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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium—"Ten Thousand Miles Away."

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THE RENT QUESTION.

It is perfectly plain that the high rents that have prevailed in Dawson up to the present time can no longer continue. Landlords must be contented in the future with less rentals or expect that their property will remain unoccupied. Business conditions will no longer warrant the rents that have been charged in the past and, moreover, the reasons which served in former years to justify high exactions on the part of landlords no longer exist.

Risks from fire which were formerly urged as an excuse for demanding in a year's rentals the entire cost of a building, have now been reduced to a minimum. The fire department is excellently equipped and efficiently organized, and as the records of the past year will readily show fires of a serious nature have been few and far between.

But aside from the above, the law of supply and demand will shortly regulate the rent business, if nothing else will do it.

New structures intended both for residential and business purposes are being erected in every quarter of the city and the owners are on the lookout for tenants. New and better quarters are being offered to business men every day at less rentals than they now are paying—a fact which foreshadows a general decrease all around.

The average business man in Dawson is perfectly satisfied now if he succeeds in turning a reasonable profit on his goods. Landlords in the future must expect to meet their tenants half way and not expect the latter to pay all their profits in rent.

TOO MUCH TALK.

If a very small percentage of the "quartz talk" that one hears upon the streets is based upon actual facts Dawson ought to be in the midst of a big quartz boom. At any hour of the day or night men may be found ready and willing to pour into the ears of the credulous, full details of quartz discoveries richer than ever before known in the history of mining camps.

Such talk is all right in its way, but it will not attract the bona fide investor nor will it add a dollar to the gold yield of the camp. To develop the industry of quartz mining and place it upon a basis where moneyed men will feel justified in making investments, it is required that actual work be done. If ledges of gold-bearing rock exist in this country—as we have every confidence is the case—definite knowledge to that effect is all that is required to secure all the money necessary for development purposes. Until a showing is made, however, it cannot be expected that money will come. Owners of quartz prospects must themselves exhibit some confidence in their property before they can expect that others will do so. A man who believes that he has a good quartz claim could well afford to spend a year, or two years if necessary, in prospecting his property, so that some intelligible idea as to its value might be obtained.

More work and less talk is needed if the hopes of those who believe in the future of the camp from a quartz standpoint are to be realized.

Whitehorse, through the medium of the Star, published in that bustling little town, registers a very strong remonstrance at the manner in which it has been treated in the matter of school facilities. Thus far Whitehorse has been compelled to depend upon the public spiritedness of the directors of one of the churches or it would have had no school of any nature whatsoever. A number of parents have been sending their children to outside schools, a condition which the Star alleges would not exist if the government would establish a proper public school and furnish the necessary building and equipment. The Nugget joins with the Star in urging the case upon the government. Whitehorse is entitled to a good school and should have it.

It begins to look at length as though the legitimate Dawson merchant will be given some measure of protection in the future against the transient scowmen. The man who remains in business twelve months in the year should not be thrown in competition with parties who never see Dawson excepting when they come in during the summer to unload a scow load of goods.

The ten thousand ton shipment of freight with which the W. P. R. proposed to set the merchants of Dawson up in business has failed to materialize. Another case of "unprecedented storms," perhaps.

The big Liberal dinner to be given on Dominion day will probably determine who is to be "it."

Chicago Eats Horse Meat

At a conference held by the city health department of Chicago and the state pure food commission, a special committee was named to investigate the oft repeated charge that horses are being slaughtered in great numbers in that city and sold as beef. Alderman Hunter says there are a dozen horse-slaughtering establishments in Chicago. He charges, too, that much of this meat is shipped out of Chicago, and says that many a man who does not believe that horses are slaughtered for beef has eaten many a horse steak or roast himself, and without knowing the difference.—Ex.

Died Last Night.

Thos. M. Wallace died last night at St. Mary's hospital from the effects of kidney trouble. He was a Virginian by birth and was 40 years of age. His relatives reside at Lake City, Colorado. The remains will be interred tomorrow by Brimston & Stewart.

An Approaching Wedding

Invitations have been received in Dawson announcing the approaching wedding of Mr. Wm. P. Allen of this city and Miss Annie G. Temple, daughter of Rev. W. H. G. Temple of Seattle. The wedding will take place in Seattle on July 2nd and the couple will leave immediately thereafter for Dawson.

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War on the Up River Route

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Yesterday witnessed the first round in what looks as though may develop into a firstclass rate war for outgoing business among the upriver steamers. For over two weeks the opposition lines have been sparring with the White Pass, but it was not until the sailing of the Casca that things became interesting. When the season first opened, in the absence of new tariff Agent Rogers announced the old rate to Whitehorse of $60 and $50. The opposition boats immediately placed their fare at $50 and $40, thus taking a differential of $10. This was considered too much against the same class of boats and the White Pass people dropped down to the same figures. Then the opposition named a rate of $45 and $35 and the White Pass went them one better by making it $30 and $20 on such boats as are on an equal footing with those of the opposition. The Casca took out a big load at $40 and $30 and yesterday the Sybil made the lowest rate of the season, $50 and $40 to Skagway, which is equivalent to $30 and $20 to Whitehorse, railroad fare being $20.

The managers of the opposition lines have blood in their eyes. They claim the White Pass people precipitated the cut because under the rates as established at the beginning of the season they could get no business.

"The White Pass people say they are going to run us off the river," said one of the wrathy managers yesterday, "and now we are going to give them a mighty good run for their money before we lie down."

"Is there any limit to the cut?"

"Absolutely none. We are going to have our share of the up river business if we have to supply tickets for nothing and throw in a prize as an extra inducement."

The outside boats are more numerous this season than ever before and taken collectively can handle a large volume of traffic. The list includes the Clifford Sifton, La France, Thistle, Nora, Casca, Prospector and Wilbur Crimmin.

"The cut does not affect us to any appreciable extent," said Agent Rogers of the White Pass. "Rates on our best boats remain the same and will continue so. The Selkirk, Dawson, Whitehorse and Yukoner are three day boats with which no other steamers on the river can be compared. Both the Selkirk and Dawson went out with every berth taken at $80, the old rate, to Skagway and there is enough travel that is willing to pay extra for superior service that will warrant us maintaining the old rate on those boats.

"No, it is not true that we started the cut. At the beginning of the season I was approached by the outside boats and asked as to what our rates would be. I told them $60 to Whitehorse and they immediately assumed a differential of $10 which is too much, more than we can stand against the same class of boats. We were willing to allow a reasonable differential, but not so much that would send their boats out crowded and ours empty. The whole thing in a nutshell is this. We are operating 12 steamers on the upper river this season and are going after the business. They must be kept in service and we do not propose to do any trailing after anyone else. There is no combination nor no arrangement in existence and not likely to be. With us it is a matter of self protection. We want the business and we propose to have it."

A Plucky Woman

Seattle, June 6.—Had it not been for the courage displayed by a woman last Wednesday Edward Miller, who is believed by the police to be one of an organized gang of thieves operating on the water front, would not now be behind the bars at the city prison, booked on a charge of larceny from the person. In fact, the police are satisfied that Miller is not the man's real name but an alias and Patrolman Bannick, who made the arrest, thinks he will be found to have a record.

Two of the passengers on the Roanoke, which sailed for Alaska from the Arlington dock Wednesday, were Z. A. Mafrige and wife. Mr. Mafrige is the proprietor of the Fair, a mercantile establishment at 120 Pike street, and has a branch at Unalaska. He and Mrs. Mafrige were standing in a crowd, conversing with J. P. Adams, a clerk, and several others, when the click of a coin striking the pavement was heard. Mafrige had been jostled once or twice and hurriedly thrust his hand into his pocket on hearing the sound. He found $20 in gold and some silver missing, and started to catch hold of a man standing at his side, who was acting suspiciously, when Miller caught hold of his coat and the suspected thief was permitted to escape.

Mafrige broke loose from Miller's clutch and ran after the man, but he mingled with the crowd and disappeared. Miller tried to slip away, but Mrs. Mafrige grasped him by the arm and clung tenaciously to him until her husband returned. Adams, the clerk, had followed Mafrige in quest of the suspected thief. When they returned an excited crowd had surrounded Mrs. Mafrige and Miller, and the man had ceased to struggle. Patrolman Bannick was attracted to the scene and promptly placed Miller under arrest.

The suspect was taken to the city prison and yesterday a complaint, charging him with larceny from the person, drawn up by Prosecuting Attorney Fulton, was sworn to by Adams before Justice George.

Are All Smoking

Seattle, June 6. — While Redoubt has been most active as regards volcanic eruption in Alaska, two other peaks in the Cook inlet section have been throwing off smoke and steam in greater or less volume for several months. They are Mount Iliamna and Mount Augustine. Capt. O. A. Johansen, master of the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Bertha, which arrived Wednesday from Cook inlet, states that one of the three mountains is nearly always active and that frequently all three are belching at once. He said:

Redoubt, though apparently subsiding, is still active in a sense. When we were on the inlet, ten days ago, Redoubt, Iliamna and Augustine were all smoking. Redoubt, when in greatest eruption, threw out sprinkling ashes on the windward side for a distance of 200 miles. Latouch and Montague islands, that distance away, were liberally covered with ashes.

It is frequently the case, as I have observed from the Bertha, that Redoubt, Iliamna and Augustine are all throwing off smoke and steam at once. Augustine, to my notion, is far the more interesting of the two in volcanic phenomena. It is a mount almost round and probably thirty miles in circumference at the base, gradually tapering to a height of perhaps 6,000 feet above the level of the sea. It sits gracefully in Kamaschak bay, which is really the entrance to Iliamna bay. The towering peak is not unlike a great chimney in appearance when it is emitting smoke.

Pardon Asked for Erving

Seattle, June 6.—The application for a pardon in the case of Walter Erving will be heard by Gov. McBride shortly, probably before the end of the present month. The papers were filed yesterday. The basis of the application for the pardon of Erving, who is serving a twenty-year sentence for the murder of Finley Garrison in 1894, is the finding of a confession of the murderer purporting to have been written by an unknown man who blew his head off with a stick of dynomite near the Walla Walla addition to this city. This alleged confession was found in January, two or three days after the man committed suicide. Attorneys who represent Erving have made application to the governor for the pardon, as they say the paper found clearly demonstrates that Erving had nothing to do with the crime, the dead man having committed self-destruction of remorse for the killing of the man for whose murder Erving was convicted.

The delay for many reasons has been long, but the attorneys for the family of Erving, who are presenting the petition, have now filed the necessary documents at the state capital. Lester Still, attorney for Island county in the case, was in Olympia yesterday for the purpose of arranging a date with the governor for the consideration of the petition, but the governor was not in the city. He believes that a date pervious to July 1 will be set by the chief executive. Attorneys from Denver, the home of Erving's family, will present the case of the applicants, and Mr. Still for the state. He was at the Seattle hotel yesterday.

The murder for which Erving is now in the state penitentiary was a diabolical deed. Finley Garrison, a prosperous farmer, was killed for $100 which he had on his person, and his body was thrown in a well. Three years later, in 1897, the remains were discovered and suspicion immediately rested upon Erving, who since the disappearance of Garrison had changed his name to Harry McNabb and had left the country. He was found and convicted upon a strong set of circumstances.

Special power of attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

Sent to Hospital

While unloading freight from the steamer Mary Graff last night Henry Eswig, a longshoreman, was injured by the sudden breaking of a board. While the injury was not of a dangerous nature, he was taken to St. Mary's hospital to recover.

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