, Fawcett was absent from the office, and E. D. Bolton, acting recorder, issued a grant to Steele for No. 13 above lower discovery. Steele, as appears from all the evidence, located his claim within the 60 days allowed by law to Smiley to record the same property. In the fall of 1897, Steele, who lacked money and provisions, went to Fort Yukon and wintered there. Before leaving, he left his claim with Mr. Ron M. Crawford, who sold it to Messrs. W. F. Brand, Edgar Mizner, Col. Bowie and Capt. Hansen, all of whom have been joined as defendants in the action.

Last spring, the claim produced \$55,000.

The plaintiff, Smiley, contends for possession for the reason that he located first, namely, in June, 1897.

The defendants rest upon the ground that Smiley never recorded, and that they purchased the claim innocently and for value from Steele, whom the record showed to be the rightful owner.

The gold commissioner took the case under advisement after hearing the evidence.

### POLICE COURT ITEMS.

L. Ginzberg violated the criminal code by committing a nuisance. He was assessed \$2 and costs.

J. W. Snell enjoyed a peaceful jag, and was compelled to pay only \$5 and costs for his pleasant experience.

George H. Dwyer and George Muchter engaged in an unseemly row on the street. Each was fined \$10 and costs for fighting.

Twelve sports, who are addicted to playing on the green, enriched the queen's coffers to the extent of \$860 on last Wednesday.

James C. Allen secured judgment against George L. Hillyer for \$42.25 in a wage suit. The defendant was given until November 23d to pay the plaintiff.

Charles Stone, accused William Staples of surreptitiously taking the carcass of a moose from a certain cache on Rosebud creek. The defendant established his innocence and the case was dismissed.

### Thoughtlets.

(By Othmar.)

The up-to-date chemical blonde now has her tresses "Klondiked."

Query: Is a license required in Dawson for one to "peddle the bull?"

The conscience of a Dawson auctioneer never interferes with his business.

"Nothing" is the hole left in a road-house doughnut after the doughnut is eaten.

Truth is stranger than fiction in Dawson, because there is less of it on the market.

Gossip, the deadly gas that is so often fatal to friendship, is very prevalent in Dawson just at present.

The beauties of this country are mostly admired through a glass—a beer glass frequently answers the purpose.

That little, not unusual result of discontinued bachelorhood—a baby—put in an appearance on Hunker creek last week.

A padded cell at the barracks is kept for crazy people, while a "padded cell" is—well ask some man who is married to one.

A bicycle rider in Dawson is not in duty bound to break his record, and need not break his wheel or his neck either.

Scientists tell us that a person's body is 90 per cent water—and yet the prohibitionists and Salvation Army people are not satisfied.

There are quite a number of men in town who are able and willing to favor their fellow men—at the rate of 10 per cent per month.

The kiss a Klondike female gives the miner is not always "a simultaneous contraction of the mouth and enlargement of the heart."

A contestant in the coming foot race claims to have nine "centuries" to his credit. Methuselah could say that and he never saw a bicycle.

It is a lucky thing that every miner who came to the Klondike doesn't have to pay taxes on the air-castles he built or we would all be broke.

A case in the courts yesterday thoroughly convinces me that the only way a man can win in an argument with a woman is to state his side of the case and walk away.

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### Grand Concert at the Dewey.

Everybody is invited to attend the grand band concert and entertainment at the Dewey hotel this (Friday) evening. Jack Cavanaugh, manager for E. M. Sullivan & Co., has arranged a fine program and guarantees everybody a splendid time. Picket & Devlin will run a free bus to and from the Forks. Fun for everyone who comes.

The Salvation Army holds services in the new barracks, Second avenue, as follows: Tuesday, 8 p. m. (barracks time); Thursday, 8 p. m.; Saturday, 8 p. m.; Sunday, 3 and 7:30 p. m. Free reading room in same building; open every day. Also in the evenings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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staked a piece of ground on Dominion which he described as No. 37 below upper discovery. He attempted to record it; but Thomas Fawcett, the recorder, refused to issue a grant for the reason that he wished to have the ground surveyed by a Dominion land surveyor, as it was situated at, or near the point where the locations down the creek from upper discovery and the locations up the creek from lower discovery come together. When Smiley offered to record he was told by Fawcett that a surveyor would be sent to the ground as soon as arrangements could be conveniently made, whose duty it would be to ascertain where the stakings between discoveries came together. In the summer of 1897, the mining laws permitted one to record at any time within 60 days after the claim had been staked. Smiley repeatedly offered to record No. 37 below upper discovery before the 60 days expired; but a grant was refused constantly for the reason that the ground had not been surveyed.

In July, 1897, N. D. Steele staked property on Dominion, which he de-