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## QUARTZ LEDGE

Clearly Defined Below Moose-  
hide—The Continuation  
of Others

FOUND ON BONANZA AND ELDORADO.

Opinion of Harry J. Deiter Re-  
garding Its Formation.

SLIDE BACK OF THE CITY

Came by Reason of Volcanic Action  
—Quartz Ledges Under It—His  
Plausible Theory.

From Wednesday's Daily  
Among the visitors from the creeks  
seen in the city today was Henry J.  
Deiter, of 30 above, Bonanza.  
Mr. Deiter has great faith in the min-  
ing future of the country, and has been  
during the past year, interesting him-  
self much in quartz mining projects in  
the vicinity, with the result that he  
is at present one of the most conversant  
men in the country, and has some  
theories concerning the subject, and  
has some which, as they are based  
upon practical experience, and con-  
scientious study of the question, are  
worthy of consideration.

"The dykes which have been uncov-  
ered in the vicinity of Eldorado and  
Bonanza creek," said Mr. Deiter this  
morning, "will be found, if they  
amount to anything, to follow a line  
parallel to the axis of the Rocky moun-  
tains, that is, having a general ten-  
dency that way not considering sinuosi-  
ties.  
"Take for instance the lead I am  
following now in the hill between Bon-  
anza and Eldorado creeks. Now I am  
perfectly satisfied that it is a conti-  
nuation of that dyke which may be clearly  
seen at low water just below Moosehide.  
That is the general direction taken by  
that and all other main ledges thus far  
discovered, besides, the magnetic needle  
will show this course, and the stratifica-  
tion is identical.

"These outcroppings may be followed  
for a distance of about 90 miles to the  
northwest from here when, if that line  
of travel is pursued it will be found  
that they are not longer seen. The  
cause of this is simple. The whole  
formation swings off more to the west  
ward from there on.

"What do I know concerning the  
reputed strike at Rock creek? Very  
little; except that that is a coal pro-  
ducing section and the chances are,  
judging by that fact and general indica-  
tion that there will be but little gold  
found there.

"I was interested myself in a ledge  
located there last year, but it was found  
to be of very small value.

"If the ledge uncovered, however, is  
well defined and leads to the northwest,  
it may be all right, but if it lies in a  
parallel direction to that it will, I  
think, be found to be only a gash.

"There has undoubtedly, at some re-  
mote period, been a great volcanic dis-  
turbance in this country, and these  
gashes, lying parallel to the main ledges  
are the natural result of this volcanic  
action. This big hill back of town,

for instance, never grew there, so to  
speak, but was placed there by volcanic  
action, and the ledges, what ever they  
contain, if of enough value to be ever  
followed up, will be found to dip under  
that hill.

"Apropos of the subject it is said that  
yet another ledge has been discovered  
on the ridge between Eldorado and Bo-  
nanza creeks, which is reported to fol-  
low the ridge as far as traced."

**About Vaccination.**  
Nothing having been said for some  
time concerning the matter of vaccina-  
tion it has rather dropped out of sight,  
that is in all but medical circles and  
among those connected with the health  
office. There however, it is as live a  
subject as ever, and while a great  
many have applied at the office for vac-  
cination and have been treated by the  
government to a sore arm, there are  
still many who have not come in, and  
until all have been vaccinated it is not  
the purpose of the health office to cease  
from scratching.

Dr. McArthur said yesterday that in-  
stead of being nearly through with the  
matter it had only got a good start.

"Every one, under the ordinance,"  
said he, "who has not been successfully  
vaccinated or contracted now. That is  
they must have been vaccinated during  
the past seven years.

"If the people do not come to the  
office for vaccination a house to house  
canvass will assuredly be made."

## To Raise Florence S. Go Hunting Indians

Doc Cleveland has gone up the river,  
but as he did not go through to White-  
horse and is not missing, there is a  
story current as to where he has gone  
and the object of the trip which is  
being much discussed in transportation  
circles.

The object of Mr. Cleveland's trip up  
the river is to survey the wreck of the  
steamer Florence S, whose loss last  
summer in the Thirtymile river was  
attended with such tragic results.

As Doc was never known to do any-  
thing just for the healthy exercise, or  
the fun of it, color is lent by the fact  
of his going, and his known destination  
to the story that he is the promoter and  
main instigator of a scheme to raise  
the Florence S. and operate her as part  
of a transportation line between here  
and Whitehorse during the coming sea-  
son.

The company which rumor credits  
Mr. Cleveland with having formed is  
local and is said to have subscribed  
from forty to fifty thousand dollars for  
the purpose stated. Just what condi-  
tion the wreck is now in with regard  
to raising and the probable expense of  
such an undertaking is not known  
definitely here, but it is said by steam-  
boat men that it will be a very costly  
enterprise.

When the vessel capsized and broke  
up last summer, it will be remembered  
by those who read the accounts of the  
affair that she was turning a bend in  
the river, and owing either to her top  
heavy condition, or to the fact of her  
low rate of speed and the current, or to  
a combination of these circumstances,  
the vessel very suddenly turned over,  
and almost instantly the upper works  
parted company with the hull.

The last that was heard of the where-  
abouts of the superstructure it had been  
tied up by Sid Barrington who re-  
mained with that portion of the wreck,  
at Hootalinqua.

The hull grounded near the scene of  
the disaster, and presumably is still  
there, and there is little doubt but what  
it can be successfully raised and re-  
paired, especially when a man of Mr.  
Cleveland's well known energy has un-  
dertaken the project.

The contemplated line, it is said,  
will also not overlook the Stewart river  
business, which it is thought will be  
rather brisk during the coming season  
of navigation. What other boats are to  
be operated in conjunction with the  
Florence S. are not known.

**Fire on Last Chance.**  
Monday evening there occurred on  
Last Chance, at No. 8 above the mouth  
one of the most destructive fires which  
has visited any of the outlying dis-  
tricts for a long time past.  
The cabin, a large and particularly

well built one, the property of H. G.  
Cook, T. Flemming, Gus Kane and  
George St. Clair, was totally destroyed  
by the fire, together with its contents,  
consisting of furniture, bedding, pro-  
visions and the personal belongings of  
the partners.

Precisely how the fire started is not  
known, although there is little doubt  
that it had its origin in the stove, in  
which a fire was left burning when the  
occupants of the cabin went to a nearby  
roadhouse to dinner.

That is all they know concerning  
the matter, as when they finished their  
dinner and came again within sight  
of their house it was in flames and too  
far gone to render any attempt at saving  
its or any of its contents anything but  
futile.

The house and its contents were val-  
ued at \$2000. Which is, of course, the  
amount of the loss.

**War Scenes.**  
E. M. Bruce has received several  
copies of "Defenders of the Empire,"  
a pictorial publication treating exclu-  
sively on scenes taken from the late Boer  
war. Some of the most dramatic in-  
cidents of the war are portrayed most  
vividly. The following titles suggest  
the nature of the illustrations: "De-  
fenders of the Empire," "Forward,"  
"Eyes of the Army," "The Handy  
Man," "A helping hand from Canada,"  
"The rush to death," "A tight cor-  
ner," "Ambushed."

## ANOTHER CORPS

Of Canadian Mounted Troops  
to be Recruited for  
South Africa.

TO GO FORWARD IMMEDIATELY.

Many Applications Come From  
Canada and America.

THEY MUST BE GOOD SHOTS

And Not Under 20 or Over 25 Years  
of Age—Transportation Provid-  
ed for 1,000 Men.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—Another corps of  
Canadian mounted troops is shortly to  
be recruited for active service in South  
Africa, but it will go forward under  
considerably different conditions from  
those which characterized the sending  
of the time-expired regiments now re-  
turning to Canada. The latter were  
sent as Canada's contribution to aid the  
mother country in the war, but the bat-  
talion now to be recruited in this coun-  
try will go forward under entirely  
different auspices and divested of the  
national significance which marked the  
dispatch of the first two contingents.

In this connection considerable cha-  
grin is beginning to be manifested by  
the ultra-royal and the independent  
press of the Dominion over the fact that  
there is no indication that the Canadian  
government will follow the example  
recently set by New Zealand and offer  
the imperial authorities, as a national  
undertaking a fresh contingent of Cana-  
dian volunteers for service in South  
Africa. Not a few of the leaders sound-  
ed a note of discord amid the noise of  
enthusiastic acclaim throughout the  
country over the returning Canadian  
veterans. In some extreme instances  
even, the old saw that "Grip is a good  
dog, but Holdfast is a better," is  
being applied to point a rather sting-  
ing rebuke to those who decided to re-  
turn home at the expiration of their  
term of service, disregarding Lord Rob-  
erts' appeal to them to remain in the  
army in Africa for a short additional  
term.

Ever since the announcement that  
recruits were being sought in England  
and the colonies for this constabulary  
force, applications have been coming  
in at the militia department here from  
Canadians, and from Americans, as  
well, who were eager for active service  
in South Africa. Mr. Chamberlain,  
having been advised of this cabled:  
"Her majesty's government learns  
with satisfaction that recruits are com-  
ing forward in Canada for the South  
African constabulary and will have  
much pleasure in accepting 1000 men,  
if so many are available. They must  
be good shots, good riders, single, and  
not under 20 or over 35. The inspector  
general of constabulary will send Capt.  
Fall, of Lord Strathcona's corps, from  
South Africa, to pass the men, who will  
be actually enlisted on arrival in South  
Africa, when pay will commence at  
the rate of five shillings a day, with  
free rations, equipment, etc. Engage-  
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# SWIFT WATER

**William C. Gates Has Eloped With the Remaining Lamore Sister.**

**PULLED WOOL OVER GUSSIE'S EYES.**

**C. P. R. Co. Acquires Controlling Interest in C. P. N. Co.**

**POWER APPOINTED SPEAKER.**

**Montreal Hockey Team Outplays New York—Active Recruiting in Ontario—Coming to Dawson.**

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.  
Butte, Mont., Jan. 14, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—"Swiftwater Bill" Gates has eloped with Belle Lamore, the third and younger of the Lamore Sisters. He was on his way from Seattle to New York and called here to see his ex-wife Gussie who was playing here with her sister Belle. Gates was very kind to Gussie and made her a present of a half interest in a valuable mining claim at Nome. Gussie was pleased with his attentions and was telling her friends confidentially that she and Gates were to be re-married at once. On the night of the 12th "Swiftwater" suddenly disappeared. Later Gussie found that her sister also was gone. The next day Belle wired Gussie from Helena that she and "Swiftwater" were married and en route to New York.

(If reports at the time were true, "Swiftwater" Gates was married in Circle City last summer to the mother of his babe born to them on Dominion the previous winter. They had been previously married, but owing to some delay in the signing of the decree which divorced he and Gussie, the ceremony was legalized at that late day. No reports of "Swift" being divorced from his second wife ever reached Dawson.)

**C. P. R. Reaching Out.**

Vancouver, Jan. 13, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has acquired a controlling interest in the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company. A large sum will be expended in improving the company's equipment and in purchasing fast boats which will be put on the Skagway run.

**Speaker Power.**

Ottawa, Jan. 13, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—Senator Power, of Halifax, has been appointed speaker of the senate. Hugh Guthrie, of South Waterloo, will move an address to the house.

**New Canadian Commander.**

London, Jan. 12, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—It is rumored that Sir William Butler will be appointed lieutenant general commanding troops in Canada to succeed Lord Seymour.

**War Eagle Declines.**

Toronto, Jan. 13, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—War Eagle mining stock which some time ago was quoted at \$3.90 has dropped to 80 cents.

**Hockey in the East.**

New York, Jan. 12, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—The Victoria hockey team of Montreal, the crack team of Canada, today defeated the New York Athletic Club team by a score of 8 to 5.

**Cold Storage Steamers.**

Skagway, Jan. 21.—The W. P. & Y. R. Ry. Co. has ordered refrigerator plants for Skagway, Whitehorse and Dawson. The company will operate re-

frigerator cars, also three cold storage steamers on the Yukon.

**Canadians Volunteering.**

Ottawa, Jan. 14, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—Active recruiting is now in progress at various points in Ontario. Already 1000 have been listed for Baden Powell's constabulary.

**Coming to Dawson.**

Skagway, Jan. 21.—H. Robinson and sister of Gold Run, E. B. Northrup, Max Hirschberg, Thos. Kispich, Geo. A. Quilling, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ellinger, Miss Jones, Warren Clark and Alfred Sagberly are all here awaiting the opening of the railroad. All will wheel from Whitehorse to Dawson.

**Fire Alarms.**

The fire whistle blew Saturday evening in response to an alarm turned in from Third avenue near the Metropole. Upon reaching the same the firemen found that a small fire had been started in a cabin owned by Wilson and Walker, by means of an overloaded stove which was too near the wall. The blaze was extinguished without any damage resulting.

Last evening the alarm that sounded was for a fire in the Central hotel on Second street, between Second and Third avenues. This, too, was put out without resulting in any loss.

Saturday afternoon the News office indulged in another roof fire, but it was not found necessary to ring in an alarm, as the fire was discovered almost as soon as it started and extinguished without damage.

## Killed on Bonanza

Last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock W. J. Klonquist was killed while working in the shaft of claim No. 46 below discovery on Bonanza.

It seems that Klonquist was working in the shaft and in some way knocked out the support which held back about 20 tons of earth which was thereby immediately thrown down, burying him and crushing the life from his body instantly.

Three hours later his remains were taken out, but all life had long since fled.

The effects of the deceased were turned over to the public administrator, but amounted to little in point of value. The body will be buried by his partner, Fred Matheson, at the Forks, and no inquest will be held.

Where the deceased came from, or where his relatives, if he has any living, are, no one here seems to know.

**Pretty Rough Sport.**

So full of peril is the lumberman's life that even his sports and games must be spiced with danger and they will pall upon his taste. On the long winter nights a cruel game called "Jack, where be ye?" is frequently played.

The middle of the largest room in the camp is cleared. Two men are securely blindfolded and, having previously drawn lots for the first whack, they kneel on the floor. In his right hand each man holds a stout leather strap, in his left another leather strap, or a rope is held by the end, either close to the floor or, in some camps, actually on it. The latter strap, being kept taut by the combatants, guarantees a uniform distance between them. They are quite near enough to hurt each other severely, which not infrequently happens.

Now, the man who has been lucky enough to draw the first call shouts, "Jack, where be ye?" to which his opponent must immediately answer, "Here I be." Then the first man strikes at the place where he imagines his adversary to be with the heavy leather strap. If he hits his man, he is entitled to another blow—may call out again, "Jack, where be ye?" and the other must answer, "Here I be." This is continued till the first man misses, when he must take his turn at being struck.

The others form a ring around the two combatants, bets are made, and each faction encourages and applauds its chosen man. There are regular rounds, and the game is usually kept up until one or the other has had enough or perhaps till one is carried off the scene wounded. Hard heads can stand hard knocks, and volunteers for the sport are numerous. At the beginning there is generally no malice. A hard blow is struck—it is expected—it is the game. But it occasionally happens that the game develops into a fierce duel.—Pearsons'.

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# MONTREAL PAPER

**Creates Sensation by Threatening Article Against British Rule.**

**LOOKS TO UNCLE SAM FOR HELP.**

**False Fire Alarm Causes Injury and Death in Chicago.**

**HOTEL FIRE AT MOYIE, B. C.**

**Albertson, Speaker of Washington Legislation—Mushed From Whitehorse to Skagway.**

Montreal, Jan. 14, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—La Verite, the recognized organ of the ultra-Catholic French-Canadians, has created a sensation by the publication of a threatening article against English rule. The article reads:

"It is said 'England always guards Quebec.' We say England can guard Quebec just as long as Quebec wishes and not a moment longer, and it the fanatics of Ontario and elsewhere were not blinded with prejudice they would comprehend the situation. The constant insults of the English element must cease. The French Conservatives have only to make a sign to Uncle Sam and in 15 days his army will occupy Montreal, Quebec and Toronto."

(On looking over the foregoing telegram Mr. Justice Dugas expressed the opinion that the whole thing was an aftermath, so to speak, of the recent elections. He was of the decided opinion that the voice of the publication in question was by no means the voice of the people, whom he characterizes as loyalty personified. If hasty words have been spoken by them they were the result of exasperation probably caused by gratuitous insults offered by some irresponsible publication.)

**Panic in Chicago.**

Chicago, Jan. 12, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—Seven people were trampled to death and many seriously injured in a panic which occurred in Turner hall on West street tonight. Eight hundred people were watching the performance when a man raised a false alarm of fire. In five minutes the panic was over and all the police and firemen had to do was carry out the dead and wounded.

**Hotel Fire.**

Mayie, B. C., Jan. 13, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—The Lake Shore hotel burned last night. All the guests escaped by jumping from two and three-story windows. Loss \$25,000.

**House Speaker Elected.**

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 13, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—R. B. Albertson has been elected speaker of the house, with Editor Ed Cowen chief clerk.

**Dominion Census.**

Ottawa, Jan. 14, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—The taking of the Dominion census will begin on March 31st, the same day it begins in England.

**Mushed to Skagway.**

Skagway, Jan. 21.—The fact that heavy storms through the States have tied up many railroads enables the White Pass road people to console themselves with the thought "there are others."

Eight men reached here last night having mushed from Whitehorse, which required 12 days, where only 11 days were required from Dawson to Whitehorse.

Superintendent Rogers who is at Glacier, 16 miles out, wired Saturday

for dog teams to take castings to him. Men started, but were turned back by a heavy chinook which is thawing fast. Trains may get through today. Fifty Dawsonites are waiting at Whitehorse.

**Quartz Discoveries.**

Although not yet prepared to reveal the details regarding the locations and extent of their various discoveries, it is nevertheless a fact that a number of miners in Dawson and on the creeks are now in possession of knowledge of quartz ledges that are destined to insure the permanency of Dawson as the metropolis of a prosperous mining camp for many years to come. The quartz is of free milling formation and is confidently believed to be practically inexhaustible in extent. A number of assays have been made, all of them showing most satisfactory results, one specimen of quartz taken from a ledge within 20 miles of Dawson showing \$464 to the ton. This ledge has been uncovered at irregular intervals for upwards of a mile, and in some places it is known to be fully a mile wide and of unknown depth.

In the near future it is believed that such developments will have been made as to justify those in possession of the facts in making them known.

**Automobiles Arrive.**

Mr. Clear's automobiles reached town yesterday, but their proprietor was too busy to see press representatives this morning, being locked in the back end of Bartlett Bros.' warehouse with his machines. Consequently no account of the vehicles or what is planned for them appears.

## A.C. Boys Feasted

The banquet tendered by appreciative citizens to the A. C. Co.'s fire fighters Saturday evening at the McDonald was a brilliant success. That the boys did justice to the spread goes without saying, and that the spread was fully up to the standard of excellence long ago established by the McDonald hotel.

There were covers for 40 at table, and so well had Messrs. Timmins and Brimston managed the matter that behind each cover sat a guest entirely at peace with the world, his own digestive organs and his neighbor.

Under these circumstances the banquet could not fail of success, and the many toasts, their responses and the speeches which were made and responded to were received in harmony and good fellowship, while the wine went round on its beneficent mission.

The fire laddies and their hosts were equally glad that they were there.

**Dr. Bourke to the Front.**

Editor Nugget:  
Dear Sir—That the Dawson fire department has done its duty will be generally admitted. It appears to me they have not been liberally or even fairly treated. Contrast the condition of English firemen. They are dealt with in a spirit of fairness and liberality based on wise considerations. They are well paid, fed, lodged, clothed and pensioned, and when on fire duty receive necessary hot refreshment of soup, coffee, etc., and any damage to their clothing while on duty is at once made good. On the other hand, the Dawson firemen, whose duties are as laborious and vastly more dangerous, are paid a proportionately much lower rate. The other benefits mentioned are not considered with reference to them; and we should reflect that it is impossible when exposed to the rigors of this arctic climate to produce and maintain the full amount of work a man is capable of without proper hot refreshment and sufficient clothing, not to mention the probable ill effects on health; for it must be remembered that exposed to our arctic winter conditions as our firemen are, may spell death to some of them in the not remote future. The present pay is insufficient to provide them food and make good the wear and tear of clothes. Should the government not see their way to supplement it by supplying the necessary refreshments and clothing. I trust the Dawson people will feel it a duty as well as a good business arrangement to provide the necessary funds for the purpose. In conclusion it is imperative that an immediate installment of an efficient fire alarm be made and failing that telephones at chosen points should be instituted for the same purpose. This would often save the putting out of business temporarily of large quantities of those that would be invaluable in case of a succession of fires, as well as fulfill many other useful ends not necessary to enumerate. Yours faithfully,  
ISIDORE M'WM. BOURKE, M. D.

# JOSEPH BLACK

**Disappears From the Yukon Trail on January Twelfth**

**BETWEEN POST 10 AND A. B. C. HOUSE**

**Was Last Seen Two Miles This Side of Former Point.**

**WAS HAULING CRIPPLED DOG.**

**Police Have Made Close and Careful Search in Vain—Nothing Known of Missing Man.**

A man by the name of J. L. Anders arrived from Whitehorse yesterday, bringing the news of another mysterious disappearance from the Yukon winter trail. Further than that the name of the lost man is Joseph Black; that he left Whitehorse on or about the 5th of January with three dogs for Dawson that he passed Selkirk on the 11th with but one dog which, having its feet frozen, Black was hauling on his sled; that he left Post 10 the morning of the 12th and was seen two miles this side of that point nothing is known.

Inquiry at the barracks this morning revealed the fact that the police in the neighborhood of where Black was last seen, which was between Selkirk and Selwyn, have not been idle, but have conducted a close and careful search for him in vain. The report submitted regarding the matter by the Selwyn police post, as stated by Inspector Rutledge to a Nugget representative this morning was substantially as follows:

Black left Post 10 on the morning of Saturday, January 12th; two miles this side of that place he was overtaken by three men, two of whom were named Lloyd. At that time Black was hauling a badly frozen dog, the only one he then had, on a sled and was making poor headway. As the morning was bitterly cold and a sharp wind from the north was blowing in the faces of the travelers, the three men advised Black to go back to Post 10 and lay up until the weather moderated. Black declined to turn back. The two Lloyds and their companion pushed on a few miles and until they reached the A. B. C. roadhouse, where they stopped for the remainder of the day and that night. Black's failure to reach the A. B. C. roadhouse that night caused the three men to think that after all he had changed his mind and returned to Post 10; but word from that place the following day was that he had not returned nor been seen since passed by the three men. The police immediately instituted search, two men going out at first and later Constable Lukey. Most careful search from the A. B. C. roadhouse to Post 10 was made on the 13th, the police remaining over night at the latter place and making a more systematic search the following day. But no trace of the missing man was then or has since been found. The only theory that can be reasonably advanced is that he wandered from the trail and perished, his track being obliterated by the drifting snow which on that day was being carried in sheets by the stiff wind which was sweeping up the river. The police are still vigilant in their search, but up to this morning their efforts had not been successful.

Inspector Rutledge strongly denounces the habit of people traveling alone in this country in the winter season and expresses wonder that there are not more deaths on the river trail from cold and exposure than there are.

**A Hard Trip.**

Robertson's stage from Whitehorse, which arrived yesterday morning, bringing five passengers, met with some cold weather and consequent delay en route, and had to telegraph ahead for a team to meet it at Whitehorse. Some one and a half tons of freight was also brought, and this materially added to the delay, the most of which was occasioned by cold weather. Although the stage laid up on account of the cold, four days, and owing to the same cause the team going out from here was delayed two days before meeting the other.

# The Klondike Nugget

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## WHITEHORSE'S REQUESTS.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.  
The town of Whitehorse wants a few things in the way of government. The interview published in our Saturday's issue with Engineer J. W. Tache indicates very clearly that there are various and sundry concessions which Whitehorse deems itself entitled to receive from the powers that be.

A territorial judge, an assistant commissioner and an advisory council of citizens appointed from Whitehorse itself are among the requirements which are considered essential to the future welfare of the town at the head of Yukon river navigation.

It is not probable that all the points covered in the memorial addressed by the people of Whitehorse to the federal government will receive favorable consideration immediately. Whitehorse as a center of commercial importance is comparatively young, and experience has proven that Ottawa is a long distance away when affairs in this territory are concerned.

There is no room for doubt that Whitehorse is entitled to some considerable recognition. During the approaching summer it will be constantly thronged with people en route into or out from Dawson and as the point of transfer for all traffic up and down the river, it will have a permanent population by no means small in number. There will, of course, be the usually lawless element which is invariably found in such communities, and the ordinary machinery of civil administration will be required, just as in any other center of population.

It is to be hoped that prompt and favorable consideration will be given by the federal authorities to the requests of our energetic and progressive little friend up the river. At any rate, Whitehorse will give Ottawa to understand that it has a place on the map and that it insists upon having that fact duly recognized. Bravo, Whitehorse! There is nothing like making your wants known. Just keep at it, and sooner or later you will find that everything you desire will begin to come your way.

## THE COUNCIL'S MEMORIAL.

Careful perusal of the memorial addressed to the Dominion government by the Yukon council should serve to convince the most skeptical of the fact that the council has the needs of the territory well in hand. If the suggestions contained in the memorial are carried into effect by the Ottawa authorities there will be little further complaint heard.

The memorial represents the ripe conclusions drawn from three years' of discussion and experiment and will meet with unhesitating approval from everyone who has an intelligent appreciation of the requirements of the territory.

The document is entirely too lengthy for extended comment, but a word or two may be said with reference to certain of the more important sections. Two points in particular, affecting to a large extent, the amount of litigation in the territory commend themselves to us as worthy of special consideration.

The council recommends an absolute and specific definition of claim boundaries—the length of creek claims to be 500 feet and the width 700 feet. A regulation of this nature would serve to prevent a very large proportion of the boundary disputes which form the bulk of litigation in the gold commissioner's court. The present regulation covering claim boundaries is indefinite in the extreme, and it has occurred in frequent instances that one man has located a paystreak only to discover when the matter has been brought to an issue that he was on the property of another party. By the terms of the council's recommendation creek claims would be enlarged to double their present length and of sufficient width to cover the average creek bed. Under such a

system the stakes, once properly placed, would define the limits of a claim for all time, and the possibilities of boundary disputes reduced to a minimum. Equally important is the establishment in Dawson of a court of appeal before which cases may be determined without being carried to British Columbia or Ottawa. The cost of taking an appeal from the local courts at the present time is so great that few litigants can afford to avail themselves of the rights to which the law entitles them. So far as practical effect is concerned there might almost as well be no appeal court at all for in comparison with the amount of business handled by the local courts the number of cases sent up on appeal is almost nil.

Ottawa can no longer enter the plea that denfite information respecting the wants of the Yukon territory is lacking. The memorial from the council is plain and definite in its terms and sets forth with clearness and conciseness every important concession asked from the government during the past three years, aside from those which have already been granted.

It was authoritatively announced in parliament last spring that when such information was at hand action would be taken accordingly. We confidently expect that the promise held out in that announcement will ere long be fully redeemed.

Some time ago extended reference was made in these columns to the opportunities before the cities of Vancouver and Victoria in the way of securing their share of the Dawson trade. From our telegraphic columns today it will be noted that the C. P. R. is working along the lines as suggested by this paper. The railroad has now absorbed the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. and purposes according to our telegraphic advices placing a line of swift steamers on the run between Vancouver and Skagway. This is the first step toward the control of the trade of the Yukon country and if successfully followed up will cause Seattle to look well to her laurels.

The points brought out by our correspondent who signs himself "An Ex-Editor," are very well taken. The News has a habit of commenting upon matters of which it has little or no actual knowledge and the case in point is only another illustration of that habit. No country was ever developed under greater hardships than have been experienced by the pioneers who have opened up the Yukon territory. There should be no necessity of telling that fact to anyone, and it probably is known to everyone in the territory but the News, which day by day gives further evidence of its Bourbon qualities. The News has never learned anything since it began publication.

The story of another man lost on the trail is told in our local columns today. As has almost, invariably proven to be the case in such instances the man was traveling alone and apparently lost his way and perished from the cold. Frequent attention has been directed to the danger of thus traveling alone in the midst of a Yukon winter. The solitary traveler is in constant danger of freezing or losing his way. In fact, he takes his life in his hands. Why men will take such chances it is difficult to see, but the fact remains that they probably will continue for all time to do so.

A reduction of twenty-five per cent in freight charges would do more for the future of the Yukon territory than will be accomplished by the removal of the royalty. In respect to the latter we are assured that it will be done away with entirely, or at least substantially cut down before the clean-up season is again at hand. Some information of a similar nature regarding the freight question would be very cheerful intelligence to receive at this time.

While the sound of the mocking bird and whip-poor-will has not yet been heard abroad in the land, the occasional glimpses of sunlight which we are re-

ceiving revive the hope that sooner or later winter will relax its grip and the season of running water and eternal sunlight will again be at hand. Just a little matter of four or five months—that's all.

The sour dough weather of last week has given way to a very respectable quality of temperature. Apparently the "hop yeasters" are going to have their innings now.

## POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate Scarth presided in the police court this morning, the session being a brief one.

May Howard, wearing a December look, was up on the general charge of vagrancy, prostitution and being a general nuisance. She denied the consolidated allegation and a number of witnesses were called to give testimony. It came out in evidence that the witness May is imbued with borrowing proclivities in that she visits her neighbors frequently for that purpose, and when her errands are successful she invests in bald-faced whisky and a skate. She had followed her usual habit yesterday morning and borrowed \$10 on the allegation that she was sick and wanted medicine. By 3 o'clock in the afternoon she was drunk. One witness testified that she was sick and he, with his own money, had provided her with some eggs and "a cup of toast." A fine of \$50 and costs or one month in jail was imposed. May had no money, but her friends rallied to her support and stood between her and the skookum house.

A number of wage cases were set for hearing this afternoon.

## Card Playing in Church.

Frequent cases of card playing occurred in churches in olden days in the high or curbed family pews that were to be found in several parts of this country. A case of card playing was mentioned by the poet Crabbe as having occurred in one of those pews in Trowbridge parish church. Mr. Beresford Hope stated that card playing was not uncommon in churches having curtained pews, where those occupying them were screened from the observation of the rest of the congregation, and that one of the Georges is credited with taking part at a game of whist in the church he attended. The church at Little Stanmore, in Middlesex, has a luxurious room pew which is approached by a special door and staircase. The old St. Paul's cathedral before the great fire of London was used by business men as a sort of exchange. The portico was let out to hucksters, and in those days gambling and cards are both said to have been indulged in without let or hindrance within the cathedral.—London Standard.

## Relished the Punishment.

An old Scotsman, Andrew Leslie by name, always rode on a donkey to his work and tethered him while he labored on the road or wherever he might be. It was suggested to him by a neighboring landowner that he was suspected of putting the animal to feed in the fields at other people's expense. "Eh, laird, I could never be tempted to do that, for my cuddy winna eat anything but nettles and thistles." On a subsequent occasion, however, the laird, while riding along the road, saw Andrew at work, his faithful beast up to the knees in one of the laird's clover fields feeding luxuriously. "Hello, Andrew!" exclaimed the laird. "I thought your cuddy would eat nothing but nettles and thistles." "Aye, aye," was the response, "but the brute misbehaved the day. He nearly kicked me over his head, so I put him in there just to punish him."

## Making the Plants Go Round.

The new reporter, in his story of the wedding, wrote, "The floral display stretched from the chancel rail to the doors of the church." The city editor, in a mild manner, as is the custom of city editors with new reporters, suggested: "Couldn't you have used a better word than 'stretched'? Say the floral display 'nodded' or 'twined' or something like that—some word more suggestive of flowers." "Stretched is all right," replied the new reporter, with the stubborn courage of a realist. "The decorations consisted of six rubber plants, and they had to stretch to go the distance."—Baltimore American.

## AILEEN.

I know a winsome little girl  
Whose dancing feet are light  
A thistle down that breezes whirl  
To float in sunshine bright—  
A little girl with witching eyes  
That smile like sunny summer skies  
Upon whose blue no clouds arise  
And in them mischief lies.

A happy heart that singing goes  
To mate with dancing feet,  
A guileless heart that only knows  
Whate'er of life that's sweet;  
A dainty blossom, pink and white,  
Capricious as a fairy sprite  
That could not live without sunlight  
And careless love would blight.

'Tis sad to think that years may fleet  
And bring a woman's dower  
To still those happy, dancing feet  
With sorrow's heavy power,  
But love that watched the blossom rare  
Will surely keep her ripe fruit fair  
And teach the woman's heart to bear  
Whate'er may come of care.

—Mary Devereux in Boston Transcript.

# Dr. Grant Explains Funerals Tomorrow

As a result of the steps taken by the Yukon council for the relief of Mrs. O'Connor, the indigent patient taken from Dog Island, the woman was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital where her child, a boy, was born on the day of her arrival at the hospital, where both the mother and child are said to be doing well.

Concerning this particular case and the manner in which it was brought to public notice, Dr. Grant has not a great deal to say, at least not for publication, but from the general air at the hospital this morning one might infer that the words of the ancient wise man who said: "The half has not been told me," might apply.

There are deep mutterings conveying in some vague way the impression that a thunder storm is brewing, but there is great uncertainty as to the exact quarter from which the vials of wrath are to be emptied after being uncorked.

Dr. Grant said this morning when asked for some information: "This institution is neither a maternity hospital or an insane asylum, yet it has been used as such by the government, and at a less cost than the same services could be otherwise obtained. We have about twenty-five government patients for which the pay received is \$250.

"In this instance we are said to have refused the patient admittance, which is a falsehood. We did not refuse the woman admittance, but we did refuse to receive her at the ordinary indigent rate of \$2.50 per day, because the case is one requiring much greater expense than one of ordinary sickness, and when all things are considered, \$15 per day is a very low rate. Of course, this applies only to the time of the woman's seclusion. When she is able to look after herself and the child, the ordinary charge will apply.

"There is yet another factor in this case which does not seem to have been taken into consideration at all. That is O'Connor, the husband of the patient.

"He came here yesterday and asked me who was paying for his wife's care, and I asked him if he had any money, to which he replied that he had not.

"Then I told him that if he was not prepared to pay the bill himself that I did not think it was any of his business who paid it.

"I believe that all this fuss is the result of ignorance on the part of the people who make a demand for an investigation. I don't think they know anything about the expense of such a case, and for that reason when \$15 a day is mentioned they make all this hue and cry.

"So far as an investigation of the law on the subject is concerned they are at liberty to make all the investigations they see fit, and at any time they see fit to take the government business elsewhere they are at liberty to do so, as we do not solicit it in any way."

## An Impudent Fraud.

An impudent fraud was perpetrated upon a Manchester bank by one of its customers, who opened an account with some few hundreds of pounds. The man, after a few weeks, drew two checks, each within a pound or so of his balance, and, selecting a busy day, presented himself at one end of the counter, while an accomplice, when he saw that his friend's check had been cashed, immediately presented his own to a cashier at the other end. Both cashiers referred the checks to the ledger clerk, who, thinking the same cashier had asked him twice, said "right" to both checks. The thieves were never caught.

## Nye's Introduction.

When James Whitcomb Riley and Bill Nye traveled together giving a joint entertainment, the humorist had great fun with the poet. Once, in introducing Riley and himself to an audience, Nye remarked, "I will appear first and speak until I get tired, then Mr. Riley will succeed me and read from his own works until you get tired."

The remains of Wm. Levy, who was recently killed on Hunker by the caving in of a mine, and A. J. Kronquist, who met a similar death on Bonanza Saturday afternoon, will be buried tomorrow from the M. E. church at 2 o'clock. Both men were members of the order of K. of P., Levy belonging to Carbon Hill, (Wash.) lodge, No. 20, and Kronquist to Seattle, No. 51. All K. of P. members in the city are expected to attend the double funeral.

## Canadian Briefs.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—A. Jardine, president of the Pure Gold Manufacturing Company, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Heart disease was the cause of death. He was 63 years old.

Rev. Mr. Potts says the prospects are that the Methodist century fund will exceed the million dollar mark.

Mayor Macdonald, Alderman Spence, ex-Mayor John Shaw, C. Woodley and O. A. Howland were nominated for mayor today.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Lieut. Col. Peters, formerly D. O. C., Victoria, and for the past year D. O. C., Toronto, replacing Col. Otter, is to assume the duties as D. O. C. of Montreal district on January 3rd, vice Lieut. Col. Roy, who is to devote his whole attention to District No. 6, St. John's, Que.

Halifax, Dec. 31.—It is understood here that Senator Power has been definitely chosen as speaker of the senate in succession to Sir A. P. Pelletier.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—There is talk of disqualifying the members of this year's council for having voted to authorize an indebtedness greater than what is allowed by the municipal act.

The Canadian patriotic fund now amounts to \$336,653.

Kingston, Dec. 31.—Pare, the Napanee bank robber, is said to have willed \$20,000 of railway stock to his sister prior to being operated upon a few days ago. He said to have held \$32,000 in bonds.

Windsor, Dec. 31.—Through the efforts of M. K. Cowan, the Dominion government has forced the United Gas Co., of Detroit, to supply Canadian factories and houses with their product.

Weston, Dec. 31.—The principal business part of the town was destroyed by fire last night, the origin was unknown. The loss is estimated at \$100,000; insurance unknown.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Adamson & Co.'s dry kiln and picture frame factory, Pearl street, was damaged by fire late last night to the extent of \$14,000.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Gatien Blais, a farmer and lumberman of Chelmsford, Ont., lies almost at the point of death in Water street hospital here, as a result of injuries received in being held up by highwaymen at Sudbury a few weeks ago. He was about to board the night C. P. R. express at that point after having transacted some business, when he was seized by three masked men, who gagged, blindfolded and choked him into insensibility and relieved him of \$200. He is 55 years old.

Kingsville, Dec. 29.—Steps are being taken here to petition the Dominion government to either stop the exportation of natural gas to Detroit or compel the Interior Construction & Development Co., of that city to comply with the order in council which provides that the company shall supply factories or houses along its lines in Canada, which they have so far declined to do.

## Police Court News.

In police court this morning W. A. Cunningham pleaded guilty to having been drunk and disorderly in the Bank saloon between midnight and 2 o'clock this morning. His disorder consisted in his desire to fight with one of his friends. A fine of \$15 and costs or 15 days on the reduction works. Not having the wherewithal to liquidate he will manipulate a saw.

Jan. Mikels claims that he was acting in the role of peace maker in behalf of Cunningham when confronted with the charge of a and d. His case was remanded until this afternoon when further evidence will be heard.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1901.

From Wednesday's Daily.

## TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION.

Among other important matters recommended to the federal government by the Yukon council is the election by popular ballot of several additional members to seats in the territorial governing body. The section of the memorial covering the point in question is as follows:

"That the territory be divided into electoral districts to be entitled to representation in the local council; the proposed division is as follows:

"That the Klondike river with its tributaries constitute one district; the Indian river and its tributaries a second; the Stewart river and its tributaries a third; the City of Dawson a fourth, and that all that portion of the territory lying south of the southerly end of Lake Lebarge constitute a fifth, and as the population increases in other parts of the country, further electoral districts be created and representation given as necessity calls for it; and that the Yukon council be authorized to erect any such electoral district when necessary."

In making this recommendation the council is wisely looking ahead to the future. From present conditions we believe it quite safe to argue that during the coming year the various mining districts outside of the territory immediately adjacent to Dawson will experience a marked growth. The Stewart river country has already attracted much attention and within another 12 months there is every reason to believe that it will be the scene of several thriving mining communities.

Clear creek will be opened up this winter sufficiently to demonstrate the value of the claims made for it as a gold producer and it may be said that those who are best acquainted with the district are most hopeful of its future. Whitehorse is already a strong claimant for recognition, both on account of its geographical situation and its approaching importance as a mining center.

It is apparent, therefore, that the time will soon be at hand when these more remote districts will require important legislation to meet their growing necessities. Their interests will need watching as closely as do the affairs of our own community and it will readily be conceded that the desired end can be satisfactorily accomplished only through direct representation on the Yukon council.

The Yukon territory has now reached a stage in its development where it may be said with perfect safety that it has before it an indefinite term of growth and prosperity. Recognition of this fact may be read in every line of the memorial addressed by the council to the federal government and more particularly in the paragraph quoted above. By the time representation is granted to the various outlying portions of the territory they will be ready for and fully entitled to receive it.

The management of one of the local theaters announces that one evening each week will be devoted hereafter to the production of legitimate entertain-

ment, with the bar and all other objectionable features removed. If the promises made are faithfully carried out, we are of the opinion that the enterprise will receive liberal patronage. The Nugget has frequently expressed the belief that Dawson offers a field for clean, wholesome public entertainment and we are still of the same opinion. It is to be hoped the experiment will prove successful.

The Australian colonies have agreed upon a plan of federation similar to the Canadian system and on the first of the present year the machinery of the new commonwealth was placed in active motion. Discussions in favor of the action which the Australian colonies have just taken was begun upwards of a century ago. The imperial spirit aroused by the late war was largely influential in bringing the matter to a focus. Under the new system Australia will forge to the front much more rapidly than she has done in the past.

In one day the business men of Seattle raised \$34,500 or a little more than one-third the total amount required to secure for Moran Bos. the contract to build one of the new warships for the United States government. Greater enterprise has seldom been shown by any city of similar size.

The gentlemen who recently were so enthusiastic over the question of incorporation have one by one retired from public view. The greatest mistake they made was in emerging from their accustomed seclusion in the first place.

Two loaves of bread for a quarter—and still there are people who maintain that it costs money to live in Dawson.

It doesn't look as though Dawson will have free beer after all.

### Miss Ruth Hanna.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 1.—The coming out party of Miss Ruth Hanna, the youngest daughter of Senator Hanna, tonight, was a pronounced success. The reception and dance were held in the Chamber of Commerce, which was engaged for the occasion because of the distance of the Hanna home from the center of the city.

The guests included all the leading society people of Cleveland.

The hall in which the party occurred was decorated in a most artistic way. The debutante received in a bower of palms at one side of the hall. She was attended by her father, her mother, her sister, Miss Mabel Hanna, and her grandmother, Mrs. D. P. Rhodes.

Miss Hanna wore a beautiful gown of white spangled gauze, made over white satin with a fold of pink liberally draped over the shoulder and down the back of the waist, skirt and train. In her hair she wore pink velvet bows, a diamond crescent and tortoise shell combs. About her neck was a pearl necklace given to her by her father.

Mrs. Hanna wore a magnificent court train of silver brocaded white satin over a petticoat of pastel blue satin with a flourish of duchess lace ornamented with rhinestones.

The senator and his family will go to Washington this week. They will make their home in the old Don Cameron residence, and expect to entertain much during the winter.

### Watching New Comet.

Lick Observatory, Cal., Jan. 1.—The comet recently discovered by Giovanni Giacomini at Nice, France, in the constellation of Thetis, has been observed here the past week by Mr. Aiken. It is a faint object of the eleventh magnitude, and therefore requires a telescope of considerable size to observe it. Mr. Aiken has determined that this is the comet that is moving. Its perihelion passage or time of nearest approach to the sun occurred on December 1 at a distance of only 2 per cent smaller than the earth's distance from the sun. The plane of its orbit makes an angle of 31 degrees with the ecliptic and intersects it at longitude 193 degrees. The present distance of the comet from the earth is some 80,000,000 miles, and the distance is increasing. The brightness is decreasing, so that there is no chance that the object will be visible without a telescope.

Steel marten traps, just in—0, 1 and 1½. Shindler's.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

The Pacific Cold Storage Company paid the collector of customs in Dawson \$10,000 duty on the cargo of fine meats they are now offering to the trade.

## STROLLER'S COLUMN.

"A pebble in the streamlet cast  
Has changed the course of many a river,  
A dew drop on the tender plant  
Has warped the giant oak forever."

Likewise has a determined woman with an ax, not a broom, deterred a whole theatrical outfit from presenting its program in its entirety, and all because the woman with the ax had the courage of her convictions.

How different with frail man. He would have dropped the ax and ran howling into the house lest the hose might have been turned on him. When a woman wills she wills and man wails. All of which corroborates the belief that even a theatrical outfit must not walk on people with hob nail shoes, for there are others who can wield an ax besides old Horatius who alone defended the wooden bridge tergo ruptus sunt.

Considerable has been said in the Dawson papers lately about the Moores at Skagway who have lately acquired the most of the property within that town's confines. Old Capt. Moore is a man of both iron will and iron constitution. Approached in the right manner, he is free hearted, kind and easily led; but rub his fur the wrong way and the veteran skipper and pathfinder will fight an entire precinct. He has convictions and the courage to stand by them.

Bernard Moore, the old captain's youngest son, familiarly called Ben, has lived in Alaska for 14 years, his wife being to the manor born. While Ben Moore is universally liked, he is in temperament the very reverse of the doughty old captain. Ben thinks more of a dance and a good time, although a strictly moral man, than his father does of a corner lot.

Having passed his early life on the north end of Vancouver island, Ben Moore never saw a railroad train until the White Pass company began operations at Skagway the summer of '98. The Stroller, who was in Skagway at that time, well remembers that when the road was completed to Rocky Point on Porcupine Hill, a distance of seven miles out from Skagway, Ben Moore rode out and back on the train nearly every morning for a month or more. The train consisted of a locomotive and one flat car on which were railroad ties for seats. The train would return by noon of each day and Ben Moore would devote the afternoons to picking cinders out of his eyes in order that he might be ready for the ride the following forenoon. The fare for the round trip, seven miles and back, was \$3, but that cut no ice with Ben, who was getting experience and who was willing to pay for it even to jeopardizing his eyesight.

According to dispatches, Ben Moore is now in the east reading signs and seeing the world, and it is safe to say that although between 40 and 45 years of age, he will enjoy the novelty as much as ever a country boy enjoyed a county fair.

When "Swiftwater Bill" told Helen Dare, who was sent by the Examiner to interview him when he landed in San Francisco late in the fall of '97 or in early '98, "I'll cut de cards wid yer fer a t'ousand, fer I see de swiftest ting dat ever hit de Klondike," his statement was generally believed for in those days Swift was not slow.

A year later the sobriquet "Slackwater Bill" was attached to him and not without reason, for his temperature had moderated several degrees and all symptoms of swiftness had oozed out like kerosene from a cracked lamp. When another year had been lain away on the shelf of eternity the name "Swiftwater Bill" had lapsed into memory and the man who once cornered the egg market of Dawson at \$1 per egg, came to be known as "Stagnantwater Willie." It was while this appellation clung to him that he quietly left Dawson in a small boat for down the river to avoid, it was said, the unpleasantness of facing men who had been employed by him and to whom he was indebted. From that time on until very recently the wearer of the various names has been known in Dawson only as a memory.

However, from the telegram received by and published in the Nugget of Monday, the fires of youth and swiftness have been rekindled beneath the vest of the once intrepid "swift ting." The smouldering spark has leaped, as it were into a conflagration and William C. Gates is again all that he told Helen Dare that he was when she asked him for an interview. In addition to his being the "swiftest ting dat ever hit de Klondike" he is also probably "de swiftest ting" that ever hit the Lamore family.

An Original Drama.  
A Los Angeles woman, who is the mother of three very interesting chil-

dren, has also a small conservatory filled with potted plants. Upon returning home from making some afternoon calls recently she was surprised, when passing through her conservatory, to find it nearly empty; but on entering the drawing room she discovered her palms, ferns and rubber plants artistically placed in groups of two or three among gilded chair, tea tables and bric-a-brac.

Her surprise was augmented at beholding her eldest son and little daughter as naked as they were born, walking about under a Japanese umbrella.

"Children," she exclaimed, "what on earth are you doing?"  
"We're playing we're Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden," calmly announced the girl.

At this moment, the door opened and the five-year-old—nude as an infant cherub—wearing his father's silk hat and carrying a gold-headed cane; stepped in with a pompous air.

"And what are you?" gasped the astonished mother.

"I'm Dod A'mighty walkin' in the garden in the tool of the evenin'," he cherub replied.

"Dod A'mighty" was instantly persuaded to get into petticoats, while the other children were admonished to confine their games hereafter to such as could be based on more recent historical situations.

### Killed by a Burglar.

Pueblo, Col., Jan. 1.—Walter C. Casley, a druggist, was shot through the head and instantly killed in his store this morning by a burglar. The body was found by a clerk in the employ of Casley when he entered the store at 6:30 a. m. The cash register had been rifled, and every pocket in the murdered man's clothes had been turned inside out. The murderer escaped.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a list of all placer mining claims in the Yukon territory which were sold at public auction and which have not been taken up, is being prepared for publication and after the first publication thereof no grant will be issued, under such sale as aforesaid, for any claim so advertised. All purchasers are, therefore, notified to apply for their grants immediately.  
(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL,  
Assistant Gold Commissioner  
Dated at Dawson this 14 day of December, 1900.

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# THE REVOLUTIONARY DAYS

## When Every Man Was a Hero and Woman a Heroine

### Brave Jane Hilliard Won a Great Victory for the Continental Army

From Wednesday's Daily.

During the Revolutionary war many deeds of valor were performed by people whose names have never been heard of by the present generation, but whose daring acts did much to foster the cause of liberty. The Hilliards were a well known family in the vicinity of Philadelphia, and while they had never been discovered in direct communication with the Continental army it was fairly understood among the British troops that they were using their influence to aid the colonists.

"I should like nothing better," an English officer was saying, "than to capture one of that family, march him to headquarters and make him give an account of himself."

"Perhaps," a fellow officer returned, "you would not enjoy the capture of the young daughter of the household, who, it is said, is afraid of nothing this side of the sea. It is said that she is one of the most expert horsewomen in the colonies and is out scouring the country over at daybreak and does not return till dark."

"It is neither prudent nor womanly," replied another, "and if I can once get sight of her I'll give the damsel such a scare that she'll be glad to stay at home with her spinning."

Jane Hilliard, a beautiful girl of 15, was standing at her horse's side, patting its glossy neck, while her mother was saying:

"I like not the thought of your going so far from home alone when the country round is infested with British soldiers."

"Why, mother," laughed the girl as she sprang into the saddle, "I know every inch of the ground as well as I know our own dooryard. And what can happen to me? There is no horse so fleet as mine, and I promise to take good care of myself." And, giving the mare a touch with her whip, she went flying down the driveway toward the public road.

Jane rode along the smooth highway, every now and then looking over her shoulder to see whether any had noticed her during her swift trip. And at last, when she came to a large clump of elder bushes, she reined in the mare, raised herself in the saddle and gazed in all directions. Seeing no one, she gave three short whistles, which were at once answered. She then started the horse and in a moment had reached a thick underbrush a few rods off the public road. A young man came forward, raised his cap respectfully and said:

"Good day, Mistress Hilliard. You are prompt in keeping an appointment."

"Good day, sir," she answered quickly. "I am glad I have not kept you waiting, though," she added, "I came near not being here at all. This day of all others my mother objected to my riding. The country is filled with soldiers, and she was afraid harm might come to me."

"Does she know of this meeting?" the man asked quickly.

"No one knows of it," the girl replied, "and I am sure I have not been noticed on my way here."

"That is well," her companion answered. "I am trusting you with a most important message which must be in the hands of General Washington within 12 hours. If it is discovered, it means death to me and confusion to our troops. You are in great danger carrying it." And he hesitated a moment before placing in her hands, which were outstretched eagerly, a neatly corded packet. "But I see no other way," he added, and, handing it to the girl, he was soon out of sight.

Jane placed the precious message within her riding cap and had gone but a short distance when, on looking over her shoulder, great was her consternation to discover in the distance a party of English officers.

Jane Hilliard was a brave girl, but her heart sank as she thought of the important letter intrusted to her, all that it meant to the Continental army if it were discovered and what would be her probable fate if she were made a prisoner of war. She put the spurs to her horse, and then began a ride which was an important one for the cause of liberty. On they went, the girl urging the mare over the uneven road, well knowing that one misstep meant certain capture and probable death, while the redcoats followed with wonderful speed.

"We are gaining!" cried one. "I'll wager that at the next turn of the road we shall catch her."

The men fairly flew over the road to the point beyond the bend where they expected to capture Mistress Hilliard, and great was their surprise to discover that she was not only beyond their reach, but that she had completely disappeared. The men who had regarded the race as simply a joke to frighten

the girl now vowed to anna her and take her before the commandant. "We'll ride right to her father's door, and the one who finds her and brings her before the officer of the day shall receive a liberal reward."

Jane Hilliard spoke truly when she said she knew the country around, and when she saw that the British were in pursuit of her she decided on a desperate move. At a point hidden from the highway she vaulted her horse over the hedge, turned down the edge of a creek, and by the time her disappearance was discovered she was carefully skirting her way through her father's orchard. In a few moments she was galloping over the grass at the edge of the driveway and soon arrived at the Hilliard homestead.

No one was in sight, and the girl hastily sprang from the saddle, opened the door and, leading her horse into the kitchen, securely fastened the great bar across the entrance. With great caution she led the mare through the living room, down the wide hall and the length of the state parlor into a little bedroom. She closed every door behind her, and when she took the horse into the sleeping room she quite filled the space between the enormous bed and the old-fashioned, dimly draped dressing table.

"There!" she whispered, unfastening the saddle girth. "The redcoats won't get us this time, my girl."

In the meantime the officers rode up the lane to the Hilliard mansion, carefully looking for tracks in the dust, and one man knocked at the kitchen door so loudly with his riding whip that Mrs. Hilliard hastily answered the summons, coming out of the cellar, where she had been assisting the maids in skimming the cream.

"We are looking," said the man, "for a maiden who rides about the country on a bay mare. She is, I believe, your daughter, madam."

"My daughter!" stammered Mrs. Hilliard. "What can you possibly want of her?"

"We believe," went on the officer, "that she is carrying treasonable messages to the Continental army."

"Why, sirs," cried the mother, "you are greatly mistaken. Jane is but a child, and she knows no more of the ways of war than yonder lamb."

"Know you where she is at present?" one of them asked.

"She left the house an hour ago," was the reply, "and I expect her home at any moment."

"Well, madam," said the first speaker, "if you will assure me that she is doing no mischief and promise me that she holds no communication with the Continentals, we will bid you good afternoon."

"I will also promise you," returned Mrs. Hilliard, "that hereafter she shall do her riding on her own estate, and I pledge you my honor that she has not nor shall she hold any communication with the Continental army."

There was great consternation in the household when Jane led her horse from out the best bedroom and told the story of her flight and her manner of escape.

Late that night, when all the household was asleep, a little figure stole out and in a few seconds placed in the hands of the waiting messenger a packet, which was in the possession of General Washington before dawn. And that day the Continental army gained a great victory.

Several months afterward General Washington took dinner with the Hilliard family, making the journey out of Philadelphia to personally thank the young girl who had risked so much for the cause so dear to her heart, her astonished family then hearing of it for the first time. The commander in chief of the army also wrote Jane Hilliard a letter, which he signed, "Your faithful friend, G. Washington."

The Hilliard mansion is yet standing, and in the best bedroom and on the threshold of the state parlor are still to be seen the hoof marks of the faithful horse that carried the messenger when Jane Hilliard risked so much for the cause of liberty.—Troy Northern Budget.

### Big Insurance Deal.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 1.—A deal in which about \$50,000,000 of accident insurance capital is involved, and which is considered one of the largest consolidations ever effected in this country, was consummated here today. By its terms the Railway Officials' and Employees' Accident Association of this city, the Metropolitan Accident Insurance Company of Chicago, the Northwestern Benevolent Society and the Continental Insurance Company are consolidated under the title of the Continental Casualty Company.

The Railway Officials' and Employees' Accident Association has confined its business to insuring railway employees against accident, but the new company will go into the general field of health and accident insurance. No change will be made in the policies already issued by any of the companies affected by the combination.

### Gaming Resorts Closed.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Evening Telegram says: With the end of the century Mayor Van Wyck took steps toward putting an end to gambling, and practically every gaming resort in this city is

closed today. The mayor ordered that this be done, and Chief of Police Devery promptly obeyed the mandate. He issued instructions to his captains late last night, and the keepers of the various establishments were given the tip that this time there was to be "no fooling."

Police Commissioner Hess' term of office expired at noon today. Mayor Van Wyck, however, has given assurance to the friends of Mr. Hess that he will continue a member of the present board, at least for the time being. This retention of Commissioner Hess is understood to be equivalent to an announcement from Mayor Van Wyck that he will not interfere to bring about the retirement of Chief of Police Devery.

### Bondsmen Will Settle.

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 1.—On a confessed defalcation of between \$30,000 and \$40,000, the county commissioners have agreed to accept \$25,000 from Tax Receiver James H. McCullough's bondsmen, and call his accounts square.

He owes \$25,000 on his 1898 duplicates, and \$5,000 on his 1899 duplicates. These amounts include the sum total of his peculations. The compromise was effected yesterday, after several conferences had been held by the bondsmen, commissioners and attorneys. The bondsmen are to pay \$12,500 for 1898, and the same amount for 1899, the commissioners claiming McCullough's duplicates are square up to and including 1897.

Although McCullough is still missing he is not likely to escape punishment, as one of his bondsmen proposes to offer a reward for his apprehension.

### Preferred the Knife.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 1.—Edward Rice, a murderer under sentence of death, attempted to commit suicide in his cell in the penitentiary. He cut a gash ten inches long across his throat, severing the wind pipe. The wheezing sound made by the wind passing through the wound attracted the attention of a guard. The man is in a critical condition.

Rice was convicted of the murder of Matt Mailey in Wallace in October last, and was to have been hanged yesterday, but an appeal stayed the execution.

### Shot by Footpads.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 1.—Dr. James Gibbons, one of the ambulance students of the Charity hospital, and a nephew of Cardinal Gibbons, died today of wounds received last night. He was on his way home, about midnight, when two men attempted to rob him. Before he could comply with the demand to hold up his hands one of the men shot him in the groin, and both then ran away. Dr. Gibbons pursued the men until loss of blood caused him to desist.

### St. Louis Crook Killed.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—While attempting to force an entrance into Cole Brothers' lightning rod warehouse last night Thomas Walker, alias Skinny, alias Drake, well known to the police as a crook, was shot and killed almost instantly by Harry F. Kretzer, who used a riot gun. Mr. Kretzer, who was taken to the Four Courts and later released on \$10,000 bonds, says the warehouse of Cole Brothers had been robbed 14 times in the past two years and considerable valuable material taken.

### Onions to Burn.

This is an exceptional winter in Dawson in respect to the food supply, especially as it applies to perishables, said a well known dealer yesterday in speaking of matters pertaining to his business.

Heretofore the winters have witnessed a shortage in perishables especially in the vegetable line, and last winter the restaurants were serving evaporated goods or charging extra for the fresh vegetables when they could be had.

"This winter there is a plenty of first class green vegetables, such as potatoes, turnips and onions, and especially the latter, of which there is such a surplus that the prediction is safe that several tons will be carted out and dumped on the ice.

"At present they are retailing at 16 cents, but the sales are very light.

"Potatoes are going at from 11 to 13 cents, and probably all that are on the market will be consumed, although there will be no shortage. To show the proportion in which these vegetables are used, I will say that as against the two tons of potatoes which I carry I have about 100 pounds of onions and am glad I haven't any more."

The fire never touched us. We are doing more business than ever. Murphy Bros., butchers. r3c

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Films of all kinds at Goetzman's.

Pop-corn popped at Meeker's.

Hay and oats 10 cents, job lots that must be sold. Brien & Clemmets, Second avenue. c23

### CREEK NOTES.

Mr. John King, of 60 above Bonanza, is in town on business this week.

Mr. T. L. Jones, engineer on the Smith-Quiner claim on Gold Hill, is down with pneumonia.

Mr. Roscoe Green, one of Grand Forks' enterprising business men, made a flying trip to Dawson last Tuesday.

Mr. Tom Jones, of 22 below Bonanza roadhouse has decided to give his friends and patrons a swell time on Friday evening, February 1st.

A lady on Bonanza has just received a letter from her home in Montana dated December 24th, saying: "It is so above zero today and not a bit of snow this winter."

Mrs. David McGaechon, of Monte Cristo gulch, sustained injuries last Friday by a cave-in while taking out some old timbers, which will lay him up for some time.

### JUST A BIT OF LIFE.

A Pathetic Incident of the Pawnshops in the Metropolis.

Sneaking into a small shop in an obscure and poverty ridden locality, the man who "went broke" at the races was realizing on a superfluous article of jewelry. A woman so poor and pinched in feature, so marked with care and desperation that it made him feel sick to look at her, was holding something under her shawl and waiting nervously until he should have finished his transaction.

"Wait on her. She seems to be in a hurry," he said to the man behind the counter, and at the word of permission a carpenter's plane was produced from the shelter of the shawl.

"How much do you want?" queried the unmoved pawnbroker monotonously.

"Fifty cents," replied the woman, with a gulping in her throat and an eager look in her eyes. She clutched the money tightly and ran into another creature, poor as herself, but bearing her troubles in duller fashion. She had a baby's cloak, never costly and much worn, on which she wanted to borrow money, the same sum as the other woman had asked for.

The man who had been offering a diamond felt uncomfortable. "There, give me \$50. The stone's worth four times as much." And, seizing the money, he hurried after the woman who had just left the shop. He was not given to acts of charity, and he felt awkward, the more so as the woman shrank from him as he accosted her.

"I beg your pardon," he began, "but here's \$5 I have no use for. Perhaps you'll—"

"No, no!" she cried, drawing further from him.

"For your child," he said gently.

"My child is dead!" cried the woman, with a queer sob, and fled into the labyrinth of alleys and byways that shelters so much wretchedness.—New York Times.

### Curious Mexican Laws.

They have some very curious criminal laws in Mexico. For instance, it is twice as much of an offense to mutilate the face of a woman as that of a man. The law seems to be based on the idea that a woman's best possession is her beauty and that to mar it does her a great injury.

There is another curious law. If a person should be wounded in an encounter, the punishment to the offender is fixed by the number of days his victim has to stay in the hospital or under a doctor's care. A fine is fixed at 40 days in the way of a general division. If the injured man occupies more than 40 days in his recovery, the penalty doubles up.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Goods sold on commission at Meeker's. Linen and official envelopes at Zaccarelli's Bank Cafe corner. cr5

Eastern oysters at the Postoffice market. crt

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# SKAGWAY BUSINESS

Given a Severe Shock by the Interior Department Decision

IN THE MOORE TOWNSITE CASE

Which Gives to Original Locators 60 Acres of Business Center.

HOLDERS WILL NOT PAY RENT.

Railroad Wreck in Washington—Joint Note Will be Signed—The Chinese Railroad.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily Skagway, Jan. 22.—The recent decision rendered by the interior department giving to Capt. William Moore 60 acres of the business center of this city has created intense excitement, but no action has yet been taken nor will be taken until the decree arrives. A dispatch from Ben Moore, who is now in the east, to his wife confirms the report. The decision is a heavy blow to the business interests of Skagway. Many of the business men can not afford to buy their buildings and they declare they will not pay rent to Moore. An attempt will be made by many to settle on fair terms with the Moores. It is not likely that any attempt will be made to appeal from the decision.

### N. P. Train Wrecked.

Tacoma, Jan. 14, via Skagway, Jan. 22.—Owing to heavy rains there have been many landslides and washouts in various parts of the state. A Northern Pacific passenger train was derailed and practically demolished at Squaw creek. It was running at full speed when derailed, the entire train with the exception of the rear sleeper, leaving the track and piling up in a broken mass. The passengers all miraculously escaped.

### Will Sign Joint Note.

Pekin, Jan. 13, via Skagway, Jan. 22.—The Chinese peace commissioners have received orders from the court to sign the joint note for the powers.

### The Chinese Railroad.

London, Jan. 13, via Skagway, Jan. 22.—The foreign office declares that the report of the cession by Salisbury of the Chinese railroad to Russia is unfounded; that Britain has no power to cede it to any power.

### A Night of Terrors.

Britton, S. D., Dec. 25.—A number of friends gathered at the house of John Pypiar, near Veblen, tonight, to sit up with the remains of one of his children. During the evening Pypiar was found lying between the house and the barn, with several gashes in his skull, and with his throat and neck severely injured. He was picked up for dead. Upon seeing his condition, Moses La Frombis disappeared and a little later was discovered hanging to the limb of a tree near the barn. He was cut down before life was extinct. Pypiar is in a fair way to recover. La Frombis is under arrest to await the result of the injuries to Pypiar.

### Returned to Eagle.

The four U. S. soldiers, who have been spending a furlough in Dawson, returned to Eagle City yesterday morning, having spent a very pleasant winter's holiday in the city. They were Sergeant Rogan, Musician Brandenburg and Privates Coff and McDonald. Something of army life in winter quarters below the boundary line may be seen from what they say of the way they are situated there. Last fall the U. S. government completed large and comfortable barracks at Eagle, as that place has been made the army head-

quarters for Alaska. The troops there are provided with a library containing about 600 volumes, and a hall for dancing in which a dance is given every two weeks.

Among the things contemplated by the boys in blue during the coming season is the sending to Dawson of their base ball team to meet upon the diamond nine stalwarts from the ranks of the N. W. M. P.

The telegraph line from St. Michael to Eagle it is expected will be completed next summer as work is being pushed from both ends.

### The Wilson Damage Suit.

The damage proceedings of T. C. Wilson against the C. D. Co. were before Justice Craig in the territorial court yesterday, the plaintiff being on the witness stand under cross-examination by Attorney McCall. The questions were largely with regard to the freight received last summer, its condition, amount and time of arrival. Among a lot of goods received at one time were some cases of rabbit, and out of an objection grew an argument between attorneys, which was finally brought to a close by the remark of Attorney Wade, who said that he saw nothing in the question raised to warrant the splitting of hairs over rabbits.

In reply to a question as to whether or not he had received 50 crates of potatoes and ten packages of onions as per manifest of the sixth voyage of the steamer Sybil, the witness said that he did not remember; the expense bills would show, and that anyway, the fact of a certain lot of goods being on the manifest did not show them to have been delivered, as very often goods so manifested never reached their proper destination because they were often wrongly manifested, and sometimes there were shortages.

Concerning the goods received by him in the summer of '98, he said that during the latter part of the summer consignments were much broken up and often did not come in the order in which the bills of lading showed them to have been shipped. He did not consider that his agreement to give the company 75 tons for storage on the receipt of his last consignment any inducement to get the goods through.

Hearing of the case will go on again today.

### Courting in Cordova.

At night Cordova sleeps early. A few central streets are still busy with people, but the rest are all deserted, the houses look empty, there is an almost oppressive silence. Only here and there as one passes heedlessly along a quiet street, one comes suddenly upon a cloaked figure, with a broad brimmed hat, leaning against the bars of a window, and one may catch through the bars a glimpse of a vivid face, dark hair and a rose (an artificial rose) in the hair.

Not in any part of Spain have I seen the traditional Spanish lovmaking, the cloak and hat at the barred window, so frankly and so delightfully on view. It brings a touch of genuine romance which it is almost difficult for those who know comic opera better than the countries in which life is still in its way a serious travesty to take quite seriously. Lovers' faces on each side of the bars of a window at night in a narrow street of white houses—that, after all, and not even the miraculous mosque, may perhaps be the most vivid recollection that one brings away from Cordova.—Saturday Review.

### New Mail Schedule.

Agent Barlee, of the C. D. Co., is authority for the statement that a new mail schedule for the Dawson-Whitehorse route has been adopted and will be adhered to during the remainder of the winter. According to this schedule the mail will leave Whitehorse for Dawson every Saturday, arriving here on the following Thursday evening. Going out, the mail will leave Dawson on Wednesday, reaching Whitehorse the following Monday evening, six days being the time of transit each way. Mr. Barlee says that no difficulty will be experienced in maintaining this schedule and, indeed, there should not be, as mail was carried by dog team last year between Bennett and Dawson, more than 100 miles farther than at present, in less than six days.

The next mail which will be received in Dawson left Whitehorse Saturday. An outgoing mail will leave here tomorrow.

### Rogers at Whitehorse.

Agent J. H. Rogers, of the W. P. & Y. R., telegraphed to Acting Agent Frank Mortimer yesterday that he had reached Whitehorse some time on Sunday, that being the 13th day out from Dawson. He stated in his wire that he would hibernate at Whitehorse until trains are operated between that place and Skagway.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

## SENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Memorial as Endorsed by the Yukon Council.

Many Important Concessions and Changes Demanded—Local Government a Leading Feature.

Following is the memorial forwarded to the federal government by the Yukon council, mention of which was made in the report of the meeting of that body as published in the Daily Nugget of yesterday: To the Commissioner and Members of the Yukon Council:

Your committee appointed to draft a memorial to the federal government respecting the wants of the Yukon territory begs to make the following recommendations:

1. That the local council should control local matters, for this purpose a subsidy should be granted by the Dominion government to the territory of not less than three times the subsidy allowed to the provinces per capita and other territories in the Dominion for the reason that the population of the territory is at least 95 per cent adult, and productive, and produces a much larger revenue to the country than a similar number in any other part of the Dominion; and, also the fact that the country is new and a much larger initial expenditure is required than in earlier parts of the Dominion.

2. The reduction of the royalty to 5 per cent on the gross output, exempting a larger amount from royalty on each claim than at present exempted.

If this is objectionable the establishment of an assay office or offices in the territory would be preferable, the government to require by legislation the transport of all gold the product of the territory to this assay office or offices, the acceptance by the assay office or offices of the gold and the issuing of certificates for its value, negotiable in any part of the British empire or the United States, for the value of it less the assay charges, and such further tax as may be required to be exacted in view of the proper administration of territorial affairs.

If this is found impracticable or objectionable an export duty might be established on the gold, treating it as an ordinary article of commerce and collecting the duty from the person who carries it out of the country.

Your committee would strongly recommend the establishment of a branch of the imperial mint at some point convenient to the territory.

3. The regulation of the liquor traffic by the local government, it to be allowed the unrestricted privilege of enacting any legislation deemed expedient by it, in connection with the admission of liquors to the territory and the charges to be imposed on them.

4. Encouragement of schemes to secure water for the use of the miners on the creeks on an extensive scale; this is strongly urged on the attention of the government as being very necessary for the proper development of mining in all parts of the territory.

5. That only owners of claims and those interested in claims be asked to take out miners licenses.

6. That the order in council preventing all employees of the Dominion government from having any interest in mining property be repealed.

7. That the building of a hospital for the temporary care of insane patients in the territory be undertaken by the Dominion government.

8. That the territory be divided into electoral districts to be entitled to representation in the local council; the proposed division is as follows:

That the Klondike river with its tributaries constitute one district; the Indian river and its tributaries a second; the Stewart river and its tributaries a third; the City of Dawson a fourth, and that all that portion of the territory lying south of the southerly end of Lake Leaberge constitute a fifth, and as the population increases in other parts of the country, further electoral districts be created and representation given as necessity calls for it; and that the Yukon council be authorized to erect any such electoral district when necessary.

9. That the government at Ottawa should look as favorably as possible upon any suggestion made by the Yukon council as a body, with reference to changes or amendments to the mining regulations and other matters of interest in the territory.

10. Your committee further recommends the appointment of a third judge in the territorial court, and the con-

stitution of a court of appeal in the territory, constituted as other courts of appeal are in other parts of the Dominion, to hear and determine appeals from any decision of the judges of the territorial court and appeals from the gold commissioner's court.

11. No charters for tramways, railroads or other kindred works of an exclusive nature to be granted except under the most stringent conditions as to the good faith and capability of the applicant to perform the work, and complete it in a reasonable time.

12. That the Dominion government be asked to confer representation in the Dominion parliament to the Yukon territory, if the territory is entitled to it, under the same terms and conditions as it has been conferred on other outlying portions of the Dominion.

13. The extension of time, say to two years, in which to begin operations on bona fide hydraulic claims. This is proposed in consideration of the great difficulty in connection with the transportation of heavy machinery into and through the country at present.

14. That the representation work on placer claims be placed at two hundred dollars (\$200) worth of work, or the payment of two hundred dollars (\$200) in cash in lieu thereof for the first year; five hundred dollars (\$500) in work or five hundred dollars (\$500) in cash in lieu thereof for the second year, and for the third year work to the value of one thousand dollar (\$1000).

15. That the representation work on quartz claims shall be for the first year two hundred dollars (\$200) worth of work or two hundred dollars (\$200) in cash; and the same for the second and third years; five hundred dollars (\$500) worth of work or five hundred dollars (\$500) in cash in lieu thereof for the fourth year, and the same for the fifth year. As an alternative sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600) worth of work will entitle the miner for certificate of complete representation.

16. Creek claims shall be 500 feet long and 700 feet wide, measured in the general direction of the creek or gulch, and the base or axial line of the creek on which the boundaries of the claim are founded shall be established by a surveyor under the instructions of the gold commissioner. The side boundaries of the claims shall be straight lines between points on the end boundaries 350 feet (measured on the surface) on each side of the base line, established by a Dominion land surveyor, under instructions of the gold commissioner.

17. Section 13, placer mining regulations should be repealed.

18. All other claims shall be 250 feet square.

19. Any free miner having duly located and recorded a claim shall be entitled to hold it for a period of one year from the recording of the same, and thence from year to year by re-recording the same; provided, however, that during the first year of such occupancy such free miner shall do or cause to be done work on the claim itself to the value of two hundred dollars (\$200) during the second year of such occupancy he shall do or cause to be done work to the value of five hundred dollars (\$500), and during the third and following years work to the value of one thousand dollars (\$1000). He shall satisfy the mining recorder that such work has been done by a certificate to that effect made by the mining inspector or in charge of the district in which the claim is situated or by the affidavit of the free miner, corroborated by two disinterested witnesses, setting out a detailed statement of the work done, and shall obtain from the mining recorder a certificate of such work having been done, for which a fee of two dollars (\$2) shall be charged.

If during the year royalty has been paid equivalent to the sum required to be spent on the claim as representation work, the production of the royalty receipt as to such payment shall be sufficient evidence to the mining recorder upon which to issue a certificate of work as above mentioned.

20. Section 3 of the present placer mining regulation to read as follows:

Upon receiving a grant for a mining location no free miner shall be entitled to locate another claim within the same district, the boundaries of which shall be defined by the mining recorder, until three years from the date of his former location. He may, however, abandon his claim at any time, provided he is sole owner thereof, by filing notice of abandonment in the mining recorder's office, with a fee of two dollars (\$2) and thereby regain his right to locate in the same district. The abandoned claim shall not be open for relocation until six months after the date of its abandonment. But the same miner may also hold a hill claim acquired by him under these regulations in connection with a creek, gulch or

river claim and any number of claims by purchase.

21. Section 3 to be amended as follows:

A free miner's certificate may be granted to run from the date thereof or from the expiration of the applicant's then existing certificate, and shall expire on the second day of January next, after the date upon which it commenced to run; the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) to be charged for each three months or portion thereof between the date the certificate commenced to run and the date of the expiration thereof unless the certificate is to be issued in favor of a joint stock company in which case the fee shall be twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) for each three months or portion thereof, between the dates from which it commenced to run and the date of the expiration thereof for a company having a nominal capital of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less, and for a company having a nominal capital exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) the fees shall be double the amount above mentioned. Only one person or joint stock company shall be named in the certificate.

22. Section 7 of the placer mining regulations to be amended in such a way that the expiration of a free miners' certificate shall not cause a forfeiture, but that the person allowing a free miners' certificate to expire shall after the expiration of three months as provided by order in council be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) per month in the discretion of the gold commissioner who shall decide the amount of such fine to be paid taking into consideration the circumstances of each case.

23. In the case of the co-owners, a clause shall be added to the placer mining regulations providing for the protection of miners who own undivided interests in properties and do all the representation work. Every co-owner shall be made liable for his share of the representation work. If he does not pay his share, his portion on the claim should be made liable for the amount.

24. Any miner trespassing on any claim and taking any of its mineral contents therefrom shall be deemed guilty of an indictable offense, may be tried before a magistrate and, if found guilty, fined five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment for a term of not more than three months or both, in the discretion of the magistrate, but such fine or imprisonment shall not prejudice any claim which the owner may have of such trespasser by reason of his trespass.

25. All dams shall be built without gate at least five feet in width and the opening must reach in depth to the bottom of the natural bed of the creek.

### ARMORED COFFINS.

They Were Once Used in a Churchyard in Scotland.

In the earlier half of the nineteenth century the practice of stealing bodies from the churchyards for the purpose of sale as subjects for dissection, which was known as "body snatching," was for a time very rife.

Various plans were made to defeat the nefarious and sacrilegious proceedings of the "body snatchers," or "resurrectionists," as they were sometimes called, a very common one being the erection of two or more small watch-houses whose windows commanded the whole burying ground, and in which the friends of the deceased mounted guard for a number of nights after the funeral.

A usual method of the grave robbers was to dig down to the head of the coffin and bore in it a large round-hole by means of a specially constructed center bit. It was to counteract this maneuver that the two curious coffin-like relics now lying on either side of the door of the ruined church of Aberfoyle, in Perthshire, were constructed. They are solid masses of cast iron of enormous weight.

When an interment took place one of these massive slabs was lowered by suitable derricks, tackles and chains on to the top of the coffin, the grave was filled in, and there it was left for some considerable time. Later on the grave was opened and the iron armor plate was removed and laid aside ready for another funeral.

These contrivances still lie on the grass of the lonely little churchyard, objects of curiosity to the passing cyclist and tourist.—Scientific American.

### The Explanation.

One morning the readers of a certain newspaper were perplexed to see in type the announcement that "the Scotus handed down an important decision yesterday." The afternoon paper of the town, with which the morning paper for years had held a bitter controversy, interesting none but themselves, laughed that day, as the poets say, "in ghoulish glee," and it was up to the morning paper the next day to explain that "the types" made the Scotus say that the Scotus did so and so when the telegraph editor should have known that that word was merely the abbreviation of the telegrapher for supreme court of the United States.

## BAR ASSOCIATION OBITSEC

### To the Passing of an Ordinance and Its Voice is Heard.

### The Council Tired of Being Taken by the Throat by Hospitals—Government Memorialized.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.  
There was a general air of expectancy in the courtroom Saturday afternoon when the council took its place, as it was pretty well known by means of busy rumor that the ordinance (as yet unpassed), consummating the desire of the government that Mr. Aimee Dugas be created a member of the bar for the purpose of legally filling the registrar's office, had created a feeling of dissent and unrest in the heart of the Bar Association, which had been bottled up as long as possible, and was then about to be heard from.

Therefore other matters were rather lost track of by those who waited to hear the protest, which came, at the proper time, in the form of a letter from the secretary of the association, and was backed up by a number of attorneys, who Secretary Brown said, would like to address a committee of the council on the subject in hand, which opportunity was given them by the council resolving itself into a committee of the whole for their reception.

The legal light from the back of the room was great enough to make it almost necessary to light a match to see if the electric lights were burning, when Attorney McCall, like Horatius who held the bridge in the brave days of old, separated himself from the constellation and addressed the council.

He said that it was a long way from the desire of the Bar Association to wish to be construed as opposing the proposed passage of the ordinance on any grounds of personal feeling towards the present incumbent, as the body in question had the greatest respect and regard for Mr. Dugas, but it regarded such an act as a violation of the land titles act, which said that none but an attorney might fill the office of registrar, and, as his acts were in a great measure judicial, this was right and proper.

The registrar was supposed to pass on the legality of the instruments passing through his office, and from his decision in such matter there is no appeal, and, whereas, Mr. Dugas was not an attorney, the bar felt that he should not be declared to be one by the council.

Mr. McCall closed his remarks by reiterating the statement that the Bar Association held Mr. Dugas in the highest esteem and were not opposing his appointment on personal grounds, and thanking the honorable body for its attention, withdrew to the little knot of attorneys, composed of Messrs. Wade, Davey, Stacpool and others, who silently fled away to the region above, after agreeing to have in readiness a memorandum concerning the matter, and listening to the thanks of the commissioner for the explanation of their position.

The objectionable bill is held in abeyance till next Thursday evening at least, when its future will probably be decided. In the meantime the council is in something the same position, with respect to the Ottawa government and the local Bar Association, as that occupied by the party in tradition who found himself in the unpleasant situation of having the devil on one side and the deep, deep sea on the other.

A telegram on one side commands the enactment of the ordinance, and the Bar Association on the other cries nay, nay.

Major Wood is sufficiently recovered to be out, and Saturday evening filled his accustomed place at the council board, by which means a quorum was had without the presence of Justice Dugas, who was there for a short time pending the arrival of Councilman Wilson, who came in a trifle late.

Upon his arrival, however, Justice Dugas took his departure as he was suffering with an injured foot, and only came to the meeting believing that his presence was essential to the formation of a quorum.

An ordinance was introduced and passed concerning the practice indulged in, heretofore by some teamsters, of driving deliberately across the lines of fire hose. Heretofore there has been no means of preventing this pernicious practice owing to the fact, as previously stated in the Nugget that there was no law providing for its punishment.

Now, however, it will be stopped. Out of an indigent case of sickness on Dog Island, which the hospitals re-

fused to admit, grew the question of how far the hospitals are warranted in refusing to take in cases of this nature. In this case the Good Samaritan hospital was willing to take the case if the council would guarantee the payment of \$15 per day during the service, and St. Mary's refused unconditionally to receive the patient.

It was decided to ask Acting Legal Adviser Pattullo to examine the law bearing on the subject and ascertain if the hospitals could not be compelled to receive such cases, and if not to draw an ordinance which would in future prevent, as it was expressed, the taking of the council by the throat, by the hospital hand, and compelling it to stand and deliver.

In the present instance, the case being one of extreme urgency, it having been so reported by Police Surgeon Hurdman, it was decided that the council must submit with the best grace possible to the demands of the hospital and guarantee the \$15 per day.

The matter of taxation was not directly referred to, but as the matter was held in abeyance for one month at a meeting held on the 20th of last month, it is altogether likely that the question will be disposed of next Thursday evening. The reason for laying the matter on the table before was in order to ascertain what the wishes of rate payers was with regard to incorporation, and as this matter seems to have been disposed of to the satisfaction of the council and rate payer, taxes will probably be collected in the near future.

The memorial to be sent to the government concerning the needs of the Yukon territory, the drafting of which was moved by Mr. Wilson some time since, was adopted and will appear in full in tomorrow's Nugget.

There was considerable argument concerning the sending of a minority report presented by Messrs. Wilson and Prudhomme. The minority report provides many things not contained in the memorial adopted among which appears the proposition to abolish the Yukon council in its present form and reorganize the legislative body by electing each member of it by the people, stating as a reason that the situation of Dawson is too remote from Ottawa to admit of a government carried on by one department of the government.

Complete representation in the house of commons is asked for, and the statement is made that it is the right of British subjects to be governed by laws made by representatives of their own choosing. The suggestion is also made that the manufacture of beer should be permitted.

### Home Flooded.

Saturday afternoon the home of O. Finstad and family was visited by a small deluge. A queer thing to happen, it can be said, at this season of the year when even hootch has been known to lose its liquid qualities, and when water is supposed to freeze upon exposure to the air, but that is what happened nevertheless. It occurred in this way.

The waterpipes which supplies water for the unwashed multitude in the bath rooms of a neighboring barber shop, pass directly under the Finstad floor, and this for some reason burst to the flooding of the house. The floors had to be laid with planking upon which the members of the household walk, and everything possible to move was taken up.

Mr. Finstad is seriously considering whether it will not be a paying proposition to move out and turn the house into a skating rink.

### Standard Theatre Reopens.

The Standard theater will reopen tonight with Joaquin Miller's drama, "Old '49." Mr. Layne is now managing the house, that is the theatrical end of the enterprise, Theo. Eggert conducting the saloon in the front. It is understood that a new manager will take charge of the Standard in the near future.

Next Thursday evening the Standard will inaugurate a new departure in theatrical procedure here, by covering the bar, tearing out the present entrance and giving a family performance, advertised as ladies' night.

The management will devote its energies to making the Standard a first-class, respectable resort, sure to be appreciated by a large element of both those who at present patronize theaters and many who do not.

### To Consider Ordinances.

The civil justice committee of the Yukon council will meet at 8 o'clock tonight at the residence of Commissioner Ogilvie for the purposes of considering the ordinances, one of which refers to providing for the collection of small debts and known as the "small debts" ordinance, the other to the masters and servants' act.

## ROMANCE OF A DIAMOND RING

### The Finder Built Many Elaborate Air Castles

### Which Sight of Ring's Owner Disappointed—Honesty Was Not Rewarded.

If any one had told my friends that I was possessed of the slightest spark of romance at the age of 45, the information would have been received as a base canard. A bachelor of that age who has drifted about with all sorts of people and bumped up against all sorts of adventures is pretty sure to have had all romance knocked out of him. He thinks more of his hat than his heart and more of his pipe than the female sex. Yes, I was a hardheaded, practical man, and had the most beautiful woman on earth attempted a flirtation with me I should have scowled her down. That was the sort of man I was, and I gloried in it, but alas, no man can tell just what day of the week he is going to fall over his own feet and make an ass of himself.

On a certain Tuesday I took a train at Elmer Junction for London, and as there were but few passengers I had a compartment to myself. I had been busy with a newspaper for half an hour when I noticed a small package lying under the opposite seat. I found it a plain pasteboard box and was prepared to find a specimen of free chewing gum or a new brand of troches inside. It was something different, however. It was a lady's diamond ring made up of five stones of the purest water, and on the inside were the initials "B. P." The ring was a double hoop of gold and had probably been made to order. It was lying loosely in the box, and the box had once contained steel pens. I argued that it must have been some careless person who carried a valuable ring around in that fashion and that it had been lost by a passenger who had left the train at the junction.

I am only a fairly honest man. My first idea was to keep the ring to my own profit, but I remembered that I was known to the railway porter and that the property might be traced to me. If not strictly honest, I am prudent, and I therefore gave up the idea of converting the ring. I would hold it for a reward, however. That bauble must have cost at least \$600 and was perhaps valued beyond price as a gift. I figured that I ought to get \$100 out of it, and I figured just what I would do with that extra money. Half an hour later I felt a curious sensation stealing over me. I began to feel sentimental. I began to connect that dear little ring with a dear little blond haired, blue eyed girl. I got up and kicked myself three times and called myself a fool, but the feeling did not go away. To my astonishment and indignation I found it growing stronger, and before I knew it the grip of romance had got me by the neck.

I was a man of leisure, though I had no great amount of money to my credit. I would hunt up the owner of that ring, and if all things went well I would marry her. I settled on that even as I kicked myself again. Common sense told me that I might better fall in love with the old apple woman at the Waterloo terminus, but when romance takes hold common sense has to let go. For a week I watched all the papers, but the ring was not advertised. This seemed to prove to me that the loser was either rich and indifferent to her loss or that for some reason the loss had not yet been discovered. Romance made me anxious, and I therefore went to the expense of advertising in five different papers. I simply stated that a diamond ring had been found on a railroad train and asked the loser to correspond.

Inside of three days I received about 150 letters in reply. They came from all sorts of places and from all sorts of people. The number of stones was given all the way from one to ten, and almost every railroad in the kingdom was mentioned. The 150 writers were fakes and liars, and the true loser had not answered me. I was a bit nettled at this neglect on her part. She was not meeting my romance half way. I advertised a second time, and this time I gave date and day and train. Again I got a peck of letters, and at least half of them were from people who had answered before. As none of them could describe the ring I was no better off than before. Indeed I was worse off. A railway official wrote me that in keeping an article of value found on Friday and another on Saturday last. Fortunately the tested thermometer which can register to 100 degrees below was not disturbed.

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I was now in love with the loser of that ring. Sentiment had a firm grip on me, and I got all sorts of silly notions into my head. I must see the affair to the end at whatever cost, and the end must be my marriage with the fair haired Beatrice. That was the name I gave her, and I put her age at 19 without stopping to reflect that I was probably as old a man as her father. A third crop of advertisements went out. This time I called it a hoop ring, and I got 200 replies from losers of hoop rings. In sending out the fourth batch of advertising I described the ring with the exception of the initials. The replies numbered over 300. I also got something beyond replies. A detective followed me to my lodgings and was insulting enough to ask:

"Look here, old man, what sort of a game are you trying to play on the public with that ring?"

"None of your business," I replied in my anger at finding I had been dogged.

"But it is my business," he insisted. "I don't exactly twig your lay, but I'll have an eye on you for the next few weeks and be prepared to make it hot for you."

"If you want to know who I am, go to Brown & Brown, solicitors."

"I'll find out soon enough without any help from them."

For half an hour after he had gone I was too put out to feel much romance, but as I cooled off it came gently stealing back, and I was more than ever determined to find my unknown love. With that independence which should characterize the actions of a fairly honest man I advertised for the fifth time. This time I asked "B. P." to communicate with me in case she had lost anything. There were just 107 "B. P." answers, but among them I selected one which appeared to be genuine. This "B. P." had lost a double hooped diamond ring containing five stones.

It had been lost on a railroad train and was a birthday gift from a dead mother. I was asked to call at the chambers of a certain solicitor to have the ring further identified. There is nothing romantic about calling on a solicitor. I had been in hopes to be invited to a Sloan square mansion or a grand country seat, and I was disappointed. It was quite possible, however, that the blond haired heiress would be at the solicitor's and that all would be well, and so I was on hand at the appointed hour. So was a stern faced and aggressive looking householder, together with a slick looking villain whom I at once spotted for a detective and a young woman whose hair was red instead of blonde. The ring was speedily identified by the stern faced man and red headed girl. "B. P." was Bertha Perkins, and her father and her maid were before me. Perkins was a country squire, and on the night previous to my finding the ring his daughter's jewels had been stolen. The hoop ring was part of the plunder.

Of course I was ready to hand over the ring, but it wasn't to stop there. That red headed maid was sure she recognized me as the man who was hanging about the grounds a few hours before the robbery, and that villain of a detective was only too glad to snap the handcuffs on my wrists and hurry me off to jail. It took me three days to prove myself a respectable character and an alibi. They had to give me my liberty, but it was grudgingly done, and the detective said he'd have an eye on me all the rest of my days. The romance had departed when I was locked up. I came out of jail determined on securing reparation. Old Perkins had helped the red headed girl to conclude that I was the robber, and I went down to his country seat to receive an abject apology or pull his nose. He not only refused an apology, but threatened to kick me off the grounds, and the red headed girl declared that I had a cast in my left eye, and by that cast she would stow me in any court as a man who would not stop at murder. There was one more thing to be cleared up. I wanted to find out about "B. P." herself. Was she the blond haired, blue eyed girl of my dreams, and was she worthy of my love? I had not long to wait. I was walking from the country seat to the village when a dogcart knocked me down and rolled me all over the road, and the driver halted to call me a tramp and threaten me with the law. The driver was "B. P." Her hair was bleached, her eyebrows colored and her nose turned up. She had a big mouth, bad teeth and milky eyes, and when she drove on she whistled like a man.

M. QUAD.

### Thermometer Thieves.

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## A THEATRICAL DEPARTURE

### Of the Standard Which Opened Last Night With 49.

### The Savoy Putting up a Good Show Full of Laughs and Containing a Foiled Villain.

Joaquin Miller's melodrama, "Forty-Nine" opened at the Standard last evening to a full house, and a house containing very little "paper" at that.

The management, as was stated in yesterday's Nugget, propose to inaugurate a new departure in theatrical work in Dawson by putting on clean family performances, and devoting one night (Thursday) in each week to the reception of ladies and families.

"Forty-Nine" is one of those plays, the scene of which, as is passably well indicated by the title, is laid in California, in the "days of gold," and of course represents mining camp life. The first scene shows an eastern home, and introduces the hero, a prodigal son, the villain, who was born a gentleman, without money, which circumstance made him a scoundrel. When the curtain goes up he has reached the age when he is a gambler by occupation and a villain by necessity. The prodigal's mother appears in this scene and again in the last, and is enveloped in widow's weeds and tears on both occasions.

Attorney White, who never made a mistake or lost a case in his life, and is the friend of the family and the employe of Charley, the prodigal, who sends the latter to California in search of an heiress, whose parents were killed in the Mountain Meadow massacre. The villain overhears the talk about the heiress, steals the papers of identification from the prodigal, goes to California and marries the wrong woman. Charley goes to California without the papers, finds the heiress and also his father supposed to be dead long before.

In the end the villain, like all good villains who knows his business, is discomfited and leaves with a curse for all and a few to spare. The long separated husband and wife are reunited and all live happy forever after.

The play can best be termed an old time California melodrama, of which it is typical, and there may be truthfully said in its behalf that there is nothing about the piece which should not be seen by ladies and children, and next Thursday evening when the bar is covered and the gambling room closed it is predicted that a full house will be the result of the venture.

"Naughty Girls, or a Gambler's Luck" at the Savoy is in the nature of a change from the usual policy of the house, inasmuch as it departs somewhat from the short comedy or farce, strictly speaking, being tinged with the light of legitimate drama. The cast is somewhat longer than usual, containing nearly the entire company, but as the Savoy people all know their business this leads to no inconvenience or awkward situations and is thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Of course the production is the work of Post and Maquettes, and contains an old sport, a disappointed lover, an adventurer who is successful enough to keep a maid, and joy of things dramatic, a villain, who is foiled at last, and the foiled should be spelled with capitals.

The program, besides other good things, contains a skit entitled, "The Corn Cob Family," another down as the "Chinese Servants," which are both as full of laugh as they will hold without exploding.

At the end of the bill comes the Jerries Sharkey fight as shown by Prof. Parkes' moving pictures.

### A Baker's War.

There is a rate war on among the bakers of Dawson with the result that bread is now being supplied to the retailers at a price which will enable them to sell two loaves for 25 cents whether they do it or not. The cause of all this is that Herman Knabel, who operates two bakeries in town, has all along contended that he could sell three loaves for 50 cents at a profit and has done so. On Sunday last a meeting of other bakers was held with the result that it was agreed to notify Knabel that in case he does not raise his price, a cut to two loaves for a quarter will be made. Knabel says he will adhere to his usual price; therefore, Dawsonites may revel in the delights of cheap bread from now until the game of freeze out is over.

### Liberals Meet Tonight.

A regular fortnightly meeting of the Liberal Association of Dawson will be held tonight commencing at 8 o'clock in the Board of Trade rooms in the A. C. office building. It is desired that all members be present.

## ANOTHER KID WEST STORY

The Seattle Times Says He Is in Dawson.

Having Been Brought in Secretly for a Purpose. A Tough Character—Story Doubted.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Under the heading, "Is Now at Dawson," the Seattle Times of January 1 prints the following story which is not true as late telegraph reports assert that Kid West is still in the Seattle jail, having been brought there from Walla Walla on the proposed trip to Dawson: Kid West, the convict from this state, has ere this undoubtedly given whatever evidence he held bearing on what is known as the O'Brien murder case at the Klondike capital. Notwithstanding that the departure of West in charge of officers was prematurely announced it was intended to be a profound secret until he had appeared at the hearing. West was taken from this city with the utmost secrecy. While his departure was known to several, including the newspaper fraternity, it had been generally understood that nothing was to be said about the matter, as on the quietness of his leave taking depended much of the success of the prosecution of O'Brien. However, through some misunderstanding or breach of confidence the story was published and the knowledge of West's approach reached Alaska. For this reason the officers in charge of West used the utmost secrecy in taking him down the river and carefully avoided even the stations of the mounted police—so carefully in fact that Sgt. Graham, in command of the Whitehorse force of the Northwest mounted police, took a trip to Skagway for the purpose of learning the truth of the statement that West was on his way down the river.

There was still another reason of the avoidance of traveled trails by Detective Seely and his proteges besides the fact that the prosecution was unwilling to have O'Briens' attorneys know of West's advent and that is this: West knows the whereabouts of George O'Brien's "plant," and in this cache made by the murderer are supposed to be not only a large quantity of goods stolen from parites along the trail but some evidence of his alleged greatest crime, the murder of Relfe, Clayton and Olson. West, himself, previous to his departure for Alaska, while in the King county jail, told a Times reporter that he was wanted for this trip more because of this knowledge than from any other fact.

"But they will never get that stuff," said he. "I intend to have that myself if any one does. If those people get me into Dawson they're doing more than I think they will."

West went on to state that when his departure had been arranged for in October he had all plans laid for a "get away," including communications with friends who were to help him on the steamer Cottage City. At that time he wrote a letter addressed to his parents in Chicago, stating that the authorities were endeavoring to take him to Alaska to testify against O'Brien and further stating that he never intended to get to Dawson; in the second place, if he ever was taken in he never would testify.

Just how successful the efforts of the Canadian officers will be remains to be seen. West is in charge of some of the best of the Dominion detectives, men accustomed to such tasks. James Seely, who was instrumental to a large extent in getting his story, was one of the party who took O'Brien down to Dawson after his capture. Seely's story of the trip with O'Brien, as he told it to a Times reporter during his stay in this city is interesting in the extreme. The prisoner was taken more in the manner of a guest than a prisoner. He rode in a dog sled heavily wrapped in furs.

"When he wanted to warm up, said Seely, 'we'd let him take a run entirely unshackled, but accompanied by a police officer. When we would stop at night, one of the mounted police in the party would sleep beside the prisoner, shackled with him, wrist to wrist, and it was funny to see the way the men hated to have this task assigned to them. They hated it, not because of the danger, but because of the charge on which O'Brien was held. O'Brien was a model prisoner, and we had no trouble. He is a very intelligent man, but said little to any one on that trip. We will take West in the same manner if he goes at all."

From this statement, made some time ago, it is very evident that West, was desperate as he is known to be, will

have a very uphill road to make any dash for liberty.

In connection with the O'Brien murder the following from the Daily Alaskan of December 22 is of interest:

"The mounted police fear that there may be attempts at robbery on the Yukon trail this winter, and are taking every precaution to prevent a repetition of the awful Minto tragedy of last Christmas day.

"The police say that the practice of shuffling of women out of the Yukon saloons and variety theaters has thrown a large element out of employment. Among the women and their consorts, who live from their shame, they say are many who are naturally vicious, and when the boxes in back rooms of theaters and saloons are denied them, it is feared that they may take more desperate methods of raising the money that they will not work for.

### Dogs and the Pound.

Dogs that bark and some that growl, some that could not stand the test of an insanity commission, pups and veterans of the trail whose antiquity can be surmised from their appearance, and almost every old breed from the siwash who glories in the soulful name of "Hootch" to the well bred Siberian hound. These are what grace the confines of the pound on Second street near Fifth avenue, where this morning there were 15 doggies, and where before night there is likely to be more than double that number, as Poundkeeper Anderson has put on two catchers who are expected to make short work of clearing the streets of the large number of dogs now at large and apparently harmless.

The statement made not long since to the effect that a shed had been built over a nice cool snow bank for the captured dogs to sleep in, is not true, at least as applied to conditions existing at present, as there is a good warm shelter for dogs, and plenty of warm clean straw for them to sleep in.

Warm food is cooked for them, and between meals there is always horse meat to lunch on, and they are provided with water at regular times each day, so that it will be seen that the poor starving brute met with so often upon the streets daily, is lucky when the pound man gets him, as he is then sure of 30 days in a sinecure, with a home at the end of that time, with a master who will perhaps make him work, but will surely provide him with food, or, what is perhaps the more fortunate alternative, sudden death.

The dogs are kept for 30 days, instead of 20 as has been stated, when, if they cannot be sold, they are shot.

But one case of madness has been thus far encountered at the pound, and that was yesterday morning, when one of the newly captured dogs was found to be a little short on mental poise, and was promptly shot. Fortunately his condition was discovered before he bit any of the other animals, so that no damage was done.

Another mad dog was shot yesterday afternoon by a constable. The owner, whose name is Faulkner, reported his suspicions concerning his dog to the police who called upon Schoff the veterinary to decide the matter. He said the dog was mad and it was at once shot.

### An "Out" Whistle.

It is generally the practice in outside cities of sufficient population to maintain a paid fire department to blow a short sharp blast of an engine whistle when a fire is put out or when it is discovered that an alarm, has been false. Yesterday the suggestion was made in the local column of the Nugget that if such a course were followed in Dawson it would save much trouble and anxiety to property owners and tenants.

Especially is this applicable to the winter months when small fires are of frequent occurrence, and the air thick with smoke and vapor hangs in thick folds about all objects at a distance of 50 feet. At such times when an alarm is sounded people cannot tell anything about where a fire is unless it happens to be in their immediate neighborhood, and a large fire might be burning a few blocks away and no one be any the wiser for it.

Chief Stewart of the fire department was seen last evening regarding the matter and coincided with the views expressed in the Nugget, saying that he would act upon the suggestion if possible.

After an alarm of fire is sounded if a single blast of the whistle is heard, it will signify that the fire is out.

### For Rent.

Office room in McLennan-McFeeley building. Heated with hot air. Apply McLennan-McFeeley store. crt

Hay and oats in ton lots, 10c. - Brien & Clements, brokers, Second avenue. c23

Salinas Valley potatoes for sale at Lancaster & Calderhead's. crt

Fresh carrots and turnips at Meekers'.

## POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate Scarth opened court for a full house this morning, several criminal cases being up for hearing.

The first prisoner in the box was Dennis Pulford, who was charged with the theft of a gold watch of the value of \$100, the property of Thos. D. Green. The evidence showed that last November Green was out with a surveying party for which Dennis Pulford was cook, and as the cook had to be up and doing before daylight in the morning, Green loaned him his watch so he could get up on time. One day Pulford came to Dawson and "soaked" the watch to Uncle Hoffman for \$20. Pulford pleaded guilty and said he had nothing to offer in extenuation of his act. For the coming two months his name will be Dennis in every sense of the word, while he contributes his time and muscle to the reduction of fuel in the crown reducing works.

Chas. Purdy, Canadian, and Geo. Dennison, American, are partners in a wood permit located on the trail back of the classic town of Moosehide. Charles was in court on the complaint of George that he had used insulting language towards him. It came out during the trial that each man had, in uncomplimentary terms, referred to the other's nationality, likewise his ancestry. It also came out that Dennison is a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief in that he has trouble with almost everyone with whom he has dealings and has to invoke the aid of the police, although, according to his own statement, he is personified peacefulness. Purdy's attorney, Alex Howden, raised the point that the charge was brought under the wrong section, whereas it should have been brought for assault. The point was sustained by the court who informed Dennison that he could lay a new information. The court also warned Purdy to be more careful in applying epithets in the misty future.

William Albert Johnson, a boy 20 years of age, was up on the charge of stealing gold dust from the claim, No. 15 Gold Run. Attorney W. E. Burrit appeared for the boy and as his client pleaded guilty to the charge, asked for leniency for him. The boy's father also testified as to his son's previous good character and the claim owners and foreman asked for a mild sentence, which was imposed, ten days at hard labor being the penalty.

### The Curling Club.

There was a good practice game of curling at the rink Monday night when it was decided to begin last night on the previously arranged schedule of games, which was between the teams "skipped" by Mr. Norquay and W. D. Bruce. The score was 16 to 15 in favor of Bruce. Tonight the teams led by "Chief," Wills and Col. Rourke will contest for honors.

### The Weather.

There was a remarkable variation in the temperature during the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning, the minimum being 22 below and the maximum 22 above zero in that time, a variation of 44 degrees. The above is the record kept by Sergeant Major Tucker, official weather officer.

From all the creeks reached by telephone come reports of a variation almost as great as that experienced in Dawson. At the Forks this morning the temperature was 16 above, Gold Run 14, Dominion 16, Sulphur 17, Eldorado 17.

### Mr. TeRoller Talks.

Mr. Te Roller, chairman of Good Samaritan Hospital Board, when asked what he had to say in reference to a lady patient being refused entrance to that institution, said:

"We positively deny that she was refused entrance, and discredit the report that Dr. Hurdman made the assertion. I am informed that Dr. Hurdman applied for entrance for this lady in behalf of the authorities. He was advised by the hospital superintendent that no provision had been made by the council for cases of this nature, and that it would be necessary that there was some understanding before he could admit her, as was the custom in all cases of an unusual character. Any person with ordinary intelligence will at once allow that special nursing both day and night is absolutely necessary, where mother and child are concerned. Instead of having one ordinary patient, there are two and both needing more than ordinary care.

"With reference to the \$15 per day covering all expenses, will say that this charge was requested of the government and was made on the basis of actual cost and was probably underestimated. I would ask any informed and unprejudiced citizen of Dawson whether he can provide in a case of this nature accommodation, medical attendance, medicines, day and night nurses, laundry and other incidental expenses for \$15 per day? Does any one for a moment imagine that the government authorities would seriously ask the hospitals to undertake the care of such patients for \$2.50 per day? Is there anyone ignorant enough to imagine that there is sufficient profit in \$2.50 per day for the care of indigent patients to allow cases of an extraordinary nature to go at the same rate? It costs most people in this locality more than \$2.50 per day to simply exist let alone pay-

ing for medical attendance, nursing, medicines, etc."

### No Outside Mail.

The statement in yesterday's paper that mail left Whitehorse Saturday and was due to arrive here Thursday evening referred only to way mail, as no outside mail has been received at Whitehorse for nearly two weeks nor will any reach that place until the railroad gets over being snowed under and trains can be operated. There is now no outside mail on the river.

### ANOTHER CORPS.

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ment to be for three years in the first instance. If not less than 1000 men are raised, special transport will be provided."

Men who have already served in South Africa are preferred. If 1000 or more Canadians volunteer for this service, it is the intention of the imperial government to offer ten captaincies and fifteen lieutenantcies in the force to qualified officers of the Canadian militia.

### IRISH TURNS AND TWISTS.

The Uncensurable Humor That Crops Out in the Green Isle.

The author of "Irish Life and Character" says truly that one has only to mix with an Irish crowd to hear many a laughable expression, quite innocently uttered. As the Duke and Duchess of York were leaving Dublin in 1897, amid enthusiastic cheering, an old woman remarked:

"Ah! Isn't it the fine reception they're gettin, goin' away?"

In 1892 Dublin university celebrated its tercentenary, and crowds of visitors were attracted to the city. Two laborers, rejoiced at the general prosperity, expressed their feelings.

"Well, Tim," said one, "thim tar-cintinaries does a dale for the thrade of Dublin, and no mistake."

"Oh, faix they do!" said the other. "And whin, with the blessin of God, we get home rule, sure we can have as many of thim as we please."

An old woman, seeing a man pulling a young calf roughly along the road, exclaimed:

"Oh, you bla'guard! That's no way to thrate a fellow crather."

"Sure," said a laborer to a young lady who was urging him to send his children to school, "I'd do anything for such a sweet, gintlemanly lady as yourself."

Again, the laborers on a large estate decided that it would be more convenient for them if they could be paid every week instead of every fortnight. One of their number was sent to place their proposition before the land agent, and this was his statement:

"If you please, sir, it's me desire, and it is also every other man's desire, that we resave out fortnight's pay livery week."

An exasperated sergeant, drilling a squad of recruits, called to them at last:

"Halt!" Just come over here, all of ye, and look at yourselves. It's a fine line ye're keepin, isn't it?"

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof for an act to amend the act respecting the Dawson City Electric Company, Ltd., and to extend the time limited for the commencement and completion of the electric railway and tramway by said last mentioned act authorized to be constructed.

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## COMING AND GOING.

W. Long, of Dominion, is down from that district on a short business trip. Steamboat men are beginning to sign contracts for work during the coming season.

H. A. Slater, a Vancouver merchant, came in from Whitehorse yesterday and is registered at the Regina.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blick, of Hunker creek, are in town or a few days, and are stopping at the McDonald.

The Wilson damage suit is now engaging the attention of the territorial court.

Reports from the Dome today say the mercury stood at 16 above zero this morning at which time a strong wind was blowing.

E. O. Sylvester, who recently became one of the Dewey hotel proprietors at Grand Forks, came down from there this morning.

The continued rise in the temperature is having its effect upon business as well as travel. The freight movement to the creeks is growing stronger.

A man named Perkins employed on claim 40 Eldorado, fell 30 feet down a shaft yesterday evening, receiving serious though not fatal injuries.

A man was painfully injured on claim 17 on Eldorado, on Monday, but no particulars could be obtained further than that he is on the road to recovery.

Early this morning Dawson was treated to a stiff gale of wind which wakened the sleepers in nearly every house in town.

Caribou Sinclair has been matched to go ten rounds with Ed. Collier, the colored giant. The event will probably occur at the Savoy theater on the first of next month.

Coal of a very good quality is reported to have been discovered in the immediate vicinity of Whitehorse. It is said to stand a very favorable burning test compared with other native coals along the Yukon.

If arrangements could be made by the fire department whereby one sharp blast of the whistle could be sounded when fires are finally extinguished, or when it becomes known that an alarm is false, it would save many an anxious moment for those who happen to have property in town not occupied by themselves.

The sheriff, through the town police station, has notified Third avenue residents that the street must be cleared of its present incumbrances. The sheriff is acting under an ordinance which provides that within a certain period after receiving notification if such things as unnecessarily block the highway, they shall be seized and sold.

### I. O. O. F. Meeting.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the Odd Fellows Relief Association of the Yukon will be held in Dr. Cassell's office, A. C. office building, at 8 o'clock tonight. Every Odd Fellow in the city is asked to be present.

### Hockey Tonight.

Now that the weather has moderated the hockey fever has again broken out and advantage will be taken of the favorable opportunity for reducing the length of the game schedule. Tonight the A. C. Co. and Civil Service teams will contest for honors. The game will begin at 8 o'clock.

### Information Wanted.

A. Turat, acting vice-consul for France, has received some inquiries about A. Prevost Desmarchais and Leo Liar. Anyone having any knowledge of them please send information. Box 173, P. O.

Good stock, large eggs. See Meekers'.

Mumm's, Pomerey or Perinet champagne \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

### FOR SALE.

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