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SHREWD BOER TACTICS

Fights and Runs Away and Fights Again.

RIFLES SUPERIOR, CANNON LONG RANGE.

Mounted Riflemen and Batteries England's Great Need.

Lord Roberts Should Remember Indian Mutiny of '57—Boers Excel Indians in Courage and Marksmanship—Mobility of their Army.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
New York, Feb. 6.—A World correspondent now on the scene of the South African trouble cables his paper the following:

"The Boer is a fair shot, and he is an admirable mounted rifleman. His tactics are admirably suited to get the very best possible service out of an irregular force. His strong point is his mobility. He can ride to a chosen spot, dismount, drop reins, fire half a dozen shots, mount again and go on to a fresh position. His horse is trained to stand in the field wherever he is left. He carries his rations in his pocket, and the grass of the veldt gives him ample forage for his horse. He is armed with a better rifle than the English weapon; his cannon are of longer range; his artillerists have been thoroughly educated by German officers. Given this splendidly armed body of mounted riflemen, who, by their superior mobility, can appear and disappear rapidly; can quickly make an attack or avoid one, and how can the English commanders hope for victory until they throw against the Boers an equally well armed body of mounted riflemen superior in numerical strength?"

"There is no mystery about the Boer tactics. They intrench in strong positions, protect themselves from shell fire by shelter trenches, and by their superior mobility can concentrate rapidly to meet an attack and can disperse rapidly if they find it necessary to evacuate one position, can reach quickly and rapidly intrench another. All this is easily possible when fighting an enemy whose force is chiefly slow-moving infantry. But if the Boers found a column of mounted infantry 20,000 to 30,000 hanging like a gathering storm on either flank, they could not hold their position and could not evacuate it safely in face of an enemy as strong and mobile as themselves. When our soldiers and Indian scouts hunted down the mounted Indians of the plains 25 years ago, we did not do it chiefly with infantry, although our foe was not to be compared with the Boer in courage or marksmanship, or arms, or intelligence; in nothing save mobility and hunter craft. Lord Roberts must remember the inestimable service of the native irregular horse under the command of British officers during the Indian mutiny of 1857. Until a large force of mounted riflemen is pushed against the Boers, the British will win no battles, even with large numerical super-

iority of infantry. England's unpreparedness for war lies not so much in lack of troops as in failure to fight the Boers on even terms by employing chiefly mounted riflemen and batteries."

The Pilots.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The National Association of Masters and Pilots of Steam Vessels has adopted resolutions as follows:

"Favoring the construction of the Nicaraguan Canal by the government; legislation prohibiting the towing of rafts on the Pacific ocean because of the great danger to navigation in the event of their breaking up; opposing the granting of pilots' licenses under federal government supervision and endorsing the bill now before congress to abolish the smoke nuisance in New York harbor.

UTAH'S REJECTED SON.

Congressman Roberts Will Not Further Contest.

Will Return to His Constituents and His Wives—Polygamous Sentiment is Waning.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Mr. Brigham H. Roberts gave out the following statement tonight in relation to his exclusion:

"Our griefs are past when remedies are ended. By seeing the worst which late on hope depended.

"I was selected by the people of Utah as their representative by the substantial plurality of 5665 votes. An effort was made by what I believe to be an unconstitutional and unprecedented process, to exclude me from the house of representatives. In behalf of myself and my constituents, comprising the entire population of the state of Utah, I did all I could to maintain the positions to which they had elected me; but the house of representatives under the whip and spur of popular sentiment have decided to exclude me from the house. I have contended for my rights and the rights of my constituents, single-handed and alone, to the best of my ability, but have been overwhelmed by force of numbers.

"Notwithstanding all that has been said, the people of Utah are not a lawless people. Those of them who have been involved in the past in the plural marriage system once taught and sanctioned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, are not wanton violators of the laws; but finding themselves in the position where the law commands them to do one thing, and moral obligations, sacredly entered into under sanction of the Mormon church, command them to do another, they are placed in a very trying situation, and some few of them, including the member from Utah, may have found it necessary to regard their moral obligations as more binding upon their consciences than their technical obedience to statutory law. Such a position, however, is but transitory in Utah, and comes down to the Mormon people from conditions growing out of the plural marriage system of the past. The condition here referred to, however, is rapidly passing away."

Tomorrow's Celebration.

The following committees are in charge of the celebration to be given at the Palace Grand tomorrow evening, in honor of the anniversary of Washington's birthday:

Executive—Leroy Tozier, J. L. Greene, Edgar Mizner, George Layfield, D. A. Matheson, Eddie O'Brien, Harry G. Steele, E. C. Allen.

Program—Harry G. Steele, Eddie O'Brien, D. A. Matheson.

Decorations—George Layfield, J. L. Greene, E. C. Allen.

Reception—Edgar Mizner, Leroy Tozier, D. A. Matheson.

Arrangements have been concluded for an excellent entertainment. Tomorrow the details respecting the program will be decided upon. Governor Ogilvie and Mr. Leroy Tozier will make addresses. Soldiers of the Yukon Field Force will give an exhibition drill. The best vocal talent, including professional as well as amateur, has been secured. During the evening, no drinks will be sold, nor will smoking be tolerated. The reception committee is very desirous that the women and children should attend the entertainment.

THE WHITE WINGS OF PEACE

Spread Over Different Chinese Factions in Frisco.

The Hop Sing Tong and Suey Sings Settle Differences—Approaching New Year Peace Factor.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—The Hop Sing Tong and the Suey Sings have agreed upon what is represented to be a treaty of peace. The agreement was reached yesterday afternoon but the document did not receive the signatures until late in the evening. The action of the police in interfering with the customary celebration of the Chinese New Year had great weight in bringing it about.

The police, the Chinese consul and representatives of the tongs held several conferences yesterday. The Hop Sings at first demanded \$2000 indemnity for the men they had lost. This was rejected. They then agreed to accept \$1300. This offer, too, was acted upon unfavorably. At last the losers in the Chinatown war offered to cease hostilities if a money consideration were given for the murder of Wong Yuen, a carpenter, who was killed while at work in his shop. This murder, they declare, was entirely unnecessary, as Yuen had taken no part in the war. The Suey Sings agreed to this proposal and the peace was arranged upon these grounds.

La Grippe in Italy.

Rome, Feb. 5.—There are several thousand cases of influenza here. The Lycee Cavour at Turin is closed. There are 10,000 influenza cases in that city and many thousands are reported all over Italy.

One double engine noist, 8 horse power, friction brake, for sale at Shindler's.

THE PARTNERS FIGHT.

Aggressor, John Jacobson, Gets It all Around.

FIRST IN THE HEAD, THEN IN THE NECK.

W. H. Stanberry Wears a Broken Nose and Spoiled Face.

Dog Beater Pays \$25 and Costs—Demented Man Named Harik, of Whom Little is Known—Several Cases of Minor Importance.

There was a long session of Major Perry's court this morning, the first case called being that of A. E. Buchair, charged with cruelly beating a dog. The defendant being a "rebelman" and unable to speak or understand English, Major McDonald was sworn as interpreter and the trial proceeded. Several witnesses testified that Buchair beat one of his dogs with a trace that had an iron snap on the end of it and that afterwards he took the dog by the tail and beat the ground with the defenseless brute. The purport of the testimony of three or four Frenchmen was that Buchair had handled his dog very much as a mother would handle a sick child. The court evidently took but little stock in what the frogaters said, as Buchair was fined \$25 and costs which was paid.

John Camody, a vender of papers, borrowed \$20 for an hour, but failed to keep his agreement. He was in court this morning, but having the \$20 within reach, it was paid over and the case ended.

John Coine was given until March 1st to raise a \$5 fine imposed January 9th for peddling without a license.

A man who said his name is Hirakh, but that he has no initials, was remanded for three days in order that his case may be looked into. He is insane and unfit to be at large. He owns some mining property on one of the creeks and a cabin in town. He seems to have been quite an intelligent man, and is even now aware of his condition. He talks continuously of the bitterness of his past life, of which but little can as yet be learned. His case is one to excite sympathy in all who hear his rambling talk.

The case of W. B. Thompson vs. Gates & Wilcoxon for \$88.65, labor performed on one of the defendant's claims was continued until Monday.

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Something New for Housekeepers

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1900

(From Wednesday's Daily)
BETTER OFF HERE

The outside papers tell of the great preparations for the Nome stampede but confine themselves with very noticeable regularity to men who are going to the beach diggings for the purpose of placing in operation schemes of various kinds. There are men with schemes for hotels, restaurants, mercantile houses, saloons, gambling houses and in fact men going with every conceivable intention aside from the purpose of mining. As a matter of fact, and the truth of this statement is becoming more clear every day, there is nothing left at Nome or anywhere in the immediate vicinity of the camp for the man who goes with the expectation of securing desirable ground. It is now pretty generally conceded that the beach diggings, so far as they were proven to carry gold in paying quantities, were practically worked out last year and the Nome stamper must this year depend very largely upon the chances which will result from prospecting and developing new ground.

Of the several thousand men who worked on the beach last summer comparatively few made an average of \$10 per day during the season. There were periods when a great many men were making more than that, but there were also times when these same men would be working with little or no returns. It is extremely doubtful if average wages were made when the whole number of men who were at work on the beach is taken into consideration.

The outlook for the intending Nomad who wants to confine himself to digging for gold is not as bright as might be the case. He will have, at most, four months during which he can prosecute his work. According to the law now under consideration by congress he will be allowed to locate a narrow strip of beach scarcely large enough to be designated a claim, and in getting this he must, as conditions now are, take his chances in new and untried territory.

A man who is working at fair wages in Dawson or on the creeks adjacent to this city is in a much better position than the average Nomad will be at the close of next summer's work on the famous beach. If such is not the case all precedents are wrong and all signs will fail.

The valiant captain and almost was major has had a great deal to say concerning the late lamented "Soapy" Smith. It is told in a whisper that our guileless editorial friend once met the festive Soapy and became so enamored of a certain little game of pea and shell at which the said Soapy was an adept, that he voluntarily parted with several bank notes of various denominations in acquiring a knowledge of the fascinating sport. We think the Captain has acted

with admirable discretion in confining his African campaign to a warfare of words as we understand that there are several games played down there which are far in advance of anything attempted by the late Soapy.

Our esteemed contemporary the Daily News, whose reputation as a purveyor of hard luck stories was long since established, is out with a brand new series. The general plot is along the ordinary lines, hinging upon the failure of the News to receive various and sundry special telegrams supposed to have been sent from Skagway. We would suggest to our contemporary that it collect all its various tales of woe and publish them in a single volume, with some such title as "The Tale of a Telegram, or the Story of a Misspent Life." In doing this, however the News should guarantee the public immunity from further infictions in its editorial and local columns.

Our correspondent who signs himself "Canuck" has, we think struck a clarification note. We want an election in the Yukon territory and we want it badly. We want to see some of our local oratorical talent turned loose and hear the surrounding hills echo with the pent up eloquence of years. We want to see the dogs of war liberated and the battle begin which is going to bring a repeal of obnoxious laws and the substitution of better ones. "Canuck" presents an array of material from which it would not be difficult to select good men and still there are others. We should be pleased to receive other suggestions along similar lines.

The intense cold weather which is now afflicting this much afflicted community is something almost unprecedented. Last winter February was a month of comparatively pleasant weather but winter seems bound this year to stay with us to the very last. However, we have the hope held out to us that March, which it appears now will come in like a lion, will retire very peacefully and lamb like when its race has been run.

Entertainments of a public nature are coming along in rapid succession. Two celebrations are billed for Washington's birthday, a sacred concert are on the lists for next Sunday night and another one is billed at this early date for the following Sunday night. Verily the world do move, and Dawson is keeping up with the procession.

Editor Woodside volunteers the information through the columns of the Sun that it—the Sun—supports the present Canadian government at so much per support. The child like ingenuousness of this warrior editor is something marvelous.

What has happened to Buller? He seems to have withdrawn altogether from his former position, leaving Colenso and Springfield apparently in the hands of the Boers. It is a fortunate thing that Roberts is getting onto the scene of action.

Creek Notes.

Two below upper Dominion is again presenting an active appearance. The owners, Messrs. Ellinger & Co., have their machinery which was caught at Stewart river, set up and a dump is putting in an appearance.

Twelve below upper has a double elevator hoisting dirt and Frank Swanson

claims his pay streak to be spreading out in a pleasing manner.

Thirteen below upper is being opened up again this winter by means of a thawer. Some very fair pay is being taken out beneath the creek bed.

Quartz creek benches are improving as the work progresses. Messrs. Woodson & Co. have recently put a thawer on 12 below A. Mack's discovery.

Anderson brothers are heaping up some large dumps on 20 below, with good average pay.

No. 2 Little Blanche has a thawer and quite a gang of men working on the creek claim. Reports say some fine pay has been struck.

Men are engaged on the various claims of the Boyle Gates concession cutting wood and getting in shape for work when the machinery arrives.

No. 125 below discovery on Sulphur, which is really a half mile below the mouth of Sulphur, is working a steam thawer to good advantage. The pay is found to be over 100 feet wide and a depth averaging four feet of ten-cent dirt.

An Original Invitation.

Senator Lynch is nothing if not original. To him the stereotyped way of doing business does not appeal. There is that peculiar originality in his make up which brings forth instead of the common worn out "You are cordially invited, etc.," the following little gem of an invitation which has been neatly printed and distributed to the invited guests:

Dawson, Feb. 19, 1900.

A few Americans, banished like Ovid for their sins, yet seeking the golden fleece within these Northern latitudes, ask the pleasure of your presence at eight o'clock, Thursday, the twenty-second day of February, 1900, in memory of George Washington.

THE PARTNERS FIGHT,

(Continued from Page 1.)

afternoon. Gates said the man had come to him without his time check and he had, therefore, declined to pay him until he learned from the foreman the amount due.

Wholly impervious to the teachings of the 133d psalm, John Jacobson and W. H. Stanberry, owners of 13 below on Bonanza, have had trouble, which trouble resulted in a broken nose and a much bruised face for Stanberry, those parts of him having come in contact with his partner's fists while they were at work on their claim on Monday. As evidence that Jacobson is a fighting man, Mrs. Stanberry, a nice looking little lady, testified that he had in addition to beating her husband, also threatened to administer like treatment to her. Jacobson, in his own behalf, described himself as all that is emblematic of meekness, patience and long suffering. He said that in addition to Stanberry dropping a bucket down a 40-foot shaft on his head five times on Monday he, Stanberry, had also "jumped" him the moment he came out of the shaft in the evening, and that in breaking his partner's nose and otherwise spoiling his face he acted only in self defense. If Jacobson got it on the head Monday "ha got it aen da naike" this morning, as the decision of the court was that he pay a fine of \$20 and costs, and file a bond in the sum of \$500 with two sureties, binding himself to keep the peace towards Stanberry for the next 12 months.

First Boat for Nome.

The steamer W. K. Merwin has been chartered by a Dawson company to make the trip down the river immediately upon the opening of navigation. It is the intention to have this boat not only the first to get away but the first to arrive at Nome, making the trip down the river and across Behring sea. This boat has been specially built for ocean travel and successfully made the trip from Seattle to Dawson under her own steam.

She will carry 400 first and second class passengers and has 280 tons of freight space. All meals are to be first class, the only difference in passage being the location of berths.

Captain R. A. Talbot, a skilled navigator on the lower river has been engaged to take the boat to its destination. Many tickets have been sold

already and freight space secured guaranteeing the success of the enterprise.

Tickets can be secured of F. C. Thompson at the Criterion hotel, or from F. S. McFarlane, manager of W. H. Parsons & Co.'s store, Hotel McDonald.

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A Boon to Miners.

The greatest saving for steam thawing plants is effected by the applying to all steam pipe a covering of corrugated asbestos. The air chamber made by the corrugations acts as a perfect non-conductor and full 50 per cent less fuel is needed to keep up the required heat of steam. It is in use on all the large plants on Bonanza. The A. E. Co. is introducing the corrugated asbestos—a great improvement over all other styles of pipe covering.

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CHAS. HILL WAS ARRESTED

Last Night on a Writ of Capias for Avoiding Debt.

Issued at the Instance of Dr. George Merryman—Amount Involved is \$2135—Fees for Medical Services.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Upon an affidavit which was filed by Dr. George Merryman, Justice Dugas issued a writ of capias against Charles Hill. The defendant is a well known resident of Dawson, and for some time past he has been connected with the New Pavilion saloon. The writ was served last evening about 7 o'clock, and Hill was required to remain in jail until noon today. The amount of money which Dr. Merryman alleges to be due from Hill is \$2135. The plaintiff's cause of action is based upon medical services rendered during the year 1898 to the defendant and to one Stella Hill. It will be remembered that in the spring of 1898, Hill was very sick; and soon after his recovery to health, Stella, a woman with whom he was associated, contracted a severe illness. Dr. Merryman claims that the defendant contracted to pay for the medical treatment given to Stella.

The plaintiff's itemized bill is as follows: Professional services rendered to defendant from April 5th, 1898, to August, 1898, \$1750; professional services rendered to Stella Hill, \$500; medicines supplied to patients \$250; total, \$2500; credit by cash, \$365. Balance due \$2135.

Doctor Merryman sets forth in his affidavit that Hill is about to depart from the territory with intent to defraud his creditors. The defendant's bail was fixed at \$2235. He gave bonds this noon and was released from custody.

Last winter, Stella Hill committed suicide, and at the time of her death it was reported that she took her life because Charles Hill had forsaken her for another woman.

Seward Territory.

A movement is on foot to divide the district of Alaska into two or more territories, making the Southwestern portion, everything below Mount St. Elias, Seward territory. This would include nine tenths of Alaska's population, aside from those who are located at Nome. A late Washington City telegram says:

"The senate committee on territories considered a bill creating three judicial districts for Alaska, and for revision of the laws of the United States applying to territories. A number of Alaska men were present and made suggestions which they desired to be incorporated in the law. They were asked if there was any sentiment in favor of dividing the territory at Mount St. Elias, making the southeastern portion the territory of Seward. Their reply was that the people believed that such a division would be necessary at some future time. The judicial bill was referred to a sub-committee."

Territorial Court.

The case of Thomas Victor et al. vs. Addie Butler, is occupying the attention of Judge Dugas today. The action will not be finished before this evening. The next case set for trial is that of Callahan vs. Johnson.

Library Entertainment.

Last evening the Dawson Library and Reading Room directors gave their regular fortnightly entertainment. The program was excellent, and thoroughly appreciated by the large audience. The different numbers were as follows:

Recitation, "For England," Private Green; banjo selection, Mr. Atwood; duet, "Larboard Watch," the Messrs. Hanbury; reading, "How Bateest Came Home," Mr. Luckwood; song, "Mona," Mr. Finney; recitation, "Siege of Lucknow," Mr. Martin; song, "Will He Come," Dr. McDonald; recitation, "Boatswain Tight," Private Green;

song, "Hush, Don't Wake the Baby," a lullaby, Mr. Denman; duet, clarinet, Mr. Denman and Bugler Walsh; God Save the Queen.

Among those who were present were Mesdames Alex. McDonald, Perry, Stearns, Burke, McDonnell, the Misses D'Labelle, Robinson, Freeman, Pratt, Bean, and Dr. Tugard. Some of the gentlemen were Commissioner Ogilvie, Major Perry, Dr. Hurdman, Dr. Thompson, Messrs. Lynch, Doig, Culbertson, Stewart and D'Labelle.

Who Knows Allan P. Russell.

A letter lately received by the Daily Nugget asks for information concerning Allan P. Russell, a young boy who is supposed to have left Bennett for Dawson on a C. D. Co. scow late last fall. Any one knowing of the boy will confer a favor on his anxious relatives by addressing Ed. C. Russell, editor Daily Record, Juneau, Alaska.

Another Washington Celebration.

A number of prominent American citizens have arranged to celebrate the anniversary of Washington's birthday by giving a banquet at the Hotel McDonald. Invitations to the affair have been issued, and the committee will be prepared to accommodate 50 guests. The gentlemen who have actively interested themselves in the celebration are Senator Lynch, Edwin C. French and George Byrne.

POLICE COURT.

The courtroom was crowded this morning, wage cases being the attraction. The first thing on the docket was a charge against Chas. Wallace of violating the street section of the Yukon health ordinance. As Wallace was not in court the case was continued until this afternoon.

John Collins was out for a high old time last night and he got it. John filled up on hooch and started out to paint the town a brilliant vermilion. He began at the Bank saloon, where he was prepared to "lick" any and every man in the house. A policeman thought differently and arrested him. Collins objected to the indignity of arrest with the result that he was handcuffed and hauled to the guard room on a sleigh. This morning he had the usual seal brown taste in his mouth and was looking as meek as the little lamb that Mary is alleged to have had, but which is not generally believed. He had no recollection of his actions of last night, but was fined \$20 and trimmings, or 14 days on the royal wood pile.

The case of Saml. Bell, who put an "h" in front of his vowels, against Ido Ramsdale for labor performed on a Last Chance claim, to the amount of \$180 was a long drawn out affair. A great deal of counter testimony was introduced which upon being assayed by the court showed traces of a bedrock contract and a verdict was so rendered, the costs being charged to the plaintiff.

Ed Latham instituted suit against McGinnis, Smith & Sutherland, mine owners, for pay for labor performed.

W. H. Schwartz, the big German who was sentenced to 30 days labor on Saturday for picking up a letter with gold nuggets, the property of J. U. Nicol, has been released on the payment of a fine of \$50.

The case of Patrick Whalen vs. Dr. Thompson for \$288 labor performed on the latter's claim, is on trial.

Application for Water Right.

Mike Bodjoga has applied to the mining recorder for authority to use and divert for one year 60 inches of water of the stream entering Dominion creek on the left limit between Nos. 9 and 10 above lower discovery. It is the applicant's purpose to use the diverted water for mining purposes on claim No. 9 above lower discovery upon which property the applicant has a lay.

New Banks.

Two new banking institutions have opened their doors for business in Skagway within the past month, one of which is a branch of B. M. Behrend's Juneau bank, the oldest financial institution in Alaska. Upwards of a year ago the Canadian Bank of Commerce opened a branch in Skagway which has ever since enjoyed a fine business, and the new institutions will have to "show the people" before they will do much business. Skagway had some very costly experience with a Jim Crow bank a few months ago.

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IN A NEW ROLE.

It was announced at the concert last evening that the program which is to be rendered next Sunday evening will first be submitted to Gov. Ogilvie and such numbers as receive the gubernatorial approval will constitute the evening's entertainment. This will be his excellency's debut, so to speak, in the role of histrionic critic and the result will be awaited with much interest. There are numerous little matters of detail in connection with the local stage upon the propriety and desirability of which we have often wished that some one whose opinion would carry with it the weight of authority might pronounce judgment. For instance, we would suggest from his excellency a decision as to the exact limits which our local queens of the terpsichorean art should hold themselves in performing their bewildering and intoxicating evolutions. We would consider it advisable that a maximum heel and toe elevation should be established (to coin an expression suitable to the emergency) and any attempt made to exceed the limit should be summarily vetoed by virtue of gubernatorial authority. We are of the opinion that any decision which his excellency might render in a matter of so great importance would be received with acclaim on the part of the public.

While the matter is under discussion we would suggest that a ruling might be made determining the minimum quantity of fabric which it shall be allowable to use in the construction of stage apparel. The most careful consideration should be given to this particular point. Dawson prices on such materials are excessively high and it would certainly work a hardship upon our fair footlight celebrities should they be asked to materially increase the number of square inches of material now considered sufficient for a stage costume. His excellency may be relied upon, we think, to satisfy both the patrons of the theaters and the artists themselves, should he deem it wise to give the matter consideration.

There are numerous other little matters of seeming unimportance, but yet which could very well be given attention and settled once for all. The seal of executive approval placed upon the program presented at a public entertainment would serve to relieve any little misgivings which might arise in the minds of the ultra particular as to the propriety of giving the affair their patronage, and carping critics would find no further field for their original malignant flings.

On the whole the Nugget congratulates his excellency upon this new and most commendable departure.

THE WAR SITUATION.

War news in today's dispatches indicates very plainly that Lord Roberts has entered upon an aggressive campaign. With 50,000 men at his immediate disposal, it may be expected that news will very shortly be received that will place quite a different color upon the situation from what we have recently become accustomed to.

How strong the Boers are in front of Roberts is left untold in the dispatches. It is not probable that they are very

numerous owing to the extraordinary efforts which they have been making to prevent Buller's advance upon Ladysmith. The total Boer forces now in the field is estimated at 64,000 men, of whom a large proportion are engaged in operations around Ladysmith. With the forces now engaged around Kimberley and at other points, there is left but a comparatively small number to oppose Roberts, who is pressing up with a comparatively fresh army.

With Buller's moving in upon Ladysmith and Roberts turning the enemy's flank and splitting him in two, it looks very much as though a radical change will soon take place in the tone of the press dispatches.

COL. STEELE.

A recent arrival from the outside informs the Nugget that not less than twenty ex members of the Northwest mounted police were met en route to the outside to join Lord Strathcona's horse. The desire which seems to have taken such general hold of the boys to secure service in the Strathcona contingent is due very largely to the feeling of loyalty to Col. Steele than whom no commander of men was ever more honored and respected by his subordinates.

Col. Steele during the time he was stationed at Dawson made for himself a record which will stand for all time as a bright spot in the history of the Yukon territory.

At a time when official influence was notoriously prostituted for purposes of personal gain, the staunch integrity and robust manhood of Col. Steele stood out as a rebuke to official wrong doing. With such a commander and such men as can be recruited from the ranks of the N. W. M. P., the Strathcona horse is destined in all probability to become the most effective body of men now in the British service in South Africa.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

An application is now pending before the Yukon council for a telephone charter. A system such as is proposed by the promoters of the enterprise would greatly facilitate the transaction of local business and be of material aid to persons having interests to be looked after on the creeks. Dawson is large enough and certainly has the requisite number of progressive business enterprises to justify the construction of a first-class modern telephone system. A telephone has come to be regarded as a necessary adjunct in the conduct of business affairs. Its value is so well known and so universally recognized that comment thereon is entirely unnecessary. One point, however, should not be overlooked. In order to serve the public properly the cost to the patron of the telephone must be made so low that general public use is possible. The mistake that has been made by the company now doing business in Dawson has been in the excessively high tariff charged. The monthly fee for the telephone service has been so high that very few have been able to afford the use of a 'phone, and for this very reason the utility of the service has been nominal. The service must have general patronage if it is to prove of any considerable value to the public.

We should consider that the rate [to be charged] ought to be a very important feature in determining what privileges it may be advisable to grant the applicants for the charter now pending before the council.

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BURNHAM'S OPINIONS.

American Scout Is Inter-viewed in London.

IS WELL PLEASED WITH SITUATION.

Says Siege of Pretoria Will Be Long and Difficult.

Burnham Was With Cecil Rhodes and Knows all About Country—Was in Dawson Last Year—Is Resident of Skagway—Valuable Man.

[From Monday's Daily.]
London, Feb. 5. — The American scout, F. R. Burnham, now on his way back to South Africa, expressed considerable satisfaction at the news of the capture of Spionkop. He said to a representative of the Associated Press: "It is evident that the Boer position is being shaken and I do not think it will be long business now to drive the Boers out of the Drakensburg. We shall then reach a rolling, open country, where there is a chance to display tactics and undertake flanking movements and cavalry operations. But the Boers are sure to make a most determined stand around Pretoria. It will not take long to reach the Boer capital, but the siege of Pretoria will be long and difficult."

Burnham sails for South Africa Saturday on board the Scot to take up his appointment on Field Marshal Lord Roberts' personal staff. He says Ingraham, another scout, leaves San Francisco forthwith to join him in South Africa.

(F. R. Burnham above referred to as the American scout was in Dawson last year and after leaving here sent for his family to meet him in Skagway where he owns valuable property. He was in South Africa with Cecil Rhodes and for valuable services rendered there was presented by the British government with 36 sections of land in the Transvaal country. He is about 38 years of age, of medium size and very rugged. He is probably the best man England could have secured for the great work he has undertaken.—ED.)

Territorial Court.
No business of importance was transacted in the territorial court this morning.

In the case of Peter Werlins vs. Joseph Vincent, the application for injunction was suspended until the Gold Commissioner rendered his decision in the action which is now pending in the commissioner's court, and in which the same parties and same property are involved.

The bearings on the motions in Robert vs. Frank and Durand vs. Graves were postponed till Friday.

Difficulty About Probst Benefit.
There is some difficulty concerning the entertainment which is to be given for the benefit of Mat Probst, the injured fireman. About a week ago, Mr. C. W. Tennant and a few others arranged Sunday, February 25th as the time at which the concert should take place. Placards advertising the affair for that day have been posted around town, and Mr. Tennant asserts that the concert will be given then. Evidently Mr. Tennant and his friends have acted contrary to the wishes of Chief Stewart of the fire department; for this morning the Daily Nugget is in receipt of the following communication from the chief:

Dawson, Jan. 17th, 1900.
To the Editor of the Klondike Daily Nugget.
Dear Sir: In looking over the columns of your paper this evening I noticed that a benefit would be given for Mat Probst on January 25th in the

Place Grand opera house. I beg to say that I have not made any arrangements to have the benefit given on that night. The committee of firemen which is properly in charge of this concert, has decided to hold the entertainment on Sunday, March 4th. Yours truly,

H. H. STEWART,
Chief of Dawson Fire Department.

Washington's Birthday.
On the anniversary of Washington's birthday, Thursday, February 22d, a number of Americans have arranged to give an entertainment at the Palace Grand opera house of vocal and musical selections, rendered by professional and amateur talent, and of speeches appropriate to the occasion by prominent residents of Dawson. The entertainment is under the management of a committee composed of the following gentlemen:

Messrs. Leroy Tozier, J. L. Green, Edgar Misner, George Layfield, Eddie O'Brien and Mathison.

During the rendition of the program, the bar will be closed; and no smoking will be permitted. The profits derived from the affair will be subscribed to the Kipling fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the Boer war.

PLUNDERED A SCHOONER.

Captain of Nikamarra Murdered and Ship's Cargo Stolen.

Tale From the South Seas That Revives the Days of Capt. Cook—Will Receive Punishment.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 31.—While the just arrived steamer Miowera was lying at dock in Sydney, December 23d, the inter-island steamer Moresby tied up alongside her with a terrible story of savagery, in which the Captain and crew of the schooner Nikamarra had been the victims. The tragedy occurred at the Admiralty islands, where the schooner had been trading. The Nikamarra was commanded by Captain Dalthe, whose griet stricken widow was among the Moresby's passengers back to Sydney.

The Nikamarra was owned by E. E. Forsythe and had left New Britain early in October on her trading cruise to the Admiralty. On arrival there she was boarded by a number of the natives, with whom Captain Dalthe was unsuspectingly doing business, when he was set upon by his treacherous customers and killed, his fate being shared by the mate and six New Ireland natives, all of whom were cut and hacked with knives and tomahawks. The natives, of course, then plundered the vessel taking, among other things, the ship's boat.

Nothing was known of the killing until some time afterwards, when Mr. Forsythe arrived on the scene with his other schooner, the Nagara. He was accompanied by Messrs. Bullock and Doudney, and they, too, were set upon by the natives from ambush as the white men rowed shorewards using the rifles taken from the Nikamarra.

Bullock was badly wounded with a shot through the thighs, but the boat party regained the Nagara, which, with her gas engine, reached open water. When the Moresby left New Britain the traders were preparing to go on a punitive expedition. The mate of the Nikamarra left a widow in Sydney; it was his first trip in the schooner.

Victoria Paper's Description.
Dawson's late fire is thus described in the Victoria Times of the 30th: "The flames burned about 400 feet along the principal street, laying in ashes many of the costliest and most substantial structures in the Klondike metropolis. The fire extended along First street from Sam Bonfield's saloon and gambling house to Thomas Chisholm's saloon, wiping out these two well known land marks and all intermediate buildings. These included many saloons, restaurants, opera house, grocery

and general stores, and branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

"There was no loss of life, but very little of the contents of the buildings were saved. All of the burned buildings faced the Klondike river. On the opposite side of the street and nearer the water front are located the big warehouses of the transportation companies. They escaped.

"Judge Davis, a Montana man, sustained the loss of the best log block in Dawson. Its original cost was \$50,000."

Shipment of Beef Stopped.

Upon ascertaining that Mr. Gustavson, who is at Skagway, had started a shipment of beef to Dawson, Fred Geisman, proprietor of the Grand Forks Meat Market, telegraphed to the former gentleman and advised him to stop the beef in transit and sell it at the first opportunity. Mr. Gustavson was informed by his friend here that the local market was overstocked, and that parties who attempt to drive or ship beef over the trail at this season, will lose money by the venture. Messrs. Gustavson and Geisman have been associated in business together, though some time ago they severed their commercial relations.

FRIENDLY FOREIGN RELATIONS

Great Britain Has Nothing to Fear From Outside Nations.

Pro-Boer Meetings in the States Are Looked Upon as of Little Importance—Held for Effect.

London, Jan. 30.—From the English point of view, there is not a cloud in the sky of international relations. The war is far too engrossing to permit people to pause and consider the effect on Great Britain of the apparent change of regime in China, while congressional action on the Nicaragua canal or the proposed increase in the armament of the United States scarcely cause a ripple of interest.

The foreign office apparently has not the slightest belief that the Clayton Bulwer treaty is in danger of violation, and so far has taken no steps in the matter. Neither do the pro-Boer or other meetings in the United States any longer attract serious attention or comment, for the majority of the British have made up their minds that the United States is friendly to them, and they put aside any manifestations to the contrary as due to local political causes, which cannot be taken as in any way representing national opinion.

Saturday Night's Dance.

A social dance was held at the McDonald hall on Saturday evening. A large number of persons attended and all enjoyed a pleasant time. There were eighteen dances on the program. The affair was under the management of Prof. James Duffy. Excellent music was rendered by Mr. Thomas Majuy's orchestra.

Travelers to Nome.

The stampede to Nome still continues. This morning many parties started down the river, among whom were Robert McNeil, W. H. Mockler, Charles McLen, Angus Gillis and John Campbell; these gentlemen took with them 20 dogs and a good trail outfit. Charles Doll and John Swanson had one team of three animals. Wester and his party had two teams of three dogs each. Patrick Dolan and John Bulger started with one sled and four dogs. C. H. Calhoun and Hallam comprised a party, which left this morning. Max Endleman and his partner departed from Dawson about noon. Max says that he will be in Nome within 50 days.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature for Sunday was 45 degrees below zero. Last night, the thermometer registered 30 degrees below, at 9 o'clock this morning no variation had occurred. At noon the official instrument at the barracks recorded 28 degrees below.

THREE INDIANS BURNED

In The Village at the Mouth of Moosehide.

DISASTROUS FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Which Was Occasioned by a Defective Stovepipe.

The Cabin Was Occupied by an Old Indian, His Wife and two Children—The Father and Children Were Burned to Death.

The monotonous routine of life in the Indian village situated where Moosehide creek flows in the Yukon river, was rudely disturbed last night by the occurrence of a very disastrous fire. The misfortune happened while the few inhabitants of the small village were asleep. It is not known exactly how the fire started, but it is supposed that it was occasioned by a defective stovepipe. The cabin in which the fire commenced, was occupied by an old Indian man and woman and two children. The logs were so dry in this structure that the old man and two children were unable to escape the flames. Evidently, they did not awake until it was too late to reach the small door located at one end of the cabin. The old woman was enabled to grope her way out, while her husband and two children were cremated. The flames spread and caught the little log houses situated on either side. Three cabins and their contents were completely destroyed. There is great lamentation in the village today, and the woman whom the fire bereft of husband and children is inconsolable.

Concert at the Grand.

The concert at the Palace Grand last night was enjoyed by a well pleased audience whose numbers, however, were not as large as usual owing to the intensely cold weather prevailing. All the boxes were occupied and the balcony seats were all sold, but the main floor might have accommodated a great many more people than were present.

The orchestra, as a result of repeated performances and rehearsals worked in splendid concert to the satisfaction of all who were present.

Miss Beatrice Lorne captured the audience as she has repeatedly done and was forced to respond to four recalls. Miss Lorne possesses a peculiarly clear and sympathetic voice which has proven on numerous occasions its power over an audience.

Mrs. Leroy Tozier gave two selections and acceded to repeated encores with a third. Mrs. Tozier's efforts met with hearty and continued applause, demonstrating the pleasure which her contribution to the entertainment afforded her hearers. Mr. Erhardt sang "The Lost Chord" in his usual cultivated style. His singing was heartily appreciated and was rewarded with enthusiastic applause. The program was as follows:

March, "Semper Fidelis," Sousa; Potpourri from opera "Martha," Flotow; (a) song, "La Gitana," (b) song, "Dear Heart," by request, Miss Beatrice Lorne; concert waltz, "Wine, Women and Song," J. Strauss; intermezzo symphony from "Cavalliera Rusticana," Mascagni; song, "Lost Chord," Sullivan, E. Erhardt; grand selection from opera "Maritana," Wallace; "Medley" overture, Boettger; (a) song, "In the Shadow of the Pines," (b) song, "Bedouin Love," Pinsuti, Mrs. L. Tozier; Caprice, Rosas.

At the conclusion of the program, Eddie O'Brien announced the Probst benefit for next Sunday night and stated that a splendid entertainment would be given. The program will be submitted to Mr. Ogilvie and that gentleman is to blue pencil anything of an unsuitable nature which may appear thereon.

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LABORERS ARE ANCHORED.

Contract to Wait Until Clean-up for Wages.

Otherwise there Would Now Be Scarcity of Help on Creeks—Majority Would Leave for Nome.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Although in many cases both employer and employee were very careless in the matter of explicitness of contract when the latter was last fall engaged by the former to labor on his claim for the working season, yet in the majority of cases it was an unwritten, understood agreement that unless sooner discharged the wage earner was to stay with his work until the end of the season at which time he would be paid for his services.

Major Perry, presiding magistrate, has held, and very justly, too, that even where there is a written contract by which the laborer agrees to wait until the cleanup for his pay, that contract becomes in non-effect in case of the laborer's discharge unless it can be conclusively shown that there existed good and sufficient reason for such discharge—that the laborer had ceased to faithfully perform the duties for which he was employed, or had been a disturbing factor in the camp, or for some other very flagrant cause, making his retention on the claim injurious to the interests of the operator. But in cases where the laborer has, of his own free will and accord terminated the period of his employ the court has held, and with equal justice, that for such laborer the pay day will not come until the cleanup.

This latter interpretation and application of the law has undoubtedly been the means of inducing many hundreds of men now employed on the various claims in the Klondike district to continue on as they are instead of quitting their positions and joining in the mad rush over the ice, with Nome as their Mecca. With a more loose and liberal construction on the law as applying to unwritten agreements governing the matter of time for the payment of wages, fully one half the claims now being operated in this district would be shut down for want of labor to work them, the courts would be crowded with litigants—men suing for hire and claim owners and operators protesting against immediate payment, which immediate payment would financially ruin many of them and greatly embarrass three-fourths of the remainder.

A number of claim owners and claim operators, as well as many claim laborers, have lately been interviewed by a representative of the Daily Nugget and a general summing up of the various accounts of conditions as they now exist on fully one-half the claims, justifies the assertion that a general feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction prevails. The relations between employer and employed are in many instances very much strained, and yet each has the other to some extent in his power. The employer knows that if he discharges a man the money must be forthcoming to pay him and in many cases the full limit has been raised on the claim and the next money paid on it must be washed from the dump, and in case the dump is washed to any great extent, the other laborers are apt to think the chances for their pay being in it by cleanup time are waning, and the result will be that new trouble will emanate from that source.

On the other hand, the employee knows that if he voluntarily leaves his position he will not be able to collect the wages due him and without which he will not be able to go to Nome or to keep himself in Dawson until his pay day comes, therefore, no matter how anxious he may be to join the throng on the down river journey he is not able to do so, and he is forced, therefore, to continue where he is, although

his work may have become to him nothing more than a treadmill. He has lost interest in his employer's welfare and feels very much as the man feels who is doing a 90 days' sentence on the royal woodpile, anxiously looking forward to and counting the days that must elapse before the arrival of the time when he will be a free man. He is practically anchored and must stay where he is for some months to come, no matter how anxious he may be to sever his connections with his position.

This is the condition in which matters stand today on, it is safe to assert, fully two thirds of the claims being operated in the Klondike, and but for this condition the exodus from this point to Nome would be fully one-half larger than it already is.

Application for Water Right.

Allan R. Joy has applied to the mining recorder for authority to use and divert 200 inches of the water of Bonanza creek. Mr. Joy sets forth that it is his intention to take the water at claim No. 3 below discovery, carry or convey the same by the use of a force pump, to and upon Chechako Hill and then return the said water to Bonanza, after use at the same point, or a few feet higher up the creek than where the same is to be diverted. The grant for which Mr. Joy has applied will cover a period of ten years, and will give him the privilege of using or selling the water for mining purposes.

POLICE COURT.

George Asken closed the past week by loading up with more of "oil of joy" than was conducive to his well being, and at the Palace Grand about ten o'clock Saturday night he became very obstreperous; so much so, in fact, that an officer of the law deemed it best to take him in charge. In Major Perry's court this morning George paid \$10 and costs for his Saturday night's escapade.

Chas. Cunningham and Foy Coleman, who are employed at a faro table in the Dominion were up on the charge of running their game at ten minutes past 12 o'clock Sunday morning. They plead guilty to the charge but said they thought the officer should have come around and notified them of the arrival of midnight. The court replied: "I will have you distinctly understand that gamblers have no right in Dawson; that the officers have something more to do than go around and notify you when the closing hour arrives; and you are therefore convicted; but this being your first offence sentence will be deferred and if you are again brought before me on a similar charge you will not be given the option of paying a fine. You may go." And Cunningham and Coleman each drawing a breath of relief as long as a rake handle, departed from the temple of justice.

W. A. Sheehan, laborer, was in court with an account of \$245 against Miller & Lee for work performed on claim No. 17 on Gold Run. The amount claimed was admitted by the defendants. Sheehan's testimony was that it was verbally understood that he was to work until the cleanup at which time he was to receive his pay; but that he had decided to go to Nome and had given his employers two weeks' notice of his intentions to quit. His own testimony settled the case which was dismissed, the costs being charged to the plaintiff.

John Johnson also had a claim against Miller & Lee, the amount being \$500, which was admitted. But the circumstances and conditions being similar to those of the Sheehan case, this, too, was dismissed at plaintiff's costs. Sheehan persisted in conversing with the court after the rendering of the verdicts, nor would he cease when told to do so, with the result that the son of the Emerald Isle had to be led to a seat by the court constable and even then deep guttural mutterings were heard to emanate from beneath his vest. The plaintiffs had secured their dogs and were in readiness to start at once for Nome, which trip will now probably be postponed until after the cleanup.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The co-partnership existing between J. H. Holme, J. P. Woolman and W. A. Kolb is mutually dissolved, W. A. Kolb withdrawing, and J. H. Holme and J. P. Woolman continuing the business, paying all indebtedness and collecting all accounts.

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CALIFORNIANS FOR NOME.

Steamer Excelsior Has Already Sailed From Frisco.

Party Expects to Reach the Golden Beach by March 10th—950 Miles Overland.

The following which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle of January 26th is an indication of the extent of the Nome excitement and the desire to be early on the ground on the outside:

The steamer Excelsior sailed yesterday afternoon with a party of men which proposes to make the first dash for Nome this year. The Excelsior is the vessel that was the first to leave here two and one-half years ago at the beginning of the Klondike excitement. At that time there were thousands of people on the wharf to see the prospectors depart and to wish them Godspeed. Yesterday there were perhaps fifty on Fremont street pair when the little steamer pulled out.

The Excelsior goes from here to Seattle where she will take on about 75 passengers bound for various points in Alaska. She took away from here 11 passengers, one of them being a woman, Mrs. P. Nelson, who is going to Unga to join her husband.

The Cape Nome party includes E. O. Lindbloom, one of the early settlers in the new diggings, who has large interests there; Frank Sanders, a mail carrier; J. H. Franklyn, E. A. Norman, J. Pierce, Irwin Brown, G. A. Cushing, J. Pierson, P. McGonigal and D. J. Sullivan.

The scheme originated in the brain of Sanders and the trip into Nome will be made overland from Katamaio. Sanders started out to collect mail to be delivered at the rate of \$2 a letter. He secured the backing of Lindbloom, and got together the party, each member of which pays him for his services as guide.

The trip will be one of the most hazardous ever made over the snows and ice of that wild portion of Alaska. Sanders has never been over it himself, but he has every confidence in his ability to get through.

The end of the Excelsior's voyage will be at Kodiak island. From there the adventurers will proceed to Katamaio on the mainland. If a steamer is to be had at Kodiak it will be chartered for the voyage, which is about 62 miles. Then the perilous trip will begin. The party is provided with sleds and a few dogs. It is expected that there will be no trouble getting all the animals necessary at Katamaio.

The coast line will be followed as closely as possible, to avoid the mountainous country, and the drive will be a bleak and lonely one. Travel will be made only in the daytime, the party sleeping in tents at night. Sanders has a light sled about 16 feet long, in which is packed his tent, stove, mail, newspapers and provisions. He says he carries about 400 pounds of provisions. He has files of the Examiner upon which he expects to realize big profits.

The route mapped out by the men is from Katamaio to Fort Alexander, Nushagak river, Kuskokwim river, Holy Cross Mission, on the Yukon; Andreadski, St. Michael, Ungalalik, Norton bay, Golovin bay, Council City, Cape Nome, Cape York, Cape Prince of Wales.

"I expect to reach Nome by March 10th," said Mail Carrier Sanders; "and be ready to start for San Francisco again by April 10th. The distance overland is 950 miles, and we will make all the short-cuts possible. I have never been over that part of the country below the Yukon before, but I can get through without a doubt. I know it will be cold, snowing and windy, but we are well prepared for whatever may come."

D. J. Sullivan, backed by a syndicate, is one of the party who has every

confidence in the successful outcome of the trip. He has blazed many a trail through isolated and inhospitable territory and is reputed to be a man who knows no fear. He has prospected from Mexico to the Yukon and west from the Colorado river. He is familiar with all sorts of minerals.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

On Saturday afternoon two decisions were filed for record. The case of Dorn et al. vs. Leroy Tozier, which affected the title to creek claim No. 58 below discovery on Sulphur, was decided. The judgment is as follows:

"The claim in litigation was recorded on September 1st, 1897, and renewed on September 8th, 1898. On August 16th, 1899, a partial affidavit of representation was filed and a renewal grant erroneously issued on August 21st, 1899. The partial affidavit referred to 16 days' work, namely, from July 28th, 1899 to August 12, 1899. Upon November 13th, one Fred M. Zilly applying under a relocation of the upper half of said claim on the ground that the claim had not been represented, the grant under the original location was cancelled, and a grant issued to Mr. Zilly for said upper half. A grant was issued to Bernard M. Volkman for the lower half on November 18th. The relocators subsequently sold the whole claim to the defendant, Leroy Tozier. This protest is brought by the owners under the original location to set aside the certificates issued to Mr. Tozier on the ground that the representation work was done for the year that expired on September 1st, 1899. I am of the opinion that there was sufficient work done to constitute representation work under the regulations prior to September 1st, 1899. The claim was not, therefore, open for relocation at the time that Zilly and Volkman staked. It is, however, through the plaintiffs' neglect in not seeing that the proper affidavits of representation were filed that the relocations took place, also the subsequent sale to defendant Tozier. The defendant's certificate shall be cancelled, and the plaintiff's title restored upon the plaintiffs paying the defendant the expense he has been put to through the sale of this property up to the time he received certificates of assignment therefor."

The decision in Noble vs. Carper, which affects his title to the hillside claim on the left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 69 below lower discovery on Dominion, is as follows:

"This claim was originally recorded by one Warnock on July 23d, 1893. On April 27th, 1899, the plaintiff relocated the claim. On May 8th, the said Warnock applied through the postoffice by petition for a layover. His property not being described in the petition, he was promised a layover upon a proper description of his ground being filed. If the application for the layover had been made before the ground was open for relocation the owners under the original location would certainly be entitled to hold the ground. But the application being made subsequent to the relocation taking place by some ten days, I cannot interfere with the rights acquired by the plaintiff under the said relocation, unless there is some reason why the application for layover could not possibly have been made before May 8th, 1899. I am therefore compelled to hold that the relocater is entitled to hold the ground under his relocation."

Commissioner Senkler is now on a tour of inspection of the creeks, and no trials in his court will be held until his return. He is expected in Dawson at the latter end of this week.

Charles Oisen Dead.

Charles Oisen died last evening, while being conveyed in the stage from Grand Forks to Dawson. He had been sick for some time with paralysis and doctor at the Forks had advised him to enter one of the Dawson hospitals for treatment. He was unable to survive the journey. His remains were turned over to the N. W. M. P., who have engaged Johnson and Jenkins, the undertakers, to prepare the corpse for burial. Notice of the funeral will be given the public tomorrow.

LOOKS BAD FOR "OOM"

Gen. Roberts After the Boers With 40,000.

FIGHTING NOW IN ENEMY'S COUNTRY.

Turns Boer Lines at Maagersfontein and Enters Free State.

Gen. French Seizes Ford at Modder River and Captures Several Boer Laagers and Considerable Supplies—London Papers Feel Better.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The British forces for the first time since the beginning of the war are inside the enemy's frontier. Lord Roberts, with 40,000 infantry, 7,000 cavalry and 150 pieces of artillery has turned the Boer lines at Magersfontein and with his entire force is pushing active operations within the borders of the Free State. For upwards of ten weeks the British forces have been encamped in front of Magersfontein by which point Roberts has succeeded in passing with very few casualties. Dispatches from the commander in chief announce that the Boers have not as yet been encountered in any great numbers, although there is good reason to believe that they are assembling in force with the expectation of resisting Roberts' advance.

French at Modder River.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—Dispatches from Gen. Roberts announce that Gen. French, by a forced march of 25 miles, has seized the crossing at Modder river. His forces had several small encounters with the Boer outposts with about an equal number of casualties on both sides. Three Boer laagers well stocked with supplies and considerable ammunition were captured. French now occupies the hills to the north.

Papers Feel Better.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—News from the front is more encouraging today than for some time previously. The London papers have indulged in gloomy forebodings to such an extent that they seem fearful of exulting even when such news as that from Gen. Roberts is at hand. The fact that no battle has been fought restrains the papers from too much enthusiasm, although Roberts' advance is looked upon as a master stroke of strategy.

To Relieve Kimberly.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—Recent dispatches warrant the conclusion that Field Marshal Roberts will attempt the immediate relief of Kimberly. Advice received here are to the effect that the bombardment of the beleaguered city has increased, and that there is apprehension that the town will fall under the eyes of Roberts.

British Retreat to Reinsberg.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The fighting around Colesburg still continues. Neither side has improved, its positions in this vicinity. The British forces, however, have considered it necessary to withdraw to Reinsberg, and the general quarters of the troops are not located there.

Quiet Before Storm.

London, Feb. 14, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The recent cessation of war news is taken as an indication that the preparations by the British to clear the Modder river of the enemy are progressing favorably, and news of important victories are hourly expected.

At Skagway.

Skagway, Feb. 20.—Thomas O'Brien, proprietor of the Yukon Sun, of Daw-

son, arrived in Skagway yesterday. He states that he is on his way to Ottawa to secure a franchise for a railroad which he proposes to build between Dawson and Grand Forks, and from the former place to Stewart river.

Mrs Healy in Skagway.

Skagway, Feb. 20.—Mrs. J. J. Healy arrived here yesterday, en route to Dawson.

Will Search for Clayson.

Skagway, Jan. 30.—The Arctic Brotherhood at a recent meeting in this city passed a series of resolutions in regard to the loss of Fred H. Cayson. The first one states that Mr. Clayson was a brother in good standing and calls upon all brothers between here and Dawson to give their earnest aid in clearing up the mystery as to his disappearance. Another offers the sincere condolence of the Brotherhood with Mrs. Clayson and the family, and assures her of every assistance it is able to render in the premises.

NO CLAIMS FOR INDEMNITY

Have Been Presented by Germany Against England.

British Do not Hold any German Vessels and no Negotiations are Now in Progress.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—A German gentleman of high political and social status, who is fully empowered to express the views of Count von Buelow, the French foreign secretary, upon Anglo-German relations, made the following statement to the correspondent to day: "The British do not hold a single vessel, and no negotiations are now in progress, since Germany has not yet formulated her claims for indemnity. Investigation is first necessary, and this is now proceeding."

"The feeling between Great Britain and Germany is growing better despite the efforts of the jingoes of both countries to the contrary. Recent remarks must not be understood as meaning that Germany is aiming at convening a conference for the international settlement of sea rights of neutrals before the end of the war. As for all the talk about intervention, it is baseless. No such intention exists anywhere."

Dynamite in a Wreck.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 5.—A freight train on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, coming down the Wilkesbarre mountain side this evening, ran away. At the foot of the mountain near the Ashley siding, the cars left the track and were piled high in a big wreck. There was dynamite in one of the cars, and it exploded with great force. The shock was felt for a distance of 20 miles. The windows in nearly every house in the town of Ashley were broken. Three men, all of them brakemen, were killed, two unknown men were fatally injured and several others were badly hurt. The dead are: Frank McLaughlin, Michael Bird and William Buckley.

Transvaal Among Nations.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Montague White, the South African diplomat now in this country, today authorized the following statement:

"The impression that is said to exist in certain quarters that Dr. Leyds is not recognized by foreign powers as the diplomatic minister of the South African republic, on account of Great Britain's claim to suzerainty, is false. Dr. Leyds is credited to and fully recognized as minister plenipotentiary of the South African republic by the following powers: Russia, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and Portugal. The South African republic was represented at different courts in Europe and on the Continent for many years past by Dr. Leyds' predecessor, the late Jonkheer Beelaerts Van Blockland, who had also been indirectly recognized by Great Britain.

"The suzerainty was created by the

convention of 1881, but was abolished by the convention of 1884. In 1897 it was suddenly revived by Chamberlain. The government of the South African republic strenuously repudiated the claim, and they have been supported in this by every international lawyer of note on the Continent, as well as by such eminent authorities as Sir Edward Clark and Sir William Harcourt in Great Britain.

"The international status of the South African republic is moreover recognized by Great Britain, as the following extract from the official quoted letter of Lord Derby, dated February 15, 1884, will show: 'Your government will be left free to govern the country without interference and to conduct its diplomatic intercourse and shape its foreign policy, subject only to the requirements embodied in the fourth article of the new treaty, namely, that any treaty with any foreign state shall not be effective without the approval of the queen.'"

PEACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Rebel Armies Being Scattered in the Philippines.

All Trouble Will Soon Be at an End—Congress Expected Soon to Pass Peace Resolutions.

Manila, Feb. 5.—With the scattering of the rebel armies in Cavite, Batangas and Laguna de Bay provinces the end of organized resistance to American authority has come, but there are scores of marauding bands in existence, and there is great danger of creating permanent ill will among the natives in hunting these bands down. It is believed here that if congress acts quickly, shows a spirit of conciliation and passes liberal measures for the government of the islands, that all trouble will end. It is believed that a majority of the people here will be satisfied and pleased with any fair action on the part of congress.

Natives Attack Britons.

Lagos, Colony of Lagos, British West Africa, Feb. 5.—Advices have just been received here from Jebba that Captain Carroll of the Norfolk regiment and 150 men of the West African frontier force, while escorting the telegraph construction staff, were attacked on January 9th by 2000 Mitchi and Basa tribesmen. Captain Eaton of the East Kent Regiment and twelve others were wounded and one member of the escort was killed. The tribesmen left 80 dead.

Buller Retreats to Chieveley.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The most intense interest is now centered in Field Marshal Roberts, and more particularly in this case since Buller's withdrawal from Valkrantz. It is now supposed that Buller has retreated to Chieveley and his losses are reported to be very heavy, as during the retreat his command was constantly harassed by the enemy. If he left a portion of his command at Springfield it was very small.

Theosophical Club.

The local interest created by the Yukon Theosophical Club in occultism and kindred subjects demands fuller expression than has thus far been given them. The next meeting will be devoted to a comprehensive lecture by a theosophical student and ex-F. T. S., on theosophy in the 20th century and its relation to other philosophies and religions from the earliest times to the present age. The meeting convenes at 7:30 p. m., over the Juneau Hardware store on Second ave., on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Meetings open and free to all.

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

CAPE NOME TO EAGLE.

United States Will Construct Telegraph.

\$500,000 TO BE APPROPRIATED.

Will Be a Government Wire But Available Commercially.

Bill Introduced for the Construction of a Bridge at Nome—Delegation Waits on McKinley and Asks that Roadway Be Kept Open on Beach.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The house committee on military affairs has had under consideration for some time a bill providing for the construction of a telegraph line along the Yukon river connecting the United States military stations between St. Michaels and Fort Egbert or Eagle City. The committee agreed today to report a bill recommending that the work be begun at the earliest practicable moment and that the sum of \$500,000 be appropriated for carrying the plan into effect.

The bill is a comprehensive one and embraces the connection of all important points on the Yukon river by government telegraph. A branch from St. Michael to Nome will also be constructed. The line will be owned and controlled by the government, but will be available for commercial uses as well. It is expected that the Canadian government will complete its line to the American border and that the two will be connected there, thus furnishing telegraphic communication the entire length of the Yukon river.

A Bridge at Nome.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—Senator Turner of Washington has introduced a bill providing for the construction of a bridge at Nome. The bill has been reported favorably by the senate committee.

Roadway on the Beach.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Feb. 20.—A delegation of Nome miners called upon President McKinley today and requested that a roadway 60 feet in width and following the general line of the beach should be established and protected at Nome. It is stated in the petition which the delegation addressed to the president that such a roadway is necessary for the location of pumping machinery for the purpose of developing inland claims.

A Bad One From Nome.

Much has been published respecting the wealth and richness of Cape Nome, and it is only occasionally that one hears of a bad report concerning the new camp. Bill Carter, a well-known Dawson sport, stampeded to the famous district before the river froze. He wrote a letter to James O'Neil and sent it to Dawson with Carl Knobelsdorff and C. D. Campbell, the two men who arrived here on February 4th. This letter has been given to the Daily Nugget, and reads as follows:

Nome, Alaska, Dec. 9th, 1899.
Friend Jim: The mail goes out in the morning, so I thought I would write you; but I hardly know what to say. This town is rotten, and has been since I arrived. They tell me that it was good for a while. Everyone expects the big boom in the spring. Stampedes are on in great shape. I have seven claims, but don't want any more. I tried to get a town lot but could not stand off the chief of police and was written up as a lot jumper.

I have the crap game in Bill Tierney's house; but it is mighty quiet. Give my regards to all the boys. Hoping this may find you well, I remain, respectfully yours,
C. W. CARTER.

DAWSON'S GREATEST NEED.

Will Probably Be Supplied in The Near Future.

Matter Now in the Hands of Yukon Council—A First-Class Telephone System Promised.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

If Thomas A. Edison knew just how the result of his inventive genius is being degraded in Dawson, that brow which has frequently been knit during the time his active brain has been busy in the solution of problems which have benefited the entire civilized world, would be mantled with the blush of shame and indignation. However, it is the abuse of the alleged telephone system now operating a few instruments in Dawson that has brought it into such a state of disrepute.

But there is light ahead and in all probability a telephone system will be in operation here by the middle of the summer that will, in all respects at least put Dawson on an equal footing with other towns of similar proportions in all parts of the world. A petition has been presented by Mr. Jack Wiley praying the Yukon council to grant to him an exclusive franchise for the construction, maintenance and operation in Dawson and the surrounding country, comprising the various creeks, a telephone system that will be so conducted as to make it possible for every man having a place of business in the territory to use and profit by it.

Of the present system but little can be said. It is not even a makeshift. Few people know of its existence and they are none the better for that knowledge—only poorer in purse and deteriorated as to morals, for if there is anything on earth, in addition to attempting to work a balky horse, that will cause a man to forget his last communion, it is to attempt to talk over a telephone system which is constructed a la barbed wire fence. Anything here at present under pretense of being a telephone system should not be considered for a moment by the council when Mr. Wiley's petition is taken up at its meeting tomorrow.

Of Mr. Wiley's ability to properly construct and superintend a telephone system commensurate with the requirements of Dawson, the goldopolis of the world, there is no doubt. He has been in the business many years, during which time he has mastered every detail, and operating a modern system to him has become almost second nature. When asked by a representative of the Nugget as to his plan after obtaining his franchise Mr. Wiley said: "Within 30 days after the opening of navigation I can have all the required material here, in position and in operation. I propose to furnish a service the equal of that of any city big or little in Canada or the United States, and furnish at just one-half the price now charged for the few instruments now in use here. My rates will be such that within two months after being ready for business I will have two hundred or more customers instead of in the neighborhood of three dozen as is now the case.

The system will be extended to all the creeks. I will place stations at frequent intervals all over the district and put in such a plant that a man could talk to the most remote points with as much certainty and distinctness as if to some person in the same room. I already have most encouraging assurances that my lines will be well patronized, as the majority of the people in Dawson have been accustomed to such advantages before coming here, and they are all anxious to avail themselves of these advantages as soon as opportunity presents itself."

Jack Wade Country.

Regarding the Jack Wade country as a mining field Judge and Mrs. French, who are now guests at the Regina, mention of whose trip up the river from

Eagle was made in the Daily Nugget of yesterday, are both quite enthusiastic.

They both assert that it is unfair to say that the bottom has fallen out of the Jack Wade country, as it is as yet but primitively prospected and the most promising results have been obtained. Litigation as to the ownership of claims has retarded progress and the Nome excitement has caused many to drop everything and leave, but Judge French does not hesitate to give it as his opinion that the Jack Wade country is destined to become one of the best mineral fields in the Yukon basin.

The travelers left Fortymile for Dawson Sunday morning, during which day they met 30 people en route to Nome, and on Monday they met 55, all Nome-ward bound.

They traveled up river by dog team, having five vigorous animals, and Mrs. French, a petite and vivacious little brunette, says she never enjoyed a trip so much in her life. She has traveled with her husband through Africa and elsewhere and says that a ride behind a fiery team of malamutes on the Yukon is not excelled in pleasure by any other known system of transportation.

Judge French is here partly in the interests of the man Webb, who was arrested near Eagle two weeks ago for alleged dog stealing and who is being held without a warrant having been issued for extradition.

After spending two weeks or more in the Yukon metropolis Judge and Mrs. French will return to their home in Eagle.

Board of Trade Tonight.

The adjourned meeting of the Board of Trade takes place at the rooms of the board on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st (tonight), and the recommendations of the committee on mines, mining and smelting will come before the board for final action.

The changes recommended in our mining laws are the result of several months careful study and attention and in view of the condition which prevails at present there is nothing so important to the citizens of Dawson and vicinity as the mining laws.

It is also important that the Board of Trade be placed on record in an emphatic manner and that every member should lend his assistance, that our conclusions may have his unqualified endorsement. Your presence is particularly desired.

F. W. CLAYTON, Sec.

Horses Drowned.

From late Skagway papers it is learned that two teams of horses with the heavily laden sleds which they were hauling were lost by falling through the ice on Lake Bennett about three weeks ago. The teams and outfits were owned by the Red Line Transportation Co., of which M. J. Heney, superintendent of construction for the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co. is operator. The outfits lost were being brought down the line for use at the railroad camps. There is a curve of the trail on the lake and the drivers attempted to shorten the distance by driving in a straight line when the front team and sled went through the ice, and in an attempt to pull them out of the water the other rig also fell in and all was lost.

Hospital Patients.

There are 77 patients in the hospitals of Dawson. Of this number only four are women. At St. Mary's hospital, the sickness which is more common than any other is rheumatism. Only six cases of scurvy are reported.

In St. Mary's hospital there are 40 persons confined, three of whom are women. Three of the patients are afflicted with scurvy. Mr. J. Vallee, aged about 60 years, is suffering from a cancer in the stomach. His case is hopeless, and the attending physicians expect him to die before the end of the week. None of the other inmates are in danger of death.

There are 27 sick people in the Good Samaritan hospital, all of whom are men. Three of the patients are in bed with scurvy. W. K. Capen died at 9 o'clock p. m. on Monday. He had

been afflicted with peritonitis and had been an inmate of the hospital for about ten days. The deceased came to Dawson from Eastport, Maine, at which place his wife and child, the latter only four years old, now reside.

In Dr. Bourke's private hospital there are seven patients, among whom are Mrs. Matthews, from Hunker creek, Attorney Lisle and Mr. Ellinger.

Special Constable Branconnier and Sergeant Davis are the only two patients in the N. W. M. P. hospital; and at the Yukon garrison hospital, a non-commissioned officer of the Y. F. F. is the only inmate.

Attorney Burritt Returns.

Attorney W. E. Burritt of the firm of Burritt & McKay, is home from an extended trip to the outside during which time he visited Ottawa and other eastern cities. On his way back he stopped over at Skagway long enough to be initiated in the Arctic Brotherhood, not knowing that a flourishing camp of that order had been instituted in his own city during his absence. Mr. Burritt brings news of the severe illness at a Bennett hotel of Joseph Magill, who is suffering from some internal injury sustained on the trip out. Mr. Burritt brought back Thos. Pike's dog team, which was taken to Skagway by the owner several weeks ago. He was 16 days on the road from Bennett. The trail he reports to be in fine condition.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

As the new Orpheum is still in the hands of the carpenters the date of its opening to the public has been deferred until the night of Monday, the 26th.

Having served the two months' sentence imposed upon him for receiving stolen goods, Joseph Selix was yesterday released from custody and is again a free man.

The hockey match which was arranged for Saturday evening by the employees of the A. C. Co., was indefinitely postponed on account of cold weather. When the weather moderates the match will take place.

The committee appointed at the mass meeting of Britishers is waiting for the Yukon council to meet, when the members of that body will be requested to endorse the petition addressed to Ottawa, which prays for representative government.

The present cold spell has been productive of more colds, coughs and slight attacks of sickness than any of its predecessors during the entire winter. Several persons in the city are confined to their homes with colds of unusual severity, and a few cases of both pleurisy and pneumonia are reported.

A teamster by the name of Swanson was killed a mile and a half up the Cariboo trail from Dominion on last Wednesday. He was hauling wood down the trail and had the rope, which was attached to the sled, around his neck. The sled was loaded very heavily, and at a steep place it became unmanageable. When Swanson was found, the appearances indicated that he had been dragged for a considerable distance, and that he had died of strangulation.

A Remonstrance.

Editor Nugget: I see in your paper an advertisement for the Ames Mercantile Co., and I must say I never was so surprised in my life. I can hardly believe my eyes. It says "there will be specials every day," and also that they are selling "seven pounds of sugar for \$1."

I am a woman and naturally I shall take advantage of this opportunity, but I don't think it is right for these people to cut prices, as my husband works in one of the other big company stores, and it may affect his position. He says that everything was going smoothly before they came in the field and now they are cutting the business to pieces. I am in favor of having this enterprise stopped by due process of law. Yours truly,

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'CANUCK' PROPOSES SLATES

To Be Broken or Elected at Desired Future Elections.

Endorses Nugget's Position Favoring Public Discussion of Questions Important to Yukon District.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Dawson, Y. T. Feb. 20th, 1900.
Editor the Daily Nugget, Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Sir: I notice in your issue of last evening that you advocate the public discussion of the questions affecting the Yukon territory as a means of starting us on a road to improvement. You have certainly struck the right key, and without public discussion our chances of having our grievances redressed are very slim indeed. Now, the point I wish to bring to your notice is this. Efforts are now being made to have a law passed one year ago declared operative, so that we may have an election for two members of the Yukon council. If this is once secured, then I can assure you, from my knowledge of the way we do things back in Canada, that public discussion and lots of it will take place in the Yukon territory. Especially will this be the case if the public clamor for their rights so loud that the election will be held before the winter trails break up, so that the Forks, Dominion and Hunker, not to speak of Fortymile and Stewart, may be within easy reach.

It does not take a politician to foresee what a campaign of oratory would follow the nomination of the following teams, or others equally as bad or good. Suppose the Sifton liberals were to put up F. C. Wade and Joe Barrett, while the Laurier people were to say Capt. Woodside and J. F. McDougall (whose partner outside is a member of parliament), are the proper men. Then the dye in the wool conservatives, a la Tupper, nominated Lawyer Tabor and Dr. A. E. Wills, while Tories not so Tupperry said our men are C. M. Woodworth and Joe Binet. Then the politicians who had no finger in the pie so far said our men are strong men, and C. C. McCaul and A. Noel would be put up to represent strong men. Then another fine team, one to knock down arguments, the other to knock down opponents, would be well represented by Dr. Cato, with no limit on his talk, and Herbert L. Wilson, the fighting by J. C. Canadian from Winnipeg. Any of the above may be nominated, others certainly will. I fearlessly predict that if we force our rulers (servants) to give us our rights, that more opinions that will carry weight will be advanced before the electorate in one month than has been put before the people since '97. Then what a benefit it would be if not one candidate were to dare oppose certain much needed reforms; this would be as strong an argument for the granting of that reform as could be brought forward.

All things considered, Mr. Editor, I cannot see but that both for the purposes of your leader of last night, and also for the permanent advancement of the good of the territory, the most important thing now is to have granted to us, the right to vote and at once. Yours truly,
"CANUCK."

Surprise Party.

A most enjoyable surprise party was given last Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Augusta Spencer on thirty-one below upper, Dominion. The surprise was real, as the lady had retired, and when the merry party came trooping in her dismay was apparent. Dancing and whist was the order of the evening, and a few songs and instrumental music helped to make a pleasant evening more enjoyable. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Van Meter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Felix, M. and Mrs. Ek Hering, Mrs. Solurch, Mrs. Willard Scott, Miss Lora Mayner and Mrs. Dexter. Among the gentlemen were

Messrs. Geo. Baker, R. J. Kyle, C. T. De Long, W. K. Fitzgerald, Percy Reid, Pool Fields, Jack Galliger, Tim Connelly, Thos. Kale, James Hallem, Bob Franks and Ben Everett.

Dances at McDonald Hall.

The regular semi-weekly dance was given at the McDonald hall last night. Many persons were present, and all enjoyed a pleasant time. The eighteen numbers on the program were not concluded until after 1 o'clock this morning.

Prof. James Duffy has arranged to give a grand masquerade ball on the anniversary of Washington's birthday. An orchestra of eight pieces has been secured for this event.

Did Not Know.

The following telegram received here Monday night explains itself and unless the son sent messages which were lost by the way he will have a hard job explaining his apparent neglect of his mother in an hour of sorrow and gloom. The telegram was sent from San Francisco, Feb. 11th, and reads as follows:

"E. B. Condon, Dawson. Tell Andy Young to write his mother. She has not heard of her husband's death until now."
THOS. H. PIKE."

If the young man has anything to offer in explanation of his seemingly strange and unnatural conduct, the Nugget will gladly assist in putting him in a more favorable light before the people.

Death of Scott Lindsay.

Scott Lindsay died at 5 o'clock this morning at the A. C. Co.'s boarding house. For the past two weeks, the young man had been ailing, but until a few hours before his death, he was not considered to be in danger of death. Originally he had suffered with an attack of tonsillitis, and lately his lungs became affected. The cause of death is ascribed to pneumonia.

Mr. Lindsay is well known to the pioneers of Alaska. Formerly he was associated with Decker Brothers at Juneau. In the winter of 1897-98, he conducted a general mercantile store at Dyea. He came to Dawson in July, 1898, since which time he has been connected with the A. C. Co.'s establishment. The deceased was about 35 years of age, and was born in South Forks, South Carolina; he was unmarried, but has a number of relatives who reside in his native town. Mr. Lindsay possessed a quiet, unassuming disposition. He was eminently fair in his treatment of others, and was exceedingly popular among his friends and acquaintances. The time of the funeral has been fixed at two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Application for Water Right.

Jack Smith has applied to the mining recorder for authority to use and divert 300 inches of water from the pup entering Hunker on the right limit, at No. 54 below discovery. The application is for a grant of three years. Mr. Smith sets forth that it is his intention, to use the water for mining purposes on claim No. 55 below discovery on Hunker.

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