

BENEFIT FOR MATT PROBST.

People Turn Out En Masse to Aid the Injured Fireman.

Every Seat in Palace Grand Occupied—Fairly Good Program Presented—Receipts Highly Satisfactory.

[From Monday's Daily.]

When the curtain rose on the first number of the program last night at the Palace Grand, the occasion being a benefit for Matt Probst, the fireman who suffered a broken arm by an accident which occurred in engine house No. 1, during the progress of the fire on January 10th, there was not a vacant seat in the house and the aisle was packed from the door to the orchestra. Mr. Eddie O'Brien was stage manager and during the entire program there was not a moment's delay between acts.

The Yukon Field Force band under the leadership of Sergeant McKinnon, discoursed several selections during the evening, all of which were exceedingly fine and enthusiastically received.

Miss Ross had not sufficiently learned "The Man on the Dump," with the result that she got her recitation very much muddled.

Little Miss Ruth McCormick, by her clever singing and exquisite acting, completely captured the audience and responded to two encores.

A feature of the program which was most enthusiastically received was the cake walk as performed by Ernestine Tiernan and Lulu Prather, the latter being dressed as a little boy in white sailor suit. The little ones went through their cakewalk with the skill of veterans, each seeming to be specially adapted for her part. Both entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion evoking much applause.

Capt. Jack Crawford was good as he invariably is; but had he cut out from thirdly to tenthly inclusive the majority of the audience would have been better pleased. Capt. Jack was too lengthy.

Among the very best features were the renditions by the firemen's string band of four banjos, a guitar and mandolin. The sextette played nicely together and responded to a most vociferous encore.

Miss Cecil Marion made a fine appearance on the stage and rendered two vocal solos in a pleasing manner.

Dawson's favorite, Miss Annie O'Brien, always welcome, was never more so than last night and her several sentimental songs only served to further endear the little lady to her hearers. Later, with her father, she assisted in the rendition of several excellent musical specialties.

Conchita fully sustained her enviable reputation as an entertainer of great ability. She was called back no less than five times, and each time her production was more entertaining than before.

To the managers of the fair, Messrs. Tennant and Stingle, ably assisted by Chief Stewart and other members of the fire department is due great credit for its success, and the large sum realized will be a royal gift to the poor, unfortunate man, Mr. Matt Probst, for whose benefit it was given. As all the performers kindly donated their services for the occasion for which they were publicly thanked by Manager Tennant, there was but little expense connected with the entertainment. The exact amount to be turned over to Mr. Probst will not be known until all accounts are audited tonight, but Chief Stewart thinks the amount will be in the neighborhood of \$1000.

Knocked to Smitherees.

Several weeks ago at a meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade the secretary was instructed to procure a register in which it was proposed that not only every member of the organization but every man in the city would be asked to place his name and place of business; especially was it the object to have all

who contemplated leaving for either up or down the river to call at the secretary's office and enroll his name, the date of his intended departure and the point for which they were destined.

Mr. Clayton, secretary of the Board of Trade, procured the book, but that is as far as the proposition has been carried. A few names may appear on its pages, but only a few. It is safe to assert that not two per cent of the people who have left during the past two months for either up or down the river have left any evidence of their departure further than that which may happen to be known by their friends, but in most cases, should an accident befall the traveler, the memory of his friends would greatly vary as to the date of his departure.

There is not in Dawson today a person who actually knows within several hundred the exact number who have left here over the ice for Nome. One man will tell you he is certain that not to exceed 600 have gone while another is ready to swear that he has with his own eyes counted upwards of 1200, to say nothing of those who started very early in the morning before he got down town. Hundreds have gone, but how many hundreds no one can tell nor is there now any possible way of determining.

At the time navigation closed last fall nearly the exact census of the Yukon district was known for the reason that it was known the number who had arrived during the season by way of steamers on the lower river, and as for the upper river very few, if any, passed Tagish without registering. But all census records of the territory have been smashed by the Nome exodus without, to our knowledge, anything having been done to prevent it. Travelers may be required to register at the international boundary line where an imitation of collecting customs duty is made by one of Uncle Sam's representatives, but if he keeps tab on the travelers who pass that way we are not so informed.

The local papers are probably subject to censor for not "boosting" the Board of Trade's registering proposition more than they did but the fact remains that it has been and is a dead letter, and there is no way of knowing whether 300 or 2000 people have left Dawson within the past three months.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Gold Commissioner Senkler did not try any disputes today.

The territorial court will not convene till March 1st, when the trial of cases on the criminal calendar will be commenced.

About 15 dog teams departed for Nome today. The stampede to the new camp has been stimulated by the moderation in weather.

Dr. Yemans, of the Empire Line, is in receipt of a telegram from Gates Fahnestock announcing his arrival at Bennett on the 23d.

The hockey match on Saturday between the Dawson Club and the Yukon Garrison Club resulted in a victory for the latter team by a score of 5 to 1.

Owing to the illness of the teacher, Sister Mary Joseph, the school known as Father Gendreau's, will take a vacation for this week. Sister Mary is a victim of the hard colds which are now prevalent in the city.

Chief Stewart of the fire department, keeps his men free from ennui these days by having them practice on runs, hose connections and such other features as belong to the work of successfully combating fires.

There is a rumor to the effect that Cecil Marion has a surprise in store for her many friends at the opening of the new Orpheum tonight. The gown she will wear will be a stunner, and is liable to be the cause of many envious glances.

Fred Farenholtz, a miner employed on 18 below discovery, Sulphur, suffered a severe fracture of the arm Friday last. He was hauling wood for the mine when his sled broke away on a hillside. In trying to get away he fell and the accident occurred. Dr. Wilcoxon, on whose claim he was employed, set the arm, using a candle box from which he made a set of splints.

Send your packages to any claim on Eldorado and Bonanza by the daily stage. Nugget Express.

Safe deposit boxes for rent. Nugget Express office, Forks.

SCOTT LINDSAY BURIED.

Yesterday Afternoon in the Hillside Cemetery.

The Funeral Services Were Held in Pioneer Hall—Many Beautiful Floral Designs.

The remains of Scott Lindsay, who died last Wednesday, were buried yesterday afternoon. A host of friends followed the deceased to his resting place on the hill, east of Dawson. The funeral services were held in the Pioneer hall, and commenced at 2 o'clock p. m. The bier was laden with innumerable floral designs. The employees of the A. C. Co. gave a broken wheel; Messrs. Hitz Baake and others from Juneau, presented "Gates Ajar;" Mrs. Capt. Woods designed a very beautiful cross; a large wreath and many bouquets were given by the intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

The hall was crowded with people, among whom were the representative business and professional men of the city. The Reverend Wright, of the Presbyterian church, conducted the services, and made some very appropriate remarks. Among other things, he said: "The character of men is ascertained by the manner in which they are regarded when dead. The great respect that is shown to the memory of Mr. Lindsay, is evidence of his upright conduct." In conclusion, Mr. Wright cited a number of moral examples which were suggested to him by the mournful occasion. Mr. Schank sang exceedingly well a solo, entitled "Flee as a Bird." A double quartette, under the leadership of Mr. C. N. Pring, rendered two vocal selections.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Bert Schuler, Fred Kline, John Lawrence, Frank King and Rudy Kalenborn. The corpse was taken to the grave yard in a sleigh, draped in black, and drawn by four black horses. Sixty members of the Knights of Pythias order, of which the deceased had been a member, followed the remains to the cemetery. A number of sleighs, occupied by ladies connected with the A. C. Co. and other friends of Mr. Lindsay, formed no inconsiderable portion of the funeral procession.

The remains were interred according to the burial ritual of the Knights of Pythias. The sad rites were concluded with singing "Nearer My God to Thee."

The Patriotic Concert.

Proceedings of the committee of the patriotic concert in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund held on Feb. 15th, at Palace Grand.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the committee be extended:

First—To Messrs. Meadows and O'Brien for their great kindness in allowing the free use of the Palace Grand opera house for the patriotic concert in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Second—To the band, Sergeant Major Young, N. C. officers and men of the Yukon garrison for the valuable assistance given by them in connection with the patriotic concert.

Third—To Sergeant Major Tucker, the N. C. officers and the men of the N. W. M. police for the valuable assistance given by them in connection with the patriotic concert on 15th February.

Fourth—To the Yukon Sun Printing Company for their kindness in furnishing printing and advertising in connection with the patriotic concert free of cost.

Fifth—To the Klondike Nugget and Daily News for the support given by them to the patriotic concert.

Sixth—To Mr. Montague Martin to whom the committee feel deeply indebted for his invaluable assistance in completing the artistic arrangements.

Seventh—To Mr. Griffith; the ladies and gentlemen who so generously contributed to the success of the concert.

Eighth—Resolved, That the statement of the secretary showing receipts and expenditures in connection with the said concert be approved:

Receipts—Sale of tickets, \$1322.50; sale of programs, \$88.60; "Pay, Pay, Pay," \$89.16; total, \$1500. 0.

Expenses—Advertising and printing, \$145; material, \$15.26; employees, \$20.

Balance brought forward to Canadian Patriotic Fund, \$1320.

Col. Steele in the Yukon.

In a late issue of the Toronto World appears a three column article on the life and history of Col. Steele, who was detailed to Dawson for nearly two years and who is now in command of Strathcona's horse, from which we extract the following:

"What Col. Steele can accomplish in combating the forces of nature, and in organizing order out of the chaos of a mining camp is shown by his record of the past two years' work in the Yukon. Sent there in charge of the mounted police at a time when there was a rush into the territory almost equal to anything that Bendigo ever witnessed, and when there was practically no organization, Col. Steele took hold of his work as only a strong man could. He has a faculty of creating an esprit de corps among his men that few officers possess, and on taking charge in the Yukon he exercised this power to the utmost. The temptations that lay before the police to either abandon their work or to neglect it were many and potent, and the remuneration they received was out of all proportion to the severity of the physical tasks imposed on them. To their credit be it said, they became, almost to a man, imbued with the spirit of devotion to duty that animated their chief—and as a result they performed a work that is neither sufficiently known nor appreciated by the people of Canada.

"When Col. Steele started to enter the Yukon he found that the contract for the carriage of the mails was not being properly performed, and during the whole of the last winter his men performed the work under circumstances of the most trying character. Relay stations were established along the Upper Yukon, and between these the mail was carried on dog sleds, the constable running behind. The physical work involved in this work was enormous. Many of the men regularly ran 35 miles a day, over a trail sometimes deep in snow, sometimes slippery with ice, oftentimes precipitous, and always rough. One splendid fellow on one occasion covered 70 miles in one day in order to make proper connection of two mails. Such work as this could not have been secured from these men for mere money. The credit of the corps of which they were so proud was at stake, and they did the hard work as uncomplainingly and as much as a matter of course as one of them would walk into the midst of a crowd of armed savages and arrest his man.

"In Dawson and vicinity Col. Steele performed duties of the most varied character, superintending all manner of public works until the machinery of civil government was firmly established. He acted as a magistrate and disposed of hundreds of cases. He was in himself the Dawson board of health. His force looked after the collection of the federal royalty—a work of much responsibility, and peculiarly rich in temptation. He was a member of the executive council, on which his wide knowledge and sound judgment gave him a preponderating influence. So thoroughly did Col. Steele fill all the numerous demands upon him that there was an almost unanimous expression of regret from the citizens of Dawson upon his departure."

Weather Report.

Sunday the minimum temperature was 2 degrees below zero.

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