

# Dawson Society

When Christmas bells across the snow,  
 Ring out their merry chime,  
 Our hearts turn back along the track  
 To youthful days sublime,  
 When life was new, when love was sweet,  
 When hope was ours, and faith complete,  
 The lines of care, and silver hair  
 Had come our daily life to share.  
 And though our hearts may ache the while,  
 We teach our faces how to smile,  
 That youthful hearts may feel the glow  
 That Christmas brought us long ago.  
 Years ago I stood on a street corner  
 In the little coast town of Santa Cruz,  
 It was Christmas time, and through the  
 thick, gray fog people were hurrying  
 and fro, laughing and chatting of  
 the happy times they would have; their  
 arms were full of bundles, and they  
 whispered and nodded about the sur-  
 prises in store for their loved ones. I  
 was buying presents for loved ones,  
 at my heart was reaching out for the  
 absent loved ones who were many miles  
 away, whose dear faces I had not seen  
 for years, might never see again, and I  
 some way wondered how others could  
 be so light-hearted and happy and I  
 listened for the minor key in their  
 laughing voices but heard it not.  
 A group of men were discussing  
 Christmas times. One of their num-  
 ber, a grown boy, was looking towards  
 the beach where he waves made a low,  
 bobbing sound, his hat was pushed  
 back from his face, hand hands were  
 deep in his pockets.  
 "I have never had a Christmas since  
 mother died," he said. The utter lone-  
 liness in his voice caught my ear, our  
 eyes met, and we understood as do two  
 people of the same nationality when  
 meeting in a foreign land. There was  
 fellowship in the look. I, too, had  
 boys, and though we spoke no word,

he understood, the wave of sympathy  
 that passed between us.  
 I often wonder if Christmas ever  
 brings to the human heart unalloyed  
 happiness after once we have passed from  
 beneath the roof of our childhood  
 home.  
 The society editor is thinking of  
 starting a query column. For instance,  
 how is a true account to be given in  
 these columns of the free library con-  
 certs if the wrong program is furnished  
 the editor, and she is unable to find  
 even standing room on the crowded  
 floor?  
 How is an account to be given of all  
 the dinners, teas, socials and card  
 parties given by Dawson's four hundred  
 unless the charming hostess sends a  
 little note to the society editor telling  
 the names of her guests, the manner  
 of their entertainment, and any other  
 matter that she may wish to appear in  
 the society column? This is the cus-  
 tom the world over, and the society  
 editor knows of no other satisfactory  
 way in which the matter may be man-  
 aged.  
 On Tuesday evening Mrs. Capt. Ol-  
 son, assisted by her husband, enter-  
 tained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Chas.  
 McPherson. The dinner as prepared  
 and served after the most approved style  
 by the fair young bride who bids fair  
 to excel as a dainty hostess. On New  
 Year's eve Mrs. Olson will entertain in  
 her elegant home the fair young brides  
 of Dawson and their husbands. Hearts  
 will be the game of the evening, the  
 room decorations will be floating fairy  
 strings of hearts. The food will be  
 prepared in heart-shapes, and hearts—  
 happy hearts—will watch the old year  
 out and the new year in.  
 During the week Mrs. Perkins gave a  
 delightful dinner to her friends Mr.

and Mrs. Schooling, Miss Emma Allen  
 and Mr. P. R. Ritchie.  
 Last Thursday evening occurred the  
 regular weekly hop of the Bon Ami  
 Club, which was a very enjoyable  
 affair, attended by the following named  
 people:  
 Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs.  
 G. Brimston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kliffe,  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Hume, Mesdames  
 Barnes, Orr, Smith, Misses Burt, Ethel  
 Beede, Bense, May Jennings, Blanche  
 Johnson, Millicent Latimer, Marghia  
 Latimer, Edythe McMillan, Alice Mc-  
 Andrews, Metcalf, O'Brien, Smith,  
 Messrs. F. A. Asan, R. P. Berry, G.  
 A. Coleman, J. E. Daniels, J. Chis-  
 holm, R. J. Dillon, W. H. Glanz, R.  
 A. Grimes, A. H. Jones, R. E. Mc-  
 Cormick, J. A. Mullen, Burne Pollock,  
 J. H. Patten, G. B. Parsons, R. H.  
 Eriehard, S. Spring, J. H. Scott, P.  
 Steil, C. E. Taylor, E. M. Whalley.  
 Baldwin apples at Meeker's.  
 Just in Time. Diamonds galore at  
 Soggs & Vesco. Who wants fine stones?  
 Mr. E. A. Cochrane, formerly watch-  
 maker for Gorham & Co., wishes to in-  
 form his friends that he is now located  
 with Biff & Co., on Second street, op-  
 posite the bank of B. N. A., where he  
 is prepared to do all kinds of first-class  
 watch making and repairing at reason-  
 able prices. All work guaranteed. c26  
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 E. A. Cochrane for repairing and re-  
 adjusting. All work guaranteed. With  
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 family hotel plan, where, with finely  
 appointed rooms and an excellent din-  
 ing room service the patrons of the  
 house can be entertained. Manager J.  
 H. Weiter has reduced the price of  
 rooms and will make every effort to  
 have a first-class family hotel in every  
 respect.  
 Goetzman makes the crack photos of  
 dog teams.  
 Hay and oats at Meeker's.

**Notice to Eagles.**  
 All members of the Eagles are ear-  
 nestly requested to be present at the  
 meeting of the order which occurs on  
 Sunday night at McDonald hall. Busi-  
 ness of particular interest will be  
 transacted. A special invitation is  
 given to visiting members to attend.  
 LEROY TOZIER, W. P.  
 J. DOUGHERTY, W. Sec.  
 Celery at Meeker's.  
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 holidays at the Pioneer.

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## A NEW INDUSTRY COMING

**Wm. Bradley Wants Job to Pre-  
 pare Fuel for Local Market.**

**He Will Cut the Material From the  
 Bogs of the Klondike Above  
 Rock Creek.**

There have been a great many per-  
 mits, covering almost everything from  
 the manufacture and sale of liquor to  
 exclusive townsite ownership, applied  
 for at the hands of the government  
 here, but the one asked for a few days  
 since by Wm. Bradley, R. N. R., is  
 something new. Mr. Bradley wants to  
 cut peat from the bog lands of the  
 Klondike above Rock creek and turn  
 the same into fuel.  
 A letter addressed to the commis-  
 sioner sets forth that the writer has had  
 much experience in the preparation of  
 this fuel in Europe, and points out the  
 fact that timber, for the purpose is  
 rapidly disappearing except in remote  
 districts, and will become more diffi-  
 cult to obtain, and on that account  
 more expensive with each succeeding  
 year, while, on the other hand peat is  
 to be had from an almost inexhaustible  
 supply, as the bog or marsh lands of the  
 Klondike are very extensive. The let-  
 ter, bearing the stamp of approval has  
 been sent to the office of Mr. Gosselin,  
 the crown lands and timber agent, and  
 there is every indication that Mr. Brad-  
 ley will be given an opportunity to  
 compete with the producers of other  
 fuel.  
 It must not be supposed that it is  
 proposed to offer to the consumer the  
 peat as it is cut from the ground, for  
 such is far from the case.  
 In Europe, some years since, the  
 great bog lands of different localities  
 were turned to account as fuel pro-  
 ducers by an American invention which  
 cuts, dries, and otherwise prepares the  
 material for use, and later long accounts  
 were published of the advent of the  
 industry into the great peat land dis-  
 tricts of Canada, and now it has come  
 to Dawson.  
 It is Mr. Bradley's intention, as set  
 forth in his letter of application for  
 the permit, to interest English capital  
 in the scheme, and import the neces-  
 sary machinery.  
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