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DAWSON, Y. T., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Nugget Advertisements  
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## BIGGEST FIRE OF THE YEAR

### Row of Small Stores on Second Avenue Entirely Destroyed—Lost Estimated at Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars. Was Cleverly Controlled.

Dawson has once more paid the penalty exacted by the fire fiend, a tribute that has been demanded annually since the old opera house fire in '97 and which has been paid, perhaps not cheerfully, but with a complaisance that is past understanding. The lessons of the past have availed nothing. The burnt district will again be built up with the same flimsy material, the same old catch-penny safeties will be put in, the same old stovepipes will closely hug walls of inflammable construction and the same old fires will appear and wipe the buildings off the face of the earth once more. Owners of buildings and the tenants will be sorry, perhaps shed a few crocodile tears, and then they will rebuild again and the same act will be repeated ad infinitum. Dawson will never learn and her people will ever be in the matter of fires as careless as a child.

What caused the fire last night? What has caused every fire of consequence that ever visited Dawson? Defective flues and nothing more, and as long as grasping property owners are permitted to erect the flimsiest sort of shacks of every description on their ground with the sole idea in view of cheap construction and high rents, so long will there be repetitions of last night's conflagration. Had Horkan, of the Standard Library, followed the example set by the majority of his neighbors and erected the cheapest building possible leaving off the asbestos lining and corrugated iron sheathing his building today would be a mass of ruins instead of standing intact and damaged but little, though the flames did continuously lick the entire north wall of the structure. With over four years of costly experience Dawson has yet to learn that paper walls and cambic partitions will burn when exposed to the heat of a red hot stove, and here it might be added is food for reflection for the incoming council. Make building permits necessary and see to it that business houses erected in the heart of the city are properly constructed with due regard to immunity from disastrous fires.

The alarm was turned in a few minutes after 11 o'clock, the fire starting in a cabin annexed to and in the rear of the Sourdough saloon on Second avenue some half dozen doors north of Queen street. Adjoining neighbors ran in with buckets of water to render such assistance as was within their power, but once getting a good start their puny efforts were as futile as though they had attacked a train of burning oil cars. The fire spread with such astonishing rapidity that in less time than it requires to tell it several other buildings had become ignited. One who had rushed in with a water bucket at the first alarm was Kawakami, the Japanese proprietor of the Great Northern, whose premises are adjoining, and by the time he returned to his own quarters they were so engulfed he could not save even as much as a blanket.

The department responded quickly, but it was seen at a glance that the chemical would be of but little use. Then came the seemingly inevitable delay in getting water from the engines, a delay so costly that every moment meant the loss of thousands. The C. C. brigade was doing valiant work arrived from the city department the N. C. brigade was doing valiant work holding the flames in check as best they could with their single stream. Ten, twenty, thirty and forty minutes passed and still the firemen idly held the hose, waiting, hoping, praying and cursing by turns. In the meantime not knowing where the conflagration would end almost every tenant of the entire block had removed their effects to a place of safety and the sidewalk and adjoining streets were strewn with goods of every character and description.

When the water finally did arrive the crowd that packed Second avenue so densely sent up a mighty cheer. Soon another stream was added, then another and the firemen under the able direction of Chief Lester showed the stuff they were made of. The thermometer was 40 below and soon every mother's son of them was in-cessed in a coat of icy mail. Two streams were placed in the rear in the alley to prevent the flames leaping across to the First avenue side of the block and two were used with telling effect in front. By midnight the danger from further encroachment to the north was past and every effort was turned toward saving the Standard Library, the building standing flush up with the corrugated iron sides of the library being a

seething mass of flames. An extension ladder was erected reaching to the roof of the building from which a steady stream was poured into the flames below. The chain hook was employed and with a half hundred men hold of the rope the front of the burning building was torn out and the library was saved. At 1 o'clock the brilliantly lighted heavens had again assumed their starry hue and a mass of smouldering embers marked the spot where less than two hours before was busy with life and activity.

The alarm was turned in from box 15 and for once registered correctly. The chemical was first on the scene, but as soon as the water from the engines arrived it was returned to the fire hall and made ready for an emergency in case another fire should break out as the result of flying embers. Three lines of hose were laid from No. 1 engine and for several hours she pumped like a thing of life. Only one line was laid from No. 2 opposite the Fairview and just as the brigade was putting on the finishing touches and were about ready to return to quarters an accident happened which temporarily put one side of the engine out of business. One of the yoke bolts broke, driving the piece through the cylinder and breaking the follower. One pump was shut off and the balance of the work was done with but one side of the engine working. A new casting is being made today. It was 7 o'clock this morning before the tired firemen were permitted to turn in. Several had suffered severely from the cold, but fortunately none were frozen.

Chief Lester has received all kinds of praise for the effective work of his department as has also the N. C. brigade. The latter rendered service of inestimable value during the wait for water and had it not been for them the results would undoubtedly have been much more serious. Several minor accidents happened. Joe Gibson fell off a building and had a couple of ribs staved in and was otherwise injured. A bookkeeper in the employ of T. G. Wilson was struck by one of the hose teams and knocked several feet, sustaining no injuries beyond a general shaking up. After all was over Horkan, of the Standard Library, threw open his house and served free coffee to all.

The loss at first was placed at \$50,000 but that it is thought is greatly excessive and probably half that amount will more than cover it. No small amount of the loss was occasioned by the damage goods received by being removed and handled in a careless manner. There was no insurance whatever either on any of the buildings or stocks of goods. The losses as near as can be ascertained are as follows:

Monarch Shoe Co., owned by F. S. Macfarlane, saved practically all his stock though it is considerably damaged by the rough usage received. Loss probably \$1000; building, \$1500. Powell, a tenant of the Monarch, lost a valuable mimeograph outfit and his clothes. Loss, \$250. J. W. Riggs, proprietor of the barber shop adjoining, saved his fittings but lost a quantity of tonics and other articles. Building, \$1500; fittings, \$500.

Kentucky chop house, building and fittings, \$3000. Goodwin hotel, building owned by James Morgan and occupied by Japanese restaurant. Loss, building \$1000; contents, \$2000. Sourdough saloon, owned by Geo. Apple. Loss, building, \$8000; contents, \$3000.

Y. Kawakami, owner of the Great Northern hotel and restaurant and recently candidate for the Yukon council, was the heaviest loser, saving nothing whatever from the wreck.

**MRS. SMYTHE'S DANCING ACADEMY**  
Fancy and Ballroom Dancing taught. Class lessons Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 10. Private lessons arranged for. Socials twice a month. Lessons \$1.00. Eagle hall, opposite Nugget office.

**TRAVEL IN COMFORT**  
**Weld's Stage and Express**  
Dawson to Gold Bottom  
Leaves Dawson 3:00 p. m.  
Every Day in the Year.  
Office 124 Third Ave. Phone 116



THE HERALD OF THE NEW YEAR.

## PRINCESS FLEES THE COURT

### Betakes Herself to Geneva and Resigns Royal Honors—Husband Was Ill-Tempered and She Could Not Remain With Him Longer.

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Dresden, Dec. 22.—Via Skagway, Dec. 31.—Crown Princess of Saxony fled from her home during the night of Dec. 11th and 12th. The "Dresdener Journal," the official paper, today says—"The Princess in a state of intense mental excitement suddenly deserted her family at Salsburg and went abroad. Saxony court functions for the winter, including the proposed New Year's reception, have been cancelled. Envoys have been sent out looking for her.

Geneva, Dec. 23.—The Crown Princess of Saxony is here under the name of Fräulein Von Oden. Her brother Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, and Professor Giron, are at same hotel. Archduke Ferdinand has assumed the name of Duharmino. The party are living quietly and propose to spend Xmas here.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Dresden this evening to "Lokal An-

zeiger" confirms the previous advice from Geneva to the effect that the Crown Princess is in Geneva with Prof. Giron, a French teacher of languages whom she met during her last trip to Paris. He is described as 24 years of age and "a strong personality with large bright eyes." All the theatres in Dresden are closed tonight. The court of the fugitive princess has been dissolved.

Dresden, Dec. 23.—King George and Crown Prince Frederic know where Crown Princess Louise has sought refuge but they have decided to accept the engagement of the princess and her husband as irrevocable. They have made the cabinet informed as to the circumstances of the princess' flight as they see them and a decree of divorce is talked of as a necessary sequence to the princess' resolution to leave the court forever. The prince was the cause of the trouble on account of bad disposition.

**PERFECT SYSTEM.**  
Marconi Sends Messages Over the Sea.

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Gloucester, N. S., Dec. 23.—Marconi has perfected his wireless telegraphy and has sent greetings across the Atlantic to the kings of England and Italy, also to Lord Minto. The messages went through without hitch.

**Seattle in Port.**  
Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Skagway, Dec. 31.—The City of Seattle arrived last night with Mrs. S. S. Ward, O. Mellen, F. Glassman and Mrs. Van Wie, as passengers, the last named being en route to Dawson.

**Fierce Blizzard.**  
Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Chicago, Dec. 24.—Fierce blizzards are raging in the middle western states. The railroads are all closed up.

**CLIFF COAL MINES**  
Still Sinking on the Big Vein of Fuel.

J. H. Watson, the manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s coal mines at Cliff creek, has been in the city for a few days and left for the mines this afternoon. He says the company has nine practical miners employed and that they are sinking the shaft and working out levels preparatory for the spring trade. They are now down a depth of ninety feet. They will continue this development work until spring, and do no mining, as it is easy to mine it as fast as the supply demands when the season opens. He will not begin his work until this season until the new shaft has cleared the tracks of the two mile railroad, and this he believes will be about the first of May.

**BOR SALE.**—Two good work dogs, one a good leader, \$30.00 each. Apply Steward, Zero Club, 631

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT**

Requested to Arbitrate Venezuelan Matters

All Powers Are Willing to Accept His Decision—Papers Are Opposed.

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Washington, Dec. 24, via Skagway, Dec. 31.—Secretary of State, Italy and other powers, all have agreed. President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan question. The president is undecided in the matter as the powers have made the proposition to him in such way that he can accept or reject their request. American newspapers both democratic and republican from the Atlantic to the Pacific are strongly opposed to Roosevelt acting as arbitrator. The president states that the only thing which will prompt him to act as arbitrator would be for the sole purpose of having the matter settled before serious trouble arises. The newspapers claim that if President Roosevelt would act as arbitrator in this dispute he would at once be judge, jury and sheriff, and would be under moral obligations to execute his own judgment. All Venezuelan ports are still blockaded. Everything is quiet. The report that Dewey is laying low.

Auditorium—"The American Girl"

Best hot drinks in town—The Slide-board.

"The American Girl"—Auditorium.

**MINISTER RESIGNED**

Consternation in Mexican Republic

Was Held in the Most Favorable Regard by All of the People.

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Mexico, Dec. 24.—Gen. Reyes has resigned as Minister of war to the great consternation of the people by whom he was most favorably regarded.

**RECEIVES DECISION**

Augustus Heinze Wins In Court

Decision Affects Mining Properties Previously Worked Out by Others.

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Butte, Dec. 24.—Augustus Heinze has been given a favorable decision in the celebrated mining case involving the right of reclaiming property which had been mined previously by others.

**Charge Dismissed.**  
The case against C. L. Woodworth charged with stealing wood under seizure by the government was heard yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Macaulay and resulted in the acquittal of the accused. The wood was proven conclusively to have been stolen and also that it was a part of the Henning Wood that had been seized, but the prosecution failed to connect Mr. Woodworth with the theft which it is admitted had been committed.

**INCIDENTS OF THE FIRE.**  
It speaks well for the common honesty of the city that the people who had to clear out their belongings from the burned buildings and place them on the streets in the midst of

**GOVERNMENT ROASTED**

Liberal Leader Scores Recent Policy

Pursued in Dealing With Venezuela—Loads Blame on the Government.

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
London, Dec. 23.—Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman—blames the government in a most unmerciful scoring about the government's attitude in the Venezuelan matter.

**NEW TRUST IS FORMED**

Will Take Over Many Gas Establishments

Has a Capital of One Billion and Will Operate in England and United States.

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Chicago, Dec. 24, via Skagway, Dec. 31.—A great gas trust with a billion dollars capital has been formed to take over all important gas works in England and many of the United States.

**QUIET WEDDING**  
Lieutenant Hutchinson Weds Miss Edwards This Evening.

There is to be a unique Klondike wedding at six o'clock this evening. The dog teams are at this moment being hitched up to bring the bridegroom to the house of his friends and prepare him for the ordeal. "Chappie" was wrong in stating in his last week's society items that the wedding was being kept a secret. The engagement has been known for this many moons. The bride of this evening is Miss Edwards, for some time teacher of the kindergarten department of the public schools. She is the daughter of George Edwards, the best and

wittiest chairman who ever presided over a public meeting in this city, and the brother of Dr. Edwards, the candidate for alderman.

The groom is Edward McKay Hutchinson, who changed to the name of New York parents on the island of Cuba. He graduated at Cornell university and from there went to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, where he passed muster and was enrolled by his own choice in the Revenue Marine. He afterwards obtained a leave of absence to graduate in the Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, N. J. He came here during the rush as staff correspondent of the New York Tribune and for some time has been the literary editor of the Standard library.

Lieutenant Hutchinson, by the way has a sister in New York who is away up in literary circles. As Miss Nellie Hutchinson she was the literary editor of the New York Tribune for many years, and was the associate editor of Clarence Steadman, one of the greatest publications of American literature, published in twelve volumes. As Mrs. Corliss she has turned out several volumes of high class literature. The other sister of the lieutenant, married John J. Phelps, the son of William Walter Phelps, New Jersey, a several times millionaire and one time ambassador of the United States to Berlin. The wedding is to take place this evening at the home of the bride, and only friends of the family have been invited.

Auditorium—"The American Girl"

"The Parish and the Priest in the Country God Forgots," at Landahl's circulating and exchange library.

**HEAVILY FINED**  
Drove Over One of the Lines of Fire Hose.

Charles Stevenson, teamster, received a bitter scolding from Mr. Justice Macaulay at the police court this morning, for driving his sleigh over one of the lines of hose laid on to the fire on Second avenue last night. He was arrested by Constable Wright, and when arraigned pleaded guilty. The magistrate not only gave him a strong talk but fined him \$25 and costs.

**Voting on the Creeks.**  
Walter Woodburn, the returning officer of No. 2 district in the Yukon council election, will tomorrow send out Charles Baker with the ballot boxes and ballots for the voters on Duzan creek and intermediate points.

**Coldest Day.**  
Today is the anniversary of the coldest day of last year. At 7 a. m. on Dec. 31st, 1901, the thermometer registered 53 degrees below zero, the lowest point reached in the year.

**MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT**

**A. B. HALL**  
In the interests of the candidates of  
**R. P. McLENNAN**  
All candidates for mayor and aldermen are invited to be present and participate in the meeting.

**FOR YUKON COUNCIL.**

To the Electors of Dawson district  
I beg to submit myself as a candidate for the Yukon council for Dawson district No. 1. I shall take the opportunity very shortly to make known the policy I will advocate if honored with your suffrage.  
W. A. REDDIE.

**A Happy New Year**

Thanking the public for their patronage during the past year and hoping for a continuance of it in the future.  
**JOHN L. TIMMINS,**  
Second Avenue.  
Royal Grocery.

\$50 To Whitehorse \$50

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Burlington Route No matter to what eastern point you may be destined, your ticket should read Via the Burlington. PUGET SOUND AGENT M. P. BENTON, 103 Pioneer Square, SEATTLE, WN.

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LETTERS And Small Packages can be sent to the Creeks by our carriers on the following days: Every Tuesday and Friday to Eldorado, Bonanza, Hunker, Dominion, Gold Run.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 1902.

\$50 Reward.

We will pay a reward of \$50 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any one stealing copies of the Daily or Semi-Weekly Nugget from business houses or private residences, where same have been left by our carriers. KLONDIKE NUGGET.



AMUSEMENTS. Auditorium—"An American Girl."

For Members Yukon Council.

DISTRICT NO. 1. Dr. ALFRED THOMPSON

DISTRICT NO. 2. ARTHUR WILSON, M. G. B. HENDERSON.

FOR MAYOR OF DAWSON, R. P. McLENNAN

NOTHING TO RECOMMEND HIM. We have as yet seen no one come forward with anything in the nature of a sound reason for asking the voters of the municipality to choose Mr. Jefferson Davison for the position of mayor.

Mr. Davison has no record in the community as a public man other than rests in the fact that his vote has been claimed on both sides of nearly every question that has come before the electorate.

In the municipal campaign of a year ago a very clear issue divided the tickets in the field. Mr. Davison was unable to locate his own position with sufficient exactness to know where he stood—and in consequence ran as an independent candidate for alderman.

There were altogether 16 candidates in the field and Mr. Davison polled the next to the lowest number of votes, receiving 226 out of 725. The result simply constituted official recognition to Mr. Davison that the city was not clamoring for his services and on Monday next there will be a ratification of that same notification.

During the whole of the late campaign, when every man of any individuality declared himself one way or another, no one was able to say with positive assurance whether Davison was for Mr. Rose or the unworthy instrument. He was studiously following his custom of trimming his sails to suit the direction of the wind, and refrained from declaring himself for either side in the fear of injuring his chances for the majority. Now Mr. Davison will undoubtedly say that it is no one's

For the Ball

Dress Gloves, kid and silk, three-quarters and full length. A full line of Dress Shirts, Gloves, Ties, etc., etc.

R. P. McLENNAN 233 FRONT ST Phone 101-B Agent for Standard Patterns.

business how he voted in the last election, and that is perfectly true. But we submit on the other hand that it is the business of everyone who has a vote in the city election to defeat a man who has not the character and backbone to take a stand one way or another. A strong man is wanted for the coming year to administer the affairs of the city and in so far as Mr. Davison is concerned, he has never manifested any strength such as the present occasion requires.

He certainly possesses the quality of "nerve" in its vulgar sense, otherwise he would not offer himself as a candidate after his humiliating defeat of last February.

But that particular species of "nerve" which considers only the promotion of the interests of its possessor is not desirable in a man into whose keeping is committed the affairs of a community.

Mr. Davison forced himself into the field and it merely remains for the electors to force him out just as they did a year ago.

THE VOTERS' OPPORTUNITY.

The voters have the opportunity of securing the services of a first class, responsible business man in the person of R. P. McLennan. He is a man whose position upon public matters is never uncertain. He never fears to give expression to his views and his influence is always on the side of what he regards as right.

The electors of Dawson know Mr. McLennan as one of the foremost among public-spirited citizens, and in supporting him they have absolute assurance that they will not be the victims of misplaced confidence.

They have important business interests to conserve and will make no mistake in placing such interests in the keeping of a strong, capable business man.

A certain local personage is possessed of such versatility that he is able to mingle the calling of merchant tradesman with that of preacher and incidentally of political orator. On Sunday last he preached upon the subject of covetousness—doubtless having in mind the case of an ambitious mayoralty candidate whose eyes not long since were cast longingly in the direction of a rich claim on Magnet gulch—the rightful property of another. If the good parson will review the decision handed down in the case in question, he will discover excellent material for a

subsequent discourse on the subject of perjury.

Since the matter of granting a franchise to the Klondike Mines Railway has been under discussion, it has developed that there is considerable opposition to the measure. Heavy property owners who at first had given the subject very little thought, have now reached the conclusion that the construction of the road along the main thoroughfare of the city would result in a general depreciation of values on the street. This feeling seems to be growing in strength among those directly concerned, and, therefore, should be given proper consideration. The suggestion made by this paper a few days ago to the effect that there should be no further delays in settling the matter, arose from the belief that there was little or no sentiment in opposition to the charter. The opponents of the measure have been unduly slow in making their wishes known, but that fact should not prevent their views from being given a careful and thorough hearing.

Dr. Alfred Thompson will undoubtedly head the polls at the coming territorial election. Public sentiment—almost unanimous public sentiment, we might say—demands that the doctor become one of the Yukon councilmen. His record before the community is that of a man of unimpeachable integrity and of sterling personal worth. He will be a power, for good in the council board and will in every way fulfill the expectations of his most earnest supporters.

The mining districts have selected candidates for the Yukon council through the agency of a convention composed of delegates from all the creeks. The deliberations and conclusions of the convention resulted in the nomination of two men, both of whom are well and favorably known throughout the district. The logical course before them is to come forward and support their own men and carry them into the council by good strong majorities.

Assistant Secretary

Mr. E. S. Sears, formerly with the N. C. Co., has succeeded Percy Overton as assistant secretary of the Athletic Association. The change was made last Monday.

LOST—Between Eagle Cafe and Hutch stable, 3rd ave., ladies' pocketbook containing \$5 in cash, gold pencil, key to postoffice. Leave at this office. Reward. p-1-2-3

NEEDING THE MONEY

More Than Ever—Bitner Co. to Disband Unless Patronage is Larger—A Small House Greeted a Very Good Show.

Bitner is becoming discouraged at the lack of encouragement which his efforts in keeping the theatre going are receiving at the hands of the Dawson public. Four weeks ago he made the announcement that his troupe was about to disband and leave for the outside, but upon the urgent request of a large number of his patrons he decided to keep open a while longer.

At that time he issued commutation books for seats at a greatly reduced price and received pledges sufficient to tide him over the dull period, ninety per cent. of the pledges failed to come forth with the amounts of the books so that Mr. Bitner finds himself in the same predicament as before.

Last week and the week before the receipts were far behind the expenditures and it is this fact which caused the announcement last night by Mr. Bitner that unless a decided improvement was manifested the theatre would close its doors in a short while.

The play this week, "An American Girl," was produced once before this season, but notwithstanding this fact it was given a most cordial welcome last evening and as the different incidents, pathetic and comic, were disclosed, much applause was elicited.

An American Girl is a play of such excellence that it may be seen several times and still some new feature will be discovered to make it interesting. It should be largely patronized during the next two nights.

"The Old Homestead," which will be produced the last three nights of this week, is sure to be a drawing card and will be largely attended. The same specialties which were so thoroughly enjoyed will be heard again and the cast will be strengthened by Billy Mullen—who will have also a cleyer specialty.

Ole Olsen will probably be the bill for next week and as it is the first Swedish comedy drama produced in Dawson it will undoubtedly make a big hit.

Send a copy of the Nugget's Christmas edition to your outside friends.

Address of R. P. McLennan to the Electors of the City of Dawson

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Having allowed my name to go before you as a candidate for the mayoralty I deem it proper to publicly intimate the grounds upon which I ask your suffrages. I am strongly of the opinion that municipal government should be conducted on the same lines as the affairs of any large mercantile institution, and accordingly that political methods should be discarded in favor of business principles. I propose accordingly in this campaign to be and remain entirely independent of any ticket in order that my hands may be free to take action upon any business arising in the council, relying on the electors to strengthen my hands by the choice of an efficient body of aldermen fairly representing the various interests and localities of the city.

I do not consider that there are any great permanent abuses resulting from the administration of the retiring council. I accordingly do not advocate any radical changes and I am strongly opposed to a trifling and shifting policy, as I believe that a system once adopted cannot be altered without causing unjustifiable injury to individuals. I especially will follow the footsteps of my predecessor in maintaining and increasing the present high efficiency of the fire department and I will strongly oppose any attempt towards removing the policing of the city from the strong hands of the Northwest Mounted Police. At the same time I will insist on and expect no difficulty in securing the strict enforcement by them of all city bylaws and regulations.

I will also further extend to the city limits in a systematic manner the public works in the way of streets and sewers inaugurated by the last council and will endeavor to have the funds available for such improvements expended without unduly favoring any section.

I consider that at the earliest moment the city should move in the direction of a more efficient and economical administration of its affairs. I will endeavor to make the next year's administration a prosperous one for the city and will devote to that object my best energy and such personal care and attention as my business experience has shown me are necessarily inseparable from the financial success of any institution.

Your obedient servant, R. P. McLENNAN

FOR SALE—Very cheap, interest in creek claim No. 143 below lower on Dominion. Inquire E. C. Stahl, this office.

Last evening a strolling policeman was passing the barrow of a costermonger who was weighing out plums to a customer. The coster, as costers do, quickly chucked off the top plum as overweight. The policeman, as police do, took a casual plum as his perquisite. But the hitler was bit, for his teeth ground hard upon the iron simulacrum of a plum. It was the very one the coster had thrown off the balance. Now, what could a policeman do? As a gentleman he could neither prosecute—the situation was a delicate one—nor steal a business asset. He took the right course. He returned the iron plum to the stall and took a real one.—London Chronicle.

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GOSSIP OF THE CREEKS

Some Have Good Times, Some Good Dumps

A Card Party Turns Out to be a Ball—Changes in Road-houses.

Mr. A. J. Maiden was visiting friends at the Forks and lower Bonanza last Monday.

The misers on Victoria gulch are still celebrating.

Mrs. J. J. Legault, of Monte Cristo Hill, received a very nice toilet set as a Christmas present.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, of No. 25 below Bonanza, served a very elaborate Christmas dinner.

The shoemaker at Magnet City received a Christmas present that was not very highly appreciated.

Mr. Watson of 34 below Bonanza was driven from his happy home last Saturday by the water from the gusher.

Mr. Slaughter of No. 24 above Bonanza is sinking a shaft on the hillside opposite No. 40 above Bonanza.

Miss Jennie Parry, proprietress of the Strathcona hotel at Magnet City, gave a dance Xmas eve.

Messrs. Conrad and Martin Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza invited a number of their friends to spend last Saturday evening with them.

As a gentle prospector-for-lead, he took returned the and took a

interest in now lower on C. C. Stahl,

year to pay the expenses of the parish. The revenues were \$60,910, the principal items being \$22,647 from pew rents, \$14,356 from tuition fees at the several educational institutions, and \$11,782 from offerings.

King Edward's...Snuff Box

(New York Sun.)

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WHERE THE DOGS ALL GO TO CHURCH

ORIGINAL STORY OF THE LOUCHEAUX WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE NUGGET BY WM. N. CRAIGIE.

THE irregular jingle-jangle of a bell as it was rung with aimless mechanical movement by a young Indian who, true to his breed, was intently watching a hawk circling above him.

It was Sunday morning in the Peel valley. The thin wintry sunshine lit up a glorious country of mountain, forest, hill and watercourse.

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Not—Your baby isn't three months old yet, is he?

He (after a quarrel, bitterly) — I was a fool when I married you.

She (quietly, about to leave the room) — Yes; but I thought you would improve.—Punch

"That young doctor says he is treating some swell patients."

"People with pedigrees?"

"No; people with mumps."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"You lazy 'ramp, don't you know that honest labor is dignified?"

"Yes, sir, but, you see, I realize that I am too humble to aspire to the dignity."

Political Announcements YUKON TERRITORY.

Dr. Alfred Thompson

Is a candidate for the Yukon council from the Dawson district. The support of the electorate is respectfully requested.

FOR YUKON COUNCIL.

Dawson, Yukon Territory, December 26th, 1902. To the Electors of the Electoral District No. 2—

Gentlemen:—Owing to petitions signed by numbers of voters from the creeks requesting me to become a candidate for the Yukon Council, District No. 2, I have decided to accept the nomination.

Yours obedient, MAX. LAUREVILLE.

FOR MEMBER OF THE YUKON COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 1.

A. J. Prudhomme

And the preacher, what of him? Did he falter in his work? Not for a moment.

Aytoun after the first minute or two looked to see how Lijuek was talking it.

The parson was striving hard to be heard; his face was black with exertion, the veins stood out on his forehead and neck.

Aytoun gave it up, curled into as small a space as possible, to avoid getting hurt, and howled with the rest—but only with real delight and amusement.

CITY OF DAWSON.

VOTE FOR R. P. McLENNAN For Mayor of Dawson, 1903.

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR 1903, D. W. DAVIS.

VOTE FOR James F. Macdonald FOR ALDERMAN

Candidate FOR ALDERMAN 1903 J. A. GREENE

Candidate FOR ALDERMAN 1903 H. C. Norquay

DR. A. F. EDWARDS Candidate for ALDERMAN, 1903

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FOR ALDERMAN. To the electors of the city of Dawson: At the request of my friends I again offer myself as a candidate for alderman.

Candidate FOR ALDERMAN 1903. LIONEL G. BENNET

For Member of the YUKON COUNCIL Dawson District No. 1. C. W. C. TABOR

For Yukon Council Candidate for District No. 1, which includes Dawson, Fortymile, Miller, Glacier and Boucher. WM. THORNBURN

FOR YUKON COUNCIL To the Electors of Electoral District No. 2. JOHN PRINGLE

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR 1903 Thos. Adair

Vote for PETER VACHON For Alderman.

Vote for JOHN L. TIMMINS For alderman. He stands for a clean administration and a judicious expenditure of the people's money.

TO THE VOTERS At the solicitation of my friends I will be a candidate for Alderman at the ensuing municipal election.

Candidate FOR ALDERMAN 1903, Dr. Z. Strong, V. S.

FRANK N. JOHNSON Candidate for ALDERMAN, 1903

Your Vote and Influence are Respectfully Requested for ALLAYNE JONES As Alderman for 1903

Candidate for ALDERMAN 1903, A. LA LANDE.

Candidate for ALDERMAN 1903, R.H.S. Cresswell.

"DE SNOWBIRD"

By Wm. H. Drummond.

"O leetle bird dat's come to us w'en stormy win' she's blowin'.

"We always know you're comin', w'en we hear de fire's boog storm.

"Was it 'way behin' de mountain dat de north' win' ketch you sleepin'.

"All de wood is full on summer wit de many bird is sing dere.

"Plantee bird is always hidin' on some place no wan can fin, dem.

"No wan say you sing lak robin, but you got no tam for singin'.

"O de long, an' lonesome winter, if you 're never comin' near us.

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ANOTHER CONVICTION

Schofield Found Guilty of Vagrancy

Sentence is Reserved Until the Remainder of Similar Cases Are Disposed of.

Another act in the short card gambling cases was enacted this morning before the police magistrate. Herbert Schofield was placed on trial charged with being a loose, idle and disorderly person having no visible means of support and subsisting for the most part on the proceeds derived from gambling. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was represented by Mr. Hagel, K. C.

The case was in many respects similar to that tried a day or two ago in which "Poker Dick" was the unlucky victim, a conviction having been secured by the crown and a sentence of one month at hard labor imposed by his honor. During the progress of the trial and also at its conclusion counsel for defense drew a number of very fine distinctions relative to the offense of playing poker, to what extent the rake-off might amount to and still not be considered a common gaming house, and the possible crime of being a man of means and not compelled to work for a livelihood.

Corporal Piper has known the accused since '99 and testified that he had never known him to do an honest day's work since he had been in the country. His reputation was that of a first-class gambler. Last Saturday evening he was playing in the room in the rear of the Aurora. Has also seen him playing in the Northern Annex.

His honor asked what game they were playing on Saturday night at the time of the arrest, to which the witness replied that he did not know but the prisoner in the box seemed to be at the head of the game.

Constable Mallet's evidence was practically a corroboration of that of the preceding witness. Constable Mapple has known the accused for a year. His reputation is that of a gambler and he was running the game at the time of his arrest Saturday night. He was formerly a gambler at the Savoy and also at the O'Brien club. At all these places the accused was in the habit of playing poker.

John Richard Davis, clad in prison garb and with his hair trimmed close, the "Poker Dick" of Saturday's session, was next in the box. He denied knowing what the occupation of Schofield had been during the previous three months. Had seen him in the Aurora lunch room referred to and had seen him play there. Does not know if he had ever acted as a dealer, qualifying the latter statement by adding "to the best of my knowledge."

In regard to the game played and the rake-off taken, Davis said that draw poker and stud poker were the favorites, and that the rake-off was but little if any more than the cost of the maintenance of the game. Refreshments such as cigars, drinks, lunch, etc., were from time to time served. The witness also ventured the opinion that there was not a game in town that was more than clearing expenses.

"Then I can't understand why they are run at all if they assume all the risks and there is no profit," dryly remarked his honor. Much seemed to hinge on the size of the rake-off. It was admitted there was no crime in playing poker under certain conditions and also that a rake-off sufficient to defray the expenses of the game was permissible, but how far could it go? As an example his honor cited the case of six men sitting down to a game of poker on Monday evening with \$25 each. At the conclusion of the evening's play what money was left would be divided up evenly between the players and play would be resumed the following evening, then the next and so on to the end of the week. By Saturday night would the rake-off not have

eaten up practically all the original capital started with on Monday evening? And the witness admitted that it probably would. The cost of new decks of cards to replace those torn up by the superstitious players would amount to considerable in itself. A fast game would use up a box in one night, costing \$10 or \$12.

Sergeant Smith testified that he had known the accused for a year or two. His general reputation was that of a gambler and he was usually to be found at the place formerly kept by Louis Spitz. Witness had been watching Schofield for some time and has frequently seen him at Spitz's place when there would often be a party of forty people present.

The sergeant and counsel for defense had a mild tilt over the nature of the former's evidence, the latter admonishing him not to be so zealous in giving his testimony as at that time he was a witness and not the prosecutor.

No defense was put in by Schofield, his counsel making a short argument and asking that his client be dismissed as there was no proof that he had been sustaining himself by gambling. "Because he does not work is no proof that my client is a vagrant. He is not bound to work, as he may be a man of means. There is many a hireless lawyer." Reference was also made to the apparent demands of an over-exacting public when his honor replied that "this court does not care a fig for an over-exacting public as the record of the past year and a half will show."

Upon it becoming apparent that a conviction would be found, Mr. Hagel asked that in the event of such being the case that the sentence imposed be suspended in order that the accused might leave the territory. At once, Sergeant Smith adding that he had no objection to such providing the prisoner would clear out immediately.

Schofield was found guilty and sentence was reserved until the other similar cases now before the court were disposed of. On the question of suspended sentence his honor reminded counsel that in the case of Davis he had given him one month at hard labor and he knew of no reason why he should be more lenient toward one than the other. "However, we will hear the other cases first."

The case against Thos. O'Connor is being heard this afternoon. Clem Labor, the last of the trio similarly charged, was arraigned and asked for an enlargement until Friday, which was granted.

BIGGEST FIRE OF THE YEAR

(Continued from page 1.)

a great crowd, lost but very little. Willie Bittner was one of the most active men at the fire. He was carrying one of the barber chairs out of the Atlin barber shop when he stumbled and pitched right over the big chair on to his nose. The deep gully in front of the scene of the conflagration on Second avenue which this morning interfered with traffic, is therefore explained. But little Willie's nose has only one little scratch on it.

Shuman, the jeweler on First avenue, got out all his valuables and stacked them against the bank building across the street. They remained unharmed.

A worse temptation than this was offered, Alderman MacDonald, at the Empire hotel on Queen street, had his stock of liquors carried out and piled in the alley opposite. Not a cork was drawn.

Some people are criticising the fire chief because the water was late in being turned on, and are inclined to give the N. C. unlimited praise. Those boys undoubtedly did good work, but they took nothing from the fame of Fire Chief Lester. He did it.

The N. C. boys had a nozzle at the top of the Standard library building.

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...HOCKEY MATCH...

Dawson Amateur Athletic Association

...Versus...

Northwest Mounted Police

Thursday, New Year's Day

At 8:00 O'clock P. M.

MEETING TONIGHT

A meeting of the supporters of J. H. Davison and his colleagues will be held in the committee room, 109 1/2 2nd avenue, tonight at 8 p. m. A full attendance is requested.

and were squirting into the middle of the fire. Chief Lester, walking down the alley, shouted, "Drop that hose." The command was obeyed. He caught the hose, played upon the fire next to the walls of the library for a couple of minutes, put it out and walked away to direct the rest of the manoeuvres of the fight.

To the man who watched the whole of the fight against the encroachments of the fire of last night, it was interesting to follow the method of the fire chief. And this method was so plain that everyone who remained long enough could follow the whole of the evolutions of his little army. He never played upon the center of the fire at all, but kept going round it in a circle and gradually narrowing the circle. That is one way, and it struck the observer as a very sensible one.

Queen street was piled with goods from the burnt-out stores this morning and there were dogs and horse sleighs carting them away. There did not seem to be any disputes among the owners whose goods had thus been thrown pell mell in the streets, and, as before stated, there was but little complaint of petty thievery.

OPPOSED TO CHARTER

Feeling Strong Among Property Owners

The feeling among certain property owners against the granting of a charter to lay railroad tracks on First avenue, seems to be on the increase.

It is particularly manifest among owners of retail establishments who fear that their business will be interfered with to a considerable extent if the charter now before the council is granted.

They say that First avenue will be turned into a swivel road and that the smoke and cinders from passing engines will drive traffic away from the street.

"In my opinion," said one of the objectors yesterday, "the railroad should pass along the beach west of the street and come along the wharves back of the Bank of Commerce. They would need to do some bridge work to make this plan effective but it would take the rails away from the street and it is that end which we most desire to see accomplished. Coming by that route the road would have direct access to the wharves, and the purpose of the company would be accomplished without injury to the interests of property owners."

The anti-charter people include some of the heaviest owners on the street outside of the big companies. They are preparing to enter a vigorous protest against the application now pending before the council.

FOUND—By F. S. Leck, fob chain and gold buckle. Apply Nugget-office.

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J. McNamee's Address to the Electors of District No. 2.

To the electors of the Yukon territory:

Gentlemen,—You have already heard that I have allowed myself to be nominated as a candidate for the Yukon territorial council. It is with very much hesitation and after many refusals to my friends that I have consented to accept the nomination and I would certainly have stayed out of the field if there had been nominated a thorough and real miner knowing the conditions of this country. At the last hour, on many representations made by numerous miners I have felt it was my duty to elect myself to this country in which fortune has favored me. If elected I will try and help this mining camp as much as this mining camp has helped me in the past.

I have been in this country and in other mining centers a wage earner and I know too much about the hard work the laborer is doing, to not give first my attention to this most important class of a mining camp. Not that I am in favor of protecting a class to the detriment of another class. No, but I think that in protecting the laborers we are protecting the mine owners as well as the commercial class. Labor is the wealth of a mining country and when I see that so many of them lose their wages I feel that it is the duty of a mine owner who has been a laborer to do his utmost in favor of labor. I am in favor of high wages. High wages are as much to the benefit of the mine owner as good working machinery is. I know by experience that the higher the wages I have paid the better laborer I have obtained, and knowing this, I have in my mining operations always paid the highest wages. I will favor a lien law that will give to the laborer a protection that he should have and to that effect I will work continuously.

As to the road question, I will advocate the policy, followed by the last commissioner and by the present acting commissioner of building roads to every creek on which mining is going on.

There are other questions that I might deal with. I am not in favor of making election promises. All that I can say to the electors is that I will deal with public affairs as I have dealt with all affairs since I have been in this country.

I have had the occasion to discuss the above questions and many others with old timers and Mr. Maxime Landreville, and I am glad to say that we agree on every one, as old timers used to agree in the early part of Yukon history.

Yours truly, JAMES MCNAMEE.

LEGAL OPINIONS ON VOTING

That a Man Can Vote Both in the City and on the Creeks is Held to be an Absurd Idea—How the Rumor May Possibly Have Originated.

The statement that was put into circulation and is being industrially spread by the "Two Others" of the candidates for the Yukon council, that a man can vote on the creeks for his candidate in that district and then come to Dawson and vote for his candidate is all wrong. The thing upon the face of it is absurd, but it possibly arose from an error in the drafting of the ordinance, or rather in the form of the oath to be taken before voting. Every one who votes at the Yukon council election has to take an oath before voting and in the ordinance the form is as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear that I am a natural born, or naturalized, male British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and that I have continuously resided in the Yukon Territory for a period of not less than twelve months prior to the date of this election and that I have not voted before at this election at this or any other polling place. So help me God.

The claim is made that any one who has resided in the Yukon territory for a year can vote wherever he happens to be, but should this reading be good in law he can vote once and subscribe to this oath that he has not voted before at this election?

When this point was brought to the attention of Acting-Commissioner Wood this morning he thought of the idea of a man voting twice was too absurd to give it much serious attention. He simply referred the reporter of the Nugget to the section in ordinance No. 29 which deals with this subject, and requested him to see the acting legal adviser. Section 17 of this ordinance reads as follows:

"The forms in the Schedule to said Ordinance are amended by striking out the words 'Yukon territory' wherever they appear therein, and substituting in lieu thereof the words 'electoral district of \_\_\_\_\_' and by striking out the dates there-"

Gold Commissioner Senkler, who is acting legal adviser, said when asked for an opinion upon this question: "If a man can take an oath that he has lived for a year past in District No. 1, the Dawson district, and can also take an oath that he has resided for a year in District No. 2, the creeks district, I suppose he could vote twice, but for the life of me I cannot see how he can subscribe to the two. What has led to this discussion, in my opinion, is the erroneous wording of the ordinance as to this election, which reads—'continuously resided in the Yukon territory for a period of not less than twelve months.' It should read—'have continuously resided in the district of the Yukon territory, &c.' This point is covered by another clause in the ordinance. But even if it were not so covered by explaining that the residence should be in a certain electoral district of the territory, the point as to voting in two or more districts is covered by the oath itself, which plainly stipulates that the voter must take oath that he has not voted at any other polling place in this election."

Quite a number of lawyers were seen on this subject in order to set the subject entirely at rest, among them Mr. Woodworth, Mr. Crisp, J. B. Smith, Alex Macfarlane, W. M. McKay and several others, all of whom agreed that the taking of the oath settled the question of the legal right to a voter to vote in more than one district or for more candidates than those who could be elected from said district. The oath to be taken before voting in this district is as follows:

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TO BE INCREASED.

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Mr. Harton arrived in the city a few days ago and has been a guest of the Butler. Last night, accompanied by his wife, he left for San Francisco from where they will start for home. In an interview at the hotel before his departure he said:

"While my trip to Seattle has been for pleasure, I have done a good deal of business here, and am now able to say to you that this port will receive more southern cotton for re-shipment to the Orient this year than for any similar period in the past. During the time I have been here I have consulted with the railroad companies operating steamer lines across the Pacific and have received rates on our shipments that are more satisfactory than any we have ever had. They come so close to the Atlantic seaboard rates that they are as good to us."

"There has been a good crop of cotton in the south this year. It is larger than the year before, when we had our record crop, and the reason is increased acreage. For the past two or three years we have been able to sell cotton at something like what it is worth, and this has been an inducement to growers to increase their acreage, and they have not been slow to do so."

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"About a month ago, as I was preparing to come to town, she handed me a letter with the injunction to be sure and post it at the first pillar-box that I came to. I promised, and stuck the letter in my pocket."

"Now, don't forget," she called after me, 'as the letter is very important.'"

"I won't," I answered, and straightway proceeded to forget all about it."

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"I was thunderstruck to find that it was addressed to me. Thinking that my wife must have taken leave of her senses, I tore it open and found a note that read thus: "'The gas is leaking in the basement. Please send a man to attend to it.'"

"I don't remember what I said when, on rushing home, I found that the gas was still leaking, but all the satisfaction I got out of my wife was that she thought I should remember to post the next letter she gave me. I think I shall."

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Illustrated Bits has the following: "My wife has a way of jogging my memory that I am hardly in sympathy with," said Smith, with a sad smile, as he put away his last month's gas bill.

"About a month ago, as I was preparing to come to town, she handed me a letter with the injunction to be sure and post it at the first pillar-box that I came to. I promised, and stuck the letter in my pocket."

"Now, don't forget," she called after me, 'as the letter is very important.'"

"I won't," I answered, and straightway proceeded to forget all about it."

"The other day I chanced to be going through my pockets, when I was surprised by coming across the letter that my wife had given me to post long weeks before. Remembering that she had said it was very important, I glanced at it to see to whom it was addressed."

"I was thunderstruck to find that it was addressed to me. Thinking that my wife must have taken leave of her senses, I tore it open and found a note that read thus: "'The gas is leaking in the basement. Please send a man to attend to it.'"

"I don't remember what I said when, on rushing home, I found that the gas was still leaking, but all the satisfaction I got out of my wife was that she thought I should remember to post the next letter she gave me. I think I shall."

He courted a gem of a girl, And told her that she was his pearl. But when they were married Her ma came and tarried, Though he didn't like mother of pearl. —Philadelphia Record.

CITIZEN TRAIN

History of a Peculiarly American Production.

A recent American publication is the autobiography of George Francis Train. It had attracted wide attention before it was published. In the New York World of October 12 was printed an article filling an entire page, in which were given the circumstances in which Citizen Train was induced to write the book, and the means by which he did so.

The work was prepared by him entirely by dictation. Altogether it occupied him only thirty-five hours, which is probably the shortest time on record for such a work to be performed. The article in the World described Citizen Train as "the strangest man in America," and contained the following as an introduction to the account it gave of the book itself:

"He was once the best known American on the face of the globe. He organized the clipper-ship line that sailed around Cape Horn to San Francisco and made American shipping lead the world."

"He organized the Credit Mobilier and the Union Pacific Railroad. He was one of the organizers of the French Commune. He built the first street railway in England."

"He has been the business partner of queens, emperors and grand dukes, the familiar friend of the greatest people of the earth."

"He has been in jail fifteen times, from the Tombs to a Bastille, and never committed a crime. He has made more than seventy ocean voyages. He has broken the around-the-world record three times."

"He formerly lived in a villa and spent \$2,000 a week in maintaining it. Now he lives in the Mills hotel, at a total expenditure of \$3 a week. He is Citizen George Francis Train."

"Citizen Train wrote this wonderful story of a wonderful life on the top floor of the Mills hotel, where he occupies a room possibly eight feet long and six feet wide, and where he receives his callers with a dignity, a graciousness and native hospitality that would be in keeping with the homes he used to live in. He has lived in that room for four years, ever since it was built. It has a single bed, a dresser, a tiny table, one chair, and half a dozen paper boxes."

Signs of Industry.

The Texas state department of agriculture has gathered statistics showing shipments of fruits and vegetables from that state to northern and eastern markets. Five years ago there was practically no business of this kind, but for the season just closed 5,675 carloads have been sent out, mostly to St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago. The number of cars of peaches was 1,380; watermelons, 917; tomatoes, 1,159; potatoes, 1,406, etc.

The Judson Iron Works of San Francisco has contracted for a large amount of steel work on two new bridges to cross the Russian river in California. Each of these bridges will be about 1,200 feet long.

The Fall River Line is asking bids at Fall River, Mass., on two new steamers, one for passenger and one for freight service.

The production of rails at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, it is said, has been so heavy recently that the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania railroads are unable to handle the output. As a result thousands of tons of rails are being stacked in the mill yards.

The average movement of freight over the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad is at present 6,000 cars a day, a record never before equaled by that road.—Railroad Gazette.

"Bragg was telling me at the political meeting last night that his grandfather died very suddenly on the platform at a great public gathering."

"Did he have the nerve to tell you that?"

"Yes, wasn't it true?"

"Oh yes, excursions, I believe, were public in those days when his grandfather died."

Few men acquire polish from the grindstone of adversity.

FELL DOWN DEEP SHAFT

A Sulphur Miner Meets With an Accident

Some men may fall down a shaft no more than ten feet in depth and come forth with broken limbs and mangled broken necks. Others may fall five times that distance and never turn an eyelash.

Of the latter class is Jack Chisholm, of discovery claim on Sulphur creek. Chisholm was engaged yesterday afternoon in making some necessary repairs in the cribbing of a forty-foot shaft. He had arranged a ladder upon which to work and with hammer and saw was busily engaged at his job.

Without go much as a warning the frail support suddenly gave way and in the twinkling of an eye Mr. Chisholm was resting on bedrock 33 feet below.

Lusty cries from the bottom of the shaft brought immediate assistance and the victim of the accident was hastily conveyed to the surface and taken to his cabin.

A doctor was called in and an examination made. No bones were broken and with the exception of a shaking up which he will have occasion to remember for some time Chisholm is just as sound as ever. He will be doing business at the old stand as usual in a very few days.

Employment Agent—I have a job that will just suit you. She is a young widow, and is very fond of children.

Mrs. Richleigh—But we have no children.

Employment agent—Oh, that'll be all right, me'am. She has six of her own.—Chicago News.

GOOD CLOTHES

Always Create a Good Impression.

If you need a new Suit, Overcoat or pair of Trousers you should get only the best. To do that you must go to