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THE WHISKEY ORDINANCE.

A Revenue Measure but Not for the Town of Dawson.

Yukon Council Fixes License Rates and Retains the Lion's Share of the Proceeds—Women Debarred from Handling Liquor.

The whiskey license ordinance has been passed by the Yukon council and governor and contains some mighty interesting provisions. There are three kinds of licenses, hotels, saloons and bottling works.

A hotel will pay \$2000 per annum, will maintain at least 10 bed rooms, and will be punished if they fail to dispense reasonable accommodations. They will maintain a sitting room and sufficient appliances for serving meals for travelers.

Saloons will pay \$2500 per annum and will close at midnight Saturday and remain closed until 6 o'clock Monday morning.

Theaters will take out saloon licenses where they maintain a bar.

Wholesalers will take out a saloon license. Bottling works will pay a tariff.

Saloons will pay \$2400 whether in incorporated or unincorporated towns, on the trails or anywhere else.

It is to remain at the option of the license commissioners what road houses shall be charged for their license though it shall not exceed \$2000 nor fall below \$400.

The board of license commissioners can cancel any license upon its being shown that the provisions of the ordinance are being evaded.

Each and every license shall have a placard over the front door advising the public that they are regularly licensed as purveyors of spirituous liquors etc.

Liquors can be sold to bona fide guests at hotels on Sundays during meal hours as follows: From 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. and from 5 p. m. to 7 p. m.

Young men and women are allowed to dispose of liquors. Exceptions are made in cases where the woman is either a licensee or the wife of one.

Saloon or hotel keepers are financially responsible if through the dispensing of their liquors a man gets hurt. An intoxicated individual wandering out into the cold and getting frozen to death can collect damages to the full amount—on friends can do it for him.

An inspector or inspectors will be appointed and their reports on people and places will determine the board of commissioners whether or not licenses shall be granted or cancelled. If an inspector shall be proved to be accepting a bribe or bribes he is subject to a fine of \$100 for the first offense. Anyone trying to influence him in the performance of his duties will receive a similar fine.

THE "NIGGER ON THE WOODPILE."

The feature of the ordinance, which is most noticeable is that the Yukon Council, through its license commission, retains to itself the proceeds of licensing Dawson's saloons.

An article of the ordinance allows incorporated towns to obtain a revenue by the imposition of an additional license of "not to exceed one-fifth of the amount charged hereby."

Not satisfied with that it is again particularly specified that the said incorporated town cannot collect their small license until after the big one has been paid into the coffers of the Yukon Council. This means, in case of the incorporation of Dawson, that the hotels would pay into the territorial coffers \$2,000 and into the Dawson exchequer the handsome sum of \$100. The saloons, breweries and theatres would give the Yukon Council \$2,500 and the city could scrape along with all its multitudinous expenses on a pittance of \$500.

The Yukon Council is hard at work, now on the Dawson ordinance of incorporation. There was a remarkable and sudden activity about this which has been strangely wanting since the completion of the ordinance by Attorney Sheridan over a month ago. There appeared to be a hesitation at that time which has disappeared since the passage of the license ordinance which has secured the cream to the territorial government whether we accept incorporation or not. The incorporation ordinance is expected to be out shortly.

Coming Incorporation.

A meeting of the town committee was held on the 10th inst. re the incorporation of Dawson. Those present were Messrs. Wills, Chute, Cooper, Davis, Rutledge and Col. MacGregor.

A communication was read from Mr. Ogilvie stating that the incorporation ordinance was now in the hands of the Yukon council, and asking the town committee to appoint a sub-committee of three to consider the ordinance with the council, the sub-committee to report from time to time to a committee of the whole.

Afterward the matter would be submitted to a public meeting of the citizens and on motion it was then resolved that Capt. Hansen, and Messrs. Wills, and Davis constitute the said sub-committee.

Bohemians at Capt. Hansen's.

On Thursday evening the Bohemian club and their friends were royally entertained at the residence of Capt. Hansen. About 50 guests assembled upon the hospitable Captain's invitation. The elegant drawing-room and parlors were thrown open to the pleasure of those as-

sembled and everyone entered most heartily into the spirit of the occasion.

Mr. D. W. Semple was voted into the position of toast-master. The musical and oratorical talent of the guests was fully brought to light, and although the program was entirely impromptu there were no refusals to the chairman's calls for contributions to the evening's entertainment. The hours passed altogether too rapidly to suit the assembled Bohemians, and it was with unanimous feeling of regret that "Auld Lang Syne" was finally sung and farewell to the genial host was spoken.

Among the assembled guests were the following: Mrs. D. W. Semple, Mrs. West, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. Jourdan, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Lauritzen, Messrs. Rankle, Hall, Helton, Ben Davis, Fulda, Fairbanks, Adams, Jourdan, Yennans, Walter Watrous, E. C. Allen, Burrell, McKay, Lithgow, Sullivan, Wilson, Geo. M. Allen, Senkler, Semple, Homen, Storey, George, Noble, Bolster, Esterloy, Vogel, Meadows, Capt. Ogilvie, Capt. Search, Judge Watrous, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Wills, Capt. Bursall, Col. Davis.

To Change the Regulations.

Considerable interest is attached to the meeting of the Miners' Association to be held on Monday night at the Institute building. At this meeting it is proposed to secure such measures as can be recommended to the government for securing changes in the mining regulations. A committee has been hard at work preparing amendments to the laws and the proposed amendments will be made the basis of discussion. It is the intention that subsequent to the meeting at the Institute, similar meetings be held on the different creeks and an opportunity given to the miners to express opinions and give their ideas as to the requirements of the country in the way of changes in the existing laws. When, through this means the consensus of opinion is reached documents will be forwarded to Ottawa with suggestions embodying the views of the miners as to the required alterations in the regulations. It is earnestly desired that as large an attendance as possible be secured next Monday night.

Official Temperatures.

The official observations for the week ending Wednesday, December 14th, are as follows:

	Lowest	Highest	Wind Miles per hour.
Thursday	25.6	23.4	3.8
Friday	26.0	23.8	2.7
Saturday	12.6	6.6	4.3
Sunday	1.8	8.8	4.5
Monday	3.0	9.0	4.5
Tuesday	6.4	2.0	2.1
Wednesday	9.4	12.8	2.7

It will be observed that the speed of the wind does not tell much for it is but an average for each of the 24 hours. The high wind of a week ago does not show on the records at all. The highest speed recorded was on Wednesday, the 7th, when the instrument gave 26 miles as the distance traveled by the wind in 24 hours. This only gave an average of nine miles per hour while it is well known that during the afternoon when the rink was blown away, signs demolished, sleds blown onto the river etc., the wind reached a speed of at least from 25 to 35 miles per hour. The particular value of the wind records will become more apparent when low temperatures prevail and there is no breeze at all.

Miners' Association at the Forks.

The Miners' Association, through their president and secretary, George J. Armstrong and Col. D. MacGregor, held a meeting on Tuesday week at the forks of Eldorado and Bonanza for the purpose of acquainting the miners with the association and its objects. The reading room was well filled with most interested listeners and all expressed the most hearty approval of the body of men who have spent so much time and worked so hard merely that the conditions surrounding the miners might be improved. Some very strong speeches were made and the endorsement was unqualified. At the conclusion a number of men joined the association while others gave in their names for joining as soon as the dumps begin to yield.

Society Will Be There.

The society event of 1898 will occur on Tuesday evening next, when the Elks give their first social at the New Family Theatre, corner First Street and Second Avenue. Admission only is obtained through invitations which are not transferable, and an evening rich in social enjoyment is promised all those attending. Dancing will follow the regular program familiar to all Elks and it may be anticipated no feature of the occasion to say that the chairman of the social session, Mr. D. W. Semple, has a few trumps up his sleeve, which will relieve any monotony on the part of those present as to what will be judiciously handed out.

A Thrilling Adventure.

A story is told, for which however we will not vouch, that a man presented himself at the Bodega the other day all wet and shivering.

Funeral Expenses \$300.00
One Bottle King's Cough Syrup 2.50
Amount Saved \$297.50

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ing. He is reported to have told Billy Wilson that he had just walked in from Moosehide, said that he lived in Insectville and went to one of the water-holes to dip up a drink. He found the water down four feet and the hole fifteen inches in diameter. Said he reached down, of course head first, until he got so far down the slippery hole he could not get back at all. He thought the matter over until he got dizzy, and all the time slipped further down and down. At last he let go and went kerplunk in the river. Held his breath as long as he could and finally found what he thought to be the water-hole. Climbed out and found himself at Moosehide. Had just waked bank.

Robert Aiden Disappears.

Fred Shade, who owns a cabin about seven miles from town on the ridge between the Klondike and Moosehide wishes to find out the whereabouts of his partner, Robert Aiden. Aiden left the cabin a week ago last Tuesday for Dawson. He purchased about 60 pounds of goods from Fish's store and it is presumed that he started on his return trip the same day with the pack on his back. Shade has heard nothing from him since and is at a loss to know what has become of his partner who is quite an old man. Anyone who may have any information concerning the missing Aiden may report same to the Nigger office.

Officials Notified.

The government clerks and officials have been formally but positively notified by the Yukon commission that they must cease using the government offices for the transaction of their private business. The notification points out that it is unfair for them to compete in business with private citizens who have to pay for their own offices, their own fuel and their own lights; also that it is derogatory to the service, etc. In case of non-compliance with the wishes of the commissioner, the cases are to be taken to Ottawa for investigation.

St. Mary's.

For the week ending December 14th there were eight patients admitted and discharged, leaving 85 at present under treatment at that institution.

The deaths were Samuel Fitzpatrick, of Seattle, Washington, aged 27 years, on December 9th and J. J. Connelly, of Boston, Massachusetts, aged 88 years, on December 10th.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

"Kid" Williams and Bert Moss are on the boards for a 20-round contest on the 29th.

Col. Steele has been appointed license commissioner for this territory by Governor Ogilvie.

Col. T. Y. B. Evans, in charge of the Yukon field force, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace by the governor.

Sheriff Harper's court has been removed from the orderly room in the N. W. M. P. barracks to the south room of the court house.

W. H. Snell, clerk of the territorial court, has removed his office from the postoffice building and now has rooms over the court house, south of the N. W. M. P. barracks.

At 2 a. m. Monday morning a spark from a chimney in the Victoria house started a smoldering blaze on the roof and caused an alarm of fire to be rung. As usual the boys turned out.

In hearing a case last week in which "the way it is done" in the gold commissioner's office, the judge took occasion to remark "It is important that affairs should be conducted in an important public office in so culpably lax a manner."

O'Brien, who escaped from his guard last week and disappeared has been brought from Forty Mile by Constable Lynn who with Special Constable McBeth had been dispatched to overtake him. O'Brien was serving out a five month sentence, and was out under guard clearing ice from in front of the public building.

Arthur Anderson is a very much wanted man for mischief done on the Yukon. The warrant accuses him of misappropriating the outfit of his partners at Forty Mile, and of skipping up the river with \$3000 thus obtained.

The "Black Diamond Express" that scored such a big hit last Sunday evening, will again be shown with all the mechanical effects, besides a large number of entirely new scenes. Nothing will be left undone to make the Wonderful entertainment popular, and Dawsonites may rest assured that nothing but clean, wholesome and instructive amusement will be given.

A rehearsal of the minstrels who are to amuse Dawson on Christmas night is a revelation. Nothing in Dawson has ever drawn as many clever musicians together at one time before. Messrs. Nobles and Edwards are not only remarkable vocalists themselves but will surprise Dawson in what they will accomplish with their trained band of the cleverest amateurs in Dawson.

On Saturday evening, at the social and literary club at the Forks, the subject to be taken up is "subscription hospitals." There appears to be a growing sentiment here that by co-operation the miners can secure medical attention and nursing care when sick at very reasonable rates. The interest taken in the matter appears to guarantee a large meeting in the reading room, which is the regular meeting place of the club.

Mr. Gossin, the gentleman coming in supposedly to fill the position of crown lands and timber agent is hanging back unaccountably. When the gold commissioner's party passed him he was still at Lake LeBarge and expressed himself in such manner that it is not at all certain he will attempt the trip over the ice at all. He is drawing his salary whether he gets here this winter or not, and that of itself is a sufficiently arduous undertaking for the dark months.

Change of program at the Wondroscope exhibition next Sunday. Don't fail to see it at the Monte Carlo.

Look at Hershberg's sign and see what he has to say about clothing, furnishing goods and footwear.

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT.

One Partner Does Not Wish to Divide Claims With the Other.

Healy vs. Hebb Again—\$1200 Costs in One Little Suit—What It Costs to Go to Law—Gets Back his \$8,000.

The month of December has been a fairly busy one in the superior court. On December 2nd the case of Jaffe vs. Schmidt & Co. was heard and dismissed. It was a case in which complainant had sold defendant a building and money was still due. Defendant claimed the building had been represented to him as double roofed and in other ways made suitable for winter, which it proved not to be.

On December 9th the case of Shepard vs. Dolan came up and complainant secured a judgment. Shepard represented on defendant's claim on Henderson and was to be paid \$1000. He had received but two payments, one of \$100 and the other \$100.

Brown vs. Hamilton and Bondeman is a case where a coat was left for safe at the store of the defendants and was stolen. The judge ruled that the defendants were in this case responsible for the safe keeping of the coat and awarded complainant \$35 and costs.

On December 7th was heard the case of Barney Simmons vs. Joe Merrilment in which complainant sought to recover his commission on goods sold by Harry Hershberg to defendant. Judgment for defendant.

The case of Joe Merrilment vs. L. Jacquard was dismissed.

On December 9th came up the case of Caleb Berry vs. Frank Swanson. It was a case in which defendant engaged complainant to work for him at Bennett and to come with him to Seventy Mile and there work in a sawmill. In consideration Berry was to be paid "Dawson wages" and on that point hung the only dispute. The judge decided that Berry should be paid off at the rate of \$6 per day and board.

In the case of Ervin vs. Jaffe vs. Case and Gillson judgment was reserved.

On December 12th came up the interesting case of Captain Hansen vs. Pearl H. Hebb. The case grew out of a former case before Judge McGuire of Healy vs. Hebb in which Hebb lost a good claim through Healy taking advantage of a trifling technicality in the wording of the option. The purchase price was to be \$8000 and Hebb tendered it to everyone and finally deposited it with Captain Bliss, the clerk of the court. After the case had been decided against him, Hebb wanted to draw down that purchase money but it was refused him. In the present suit Hansen claimed the money as his; that it had been loaned temporarily to Hebb. Hebb claimed it as payment for a half interest in the claim. The court decided it was the captain's and ordered it paid to him, which was done after the deduction of some \$1200, the costs in the case of Healy vs. Hebb.

On December 13th came up the interesting case of Jay J. Smith vs. C. M. Oleson. This was a case in which two men agree to prospect in the Klondike as partners. They separate and go different ways, but are to stand equally on whatever is secured. Oleson staked and recorded on Bonanza and on Little Blanche while Smith secured nothing at all. Oleson refused to divide and the judge decided against him.

In the case of Ernest Eben vs. the British-American Corporation for wages, judgment was reserved.

Henry Berry sued J. W. Rogers and others on a note for \$2000 given in Berry's father and endorsed from father to son. Judgment for Berry.

The Kalamazoo Mining and Prospecting company obtained a judgment against W. A. Doyle by default for \$48 for wages.

Society Events.

The Bohemians have had an exceptionally pleasant time during the past week.

On last Saturday evening about 25 of that organization met at the handsome home of Messrs. Watrous and Allen which had just been completed, and initiated the new house into the hospitality of Bohemia.

On Sunday evening the clan met at the home of W. M. Wilson, where the friendly host and his congenial wife lavishly entertained the 'fraternity' until Monday was well on its way.

On Wednesday evening a few congenial spirits wended their way to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jourdan and were royally entertained.

Mention is made elsewhere of the gathering at the home of Captain Hansen.

On Saturday evening there will leave from the Nigger office two large sleighs carrying a delegation of Bohemians to No. 60 below on Bonanza, the home of Mr. W. H. Bard, and it may be conjectured that the "post" of Bonanza will leave nothing undone that will add to the festivities of the occasion.

Sunday evening will see Bohemia at its old home in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Semple and where every Bohemian will meet regularly on Sunday evenings as heretofore.

A Card to the Ladies.

A report having been circulated that questionable characters would be allowed admission at the ball at Pioneer hall Christmas eve, I wish to announce that all such will be refused admission.

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IT WORKS A HARDSHIP

The ordinance governing the impounding of dogs is manifestly unjust. It intended as a revenue measure for replenishing the depleted coffers of the Yukon Territory exchequer it is nothing less than a humbug. The parties who participate in the division of the wretched spoil exacted in most cases from those upon whom it comes especially hard, are the street gamin who has been dignified with the title of special constable, the keeper of the pound, the officer who serves the papers, and the magistrate who pronounces sentence.

In order that all the above named parties may be compensated for their expenditure of time, energy, etc., it becomes necessary that the unfortunate dog owner who may for the time being have lost sight of his property, contribute the sum of \$5 or \$9 and by so doing recover his dog.

We ask of our legislative body, the Yukon Council, how long this farce is going to continue. No censure can attach to those who execute the law provided they do not exceed their instructions. It is the wisdom of the law itself in this instance that we call in question and we have yet to hear an argument advanced which can approach any justification of the harshness of this measure. We are quite willing to admit and every reasonable citizen will agree with us, that the public should be protected from vicious dogs. But in their zeal to bring about this very desirable end, we submit, that a rank injustice has been worked. In a country such as this, with but one resource upon which to depend, and the development of that resource depending to a large extent upon the use of dogs, it would appear that any legislation regarding their keeping should impose as few burdens as possible upon their owners.

Already by the remission of fines the onus of the law has been done away with in individual cases. It is to be hoped that this action only precedes the repeal, or at least a substantial modification of the ordinance.

AFTER THE MAJOR'S SCALP

From copies of the late Canadian papers that have recently arrived in Dawson it is quite evident that a hornet's nest has been raised around the ears of Major Walsh. Mr. Bulyea's treatment at the hands of the ex-Yukon commissioner has been made the subject for criticism of the very broadest kind. It appears to be the opinion on the outside that the major was not granted such wide discretionary powers as he claimed to possess, and in consequence he has become the central target for all sorts of attacks.

Mr. Bulyea's report as rendered to the parliament of the Northwest territory is the most interesting document that has yet come to Dawson from the outside. Mr. Bulyea does not mince matters at all but comes directly to the point and accuses the major of an assumption of power never authorized by his commission nor contemplated by the government to which he was responsible. He states that the major was arbitrary in his actions and that the Dawson magistrate stood in such fear of him that they

begged not to be forced to hear cases wherein a decision adverse to Major Walsh might need be rendered.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bulyea's report to the Parliament of the Northwest territories, much indignation against Major Walsh was made manifest. Mr. Haultain, the premier, in a scathing and bitter speech made the statement that in the event Major Walsh could not be proceeded against under the criminal code for his actions that he, Haultain, would have the ex-commissioner impeached at the coming session of the Dominion Parliament. It will be extremely interesting to citizens of Dawson to watch developments.

THAT COMBINATION

The *Miner-Sun*, issued at its office next the barracks, has made a change in its heading with a view to having no similarity of names with the *Miner-Sun* published in the Rutledge building, the latter being the richly paid government organ of the Yukon. No professions are made anywhere, however, that the "peoples' friend" and the papered "official gazette" are not one and the same, issued from two offices and under a changed head. Under the circumstances it is not at all strange that the one of the two which the *Miner-Sun* designates as the *Sun* should devote the larger part of its editorial space to booming and advertising the promised special edition of the *Miner*. The farce will not be complete until the *Miner* devotes half its space to advertising the *Sun*.

It is a case of "good God good devil," an attempt to ride in two coaches, a drawing of pay from two contesting bodies. And this sexless paper, has the temerity to hold out its hand for a continuation of public favor as the "Paper of the People." The only patron worth mentioning of the *Miner-Sun* issued at either office will be in a very short while the government. The people are not fools as the *Miner-Sun* appears to think, and cannot be continuously humbugged by an alleged friend in the pay of the government. Professions of self-sacrificing disinterestedness from people whose pockets are bulging with coin given in friendship by the opposition, have only to be understood to be repudiated by the public. As old Abe Lincoln used to say: "You may fool some of the people all the time and might fool all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all of the time." That is the situation in a nutshell. To be successful a newspaper must first, last and all the time be honest and this the *Miner-Sun* combination is not when in its downtown issue it defends the very men and things it berates so weakly and half-heartedly in its issue from near the barracks.

THAT WATER FRONT LEASE

The situation on the water front is becoming most interesting. During the summer months there was considerable business to be had and men would pay rental unwarranted and exorbitant as it was, rather than be molested. Conditions have changed and business is slack while all have plenty of leisure to examine into the merits of the case. Four months ago this paper published all there was to the lease to Morrison & McDonald and it consisted simply in correspondence with Messrs. Fawcett and Wade. The frailty of the tenure was dwelt upon at length but the people were satisfied, so the matter was dropped though admitted by all to be the greatest of the many scandals perpetrated by the government in this misgoverned community. It will be remembered by those who observe such events that Mr. Wade, as crown land agent gave over to Morrison & McDonald the permit by virtue of which they have collected from the people nearly \$100,000. It was openly charged upon the streets that this was not done without a stipulated consideration. This much is known positively, shortly after the award of the permit Mr. Wade was retained as McDonald's attorney with a handsome year's salary or retainer fee, paid in advance.

It may be taken for granted that

Messrs. Grotschier and Miall, holding power-of-attorney from Morrison & McDonald, will make a flight in the courts for that snug little \$17,000 per month which represents the difference between what they pay the government and what they collect from the tenants.

A REVIEW of affairs on the different creeks should not tend by any means to discouragement. It cannot be expected that every claim on every creek is going to turn out immensely rich. The unfortunate feature of the situation is that so large a number of claims are being worked on lays. Naturally when a man is working a 50 per cent lay on another man's property, he cannot display the same interest in prospecting the claim that he would were the property his own. Very often the layman goes onto the claim carrying with him provisions enough to last while putting down but one hole and if at the end of that time he fails to reach pay he becomes discouraged and throws up the lay. On the whole, we think the situation may be regarded as satisfactory. Scarcely a day passes but reliable reports come in of new strikes being made, and as the season advances the new creeks will be found steadily improving. No intelligent estimate of the season's output can be made as yet, but we see no reason for any abatement of faith in the wealth of the country.

OUTSIDE OPINION

From the *Winnipeg Telegram*: "The Klondike pays a long price for the blessings of good government without securing them. Ottawa has taxed the mining industries in this remote British possession in a manner to make Kruger blush." This charge is no mere piece of rhetoric. It is but too true. The Kruger mining regulations in the Transvaal, which were so odious as to cause the Jameson raid, are generally looked upon as outrageously oppressive. It is only the other day that the Sifton organ itself was citing them as models of arbitrariness and injustice. Yet the Transvaal regulations are actually liberality itself when compared with the Yukon regulations. Mr. Sifton's Yukon regulations impose a royalty of 10 per cent on the gross product of the claims. The Transvaal gold law allows the government to levy only 2 1/2 per cent on the gold output of mines. And this power is only discretionary; the government is not exercising it, and, discussing the reaffirmation of the law of September 20th by the *Volkraad*, the African review, in a Johannesburg dispatch, declares that the government has no present intention of enforcing the tax. The defense of Mr. Sifton and his organs for Mr. Sifton's monstrously extortionate impost is that the people affected by it are chiefly Americans and other outsiders. Yet nearly every Canadian condemned the Boers for making oppressive regulations to get at the foreigners, and applauded the uitlanders for making armed resistance to that oppression. If the Transvaal uitlanders were justified in resisting as they did the mining laws of President Kruger, would the Yukon uitlanders be wrong in similarly resisting the infinitely more oppressive regulations of Mr. Sifton? But, whether they would be right or wrong in doing so, there is every reason for believing that they will do so if the Dominion government allows Mr. Sifton to commit the folly of attempting to enforce his outrageous royalty regulation. And it will not be merely uitlanders that will offer resistance. These extortionate regulations affect the Canadian miners in the Yukon just as they do the outsiders, and the Canadian miners are even more indignant concerning them than the foreign element. In addition to the oppressive regulations the people in the Yukon, both foreign and Canadian, have to submit to the extortion and injustice of corrupt officials. Even Krugerism refrained from administrative outrages of this description. The government cannot wake up too quickly to the fact that the condition of affairs in the Yukon is even more dangerous than the feeling which prevailed in the Rand just prior to the Jameson call. An immediate repeal of the outrageous royalty regulation, a prompt and honest investigation into the official scandals and other causes of complaint and a pledge that all well founded grievances shall be redressed, are what the situation imperatively demands.

From the *Winnipeg Morning Telegram*: The *Edmonton Bulletin* has interviewed Mr. Frank Mariaggi on his return from the Yukon, in reference to the Dominion creek scandal. Discussing the matter editorially it says: "If the facts are as stated there is no escape from the conclusion that first the large mass of prospectors were deceived by the first proclamation fixing a date and requiring permits, and that second the bulk of the remainder were sidetracked by information improperly given out from the office. The conclusion that this was done intentionally and for money is irresistible. To quote Mr. Woodworth, it proves that the administration there was either corrupt or imbecile."

From the *Winnipeg Tribune*: A Madrid paper thus sums up the cost of the attempt to retain Cuba: "Between March 4, 1895, and June 30, 1898, 423,041 'letes de Cuba' were issued, val-

ued at \$2,900,000. To this must be added \$1,000,000 in treasury notes, \$100,000,000 bought under Spanish guaranty, \$62,000,000 borrowed in Paris, \$54,000,000 pledged customs, ditto \$10,000,000, Spanish loans \$30,000,000, Philippine loan \$35,000,000. In a rough total the loans contracted to quell the rebellion amount to over \$500,000,000. This does not include war material nor transportation nor provisions purchased out of the regular budget. For this item \$100,000,000 is a low estimate. Still worse is the useless expenditure in men. Cuba had only 12,000 men as a garrison when the trouble began. Gradually over 200,000 were sent there. The loss on the battlefield was comparatively small—only one general, 60 officers and 134 men killed during the three years prior to the Spanish-American war, to which must be added one general, 81 officers and 704 men who succumbed to their wounds. The losses occasioned by swamp fever and yellow fever were much larger—323 officers and 13,000 men. Typhoid and other diseases killed 127 officers and 40,000 men. Of every 1000 men 10 were killed or wounded, 65 succumbed to yellow fever, 20 to other diseases, 148 had to be invalided home. Some 20,000 patients remain who were not sent home. The total loss out of every 1000 men was 521."

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THE WATER-FRONT SITUATION

A Reprint of Morrison & McDonald's Much-Wanted Lease.

Eighty-Thousand Collected—Ten Thousand Paid Back—Subscribing to the Resistance Fund—Distraint Served and not Enforced.

With only one or two exceptions the occupants of the block between the barracks and First street refused to pay their ground rent last month.

The following figures may be accepted as approximately correct: In four months, under their so-called lease, Morrison & McDonald have paid the government \$9,000 on the water-front, which is about \$1 per front foot each month. In the same period of time they have collected from the occupants some \$90,000. They have charged \$6 per front foot, the minimum rental being \$4 and the maximum \$12 per front foot.

Some ten days ago a distraint was served upon Dr. McWm. Bourke, at the instance of Gratschler & Miall, attorneys for Morrison & McDonald. A constable notified the renter that he had cleared the snow outside and the building which the doctor occupied. Eight days elapsed but the seized property was not sold. On Wednesday afternoon the wood and the building were again seized.

A fund has been raised by the tenants with which to make a test case. On Wednesday night the committee on collections had nearly reached First street. Tenants occupying 12 feet front, or less, were assessed \$4; tenants occupying a greater front were assessed \$8. Up to that time the committee had been resisted by only one in seven.

The strip of ground occupied, feathers out to nothing at the upper end, and several of the buildings, beside being on supports from the river bar underneath, are fully a foot from the bank in front. Owners contend that even had the government power to lease the water-front, and supposing Morrison & McDonald to be in possession of a lawful lease, these gentlemen could not possibly collect rental from buildings resting entirely upon the bed of the river.

Circumstances have conspired to bring about this determination of the "water-fronters" to pay no more rent. One store-keeper, in paying his assessment of \$4, remarked: "That is one dollar more than I have taken in today."

In at least one case the tenant occupied the water-front long before the arrival in Dawson of Mr. Wade, who negotiated the so-called lease with Morrison & McDonald.

The presumption of the supposed lessees from Wade in demanding and securing a rental from these people is staggering. The particulars of the first distraint upon Dr. McWm. Bourke are amusing. The Landlord's Act of England, under which common law distraints are made, provides that a landlord may authorize a bailiff to seize chattels in payment of rent at any time of the day between sunrise and sunset. This first distraint was served at 2 p. m., and by a constable under the authority of the sheriff. In answer to the first question the doctor replied that he could pay rent but would. The second distraint was served at 3 p. m.

The water-front controversy reminds us that the NTOOR published on August 10th the correspondence between Crown Land Agent Fred Wade and Messrs. Morrison & McDonald, which is all the lease there is in existence. For the benefit of our readers who desire to be "posted" on the situation, we reproduce the last letter from Wade which the lessees accepted:

Dawson, Yukon District April 9th. Messrs. MORRISON & McDONALD: Enclosed is your letter of March 28th ult., containing your offer to lease the water-front of Dawson opposite the Laine survey, leaving all streets, alleys, and steamboat landings free and clear, and paying at the rate of \$500 per month, was duly received.

On behalf of the Dominion government we are willing to lease the front applied for, but on terms somewhat different from those you propose.

In the first place we think that the lease should be for a period of one year, but the gold commissioner, or the Dominion lands agent to terminate it, on giving one month's notice to the lessees. The rent to be charged for the year will be \$30,000, or should the lease be terminated at any time within the year, the lessees will be required to pay at the rate of \$2,500 per month for the time they remain in occupation. Payment is to be made in Canadian legal tender or gold dust at \$16 per ounce.

The portion of the front to be leased will extend from the southern boundary line of Harper street produced in the Yukon river to the northern boundary line of Clark street produced to said river. The eastern boundary of the strip will be First avenue which will maintain a uniform width of 60 feet, and the western boundary will be the Yukon river. First, Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth streets each 60 feet in width are to be allowed to extend to the river, and will be reserved out of said frontage strip. There will be reserved thereout for public steamboat landings, wharves, customs house and other public purposes, Fourth street and a strip of said front 25 feet in width extending from the south side of First street in front of block C and extending 125 feet north from the north side of Fourth street in front of block D, also reserving in front of block D and E for sawmill purposes such room for timber chutes not to exceed three in number and aggregate width of 60 feet and to be reserved as such piers as the gold commissioner and Dominion lands agent may designate within one week of execution of the contemplated lease. The lessees to also agree to reserve out of the said river front from time to time during the existence of the lease any portion thereof not to exceed 100 feet that may be required by the Dominion government for government offices. The lessees will also be required to construct a board-walk along First street opposite blocks A and B and to construct public privies to be placed over pits, so far removed from the river bank so as to avoid all danger of contaminating the water of the river.

Plans for the sidewalks and piers are to be at once submitted to the gold commissioner and to be to his satisfaction. Yours truly, THOMAS FAWCETT, Gold Commissioner, F. E. WADE, Dominion Lands Agent.

The Cheechaco's Lament.

DEDICATED TO JOSEPH PENNMAN.

My name is Joseph Pennman, I have a comrade, Jack,

I'll tell you why I left the States And wish no God's back:

I fought the Klondike fever, Like many other fools;

And over the cursed Skagway trail, We packed our grub and tools.

Then hoisted sail upon the lakes— As all cheechacos do—

And did the part of gallant tars, 'Mid scenes sublime to view.

We busted down the Yukon, Through grinding ice and snow;

We "shot" the White Horse rapids, And sped our way below.

At length the "golden city" Broke on our anxious gaze,

As round the point of rocks we saw The dream of many days.

'Twas Dawson in her glory— A city 't' built of logs,

With lots of room between the huts To cache their grub from dogs.

We landed on the icy shore Amid a widening scene

Of huts and snows, or tents, With stacks of staves between.

A throng of bustling miners there In garb of Arctic style,

Were mingling with cheechacos fresh, Who came to make their pile."

To them I'd give in city life, We hadn't got the grit;

For grub was scarce and high in price, So we resolved to "git."

On fast becoming millionaires Our minds were truly bent;

Once we struck up Bonanza creek To pitch our prospect tent,

We took our little handshakes And lashed up five tools—

The fact is, men don't know out here If they be dogs or mules.

Thus, up the frozen river trail, We daily made the go

With temperature 'twixt zero And to forty-seven below.

Conforming to the climate We built our huts quite small

With mass and dirt upon the roof And mess to caulk the wall.

The back of my "boiled" shirt I took A substitute for glass,

And lashed it over the little hole Through which daylight must pass.

At length our cache securely stowed, We looked the country round,

To see if gold grew on the trees— Or where it should be found.

We rushed on many a mad stampede And "pegged" on many a "pup"

We slept 't' by campfires on the snow While mercury froze up.

We had no yelping malamoot To "mush" along our sled.

So, with the "gee stick" in our fist, We played the dog, instead.

Scouring some few "wildcats" For "suckers" in the east,

We felt ourselves quite millionaires Bonanza kings, at least.

We settled down to business At length upon a "hay"

And "burned" the ground to bedrock Some twenty feet to pay.

With Jack on top, to windlass, While I below did drift,

We piled out quite a de-up 'ere spring In hopes of a little hit.

We managed, in the meantime, To live with our means,

Three times a day we reveled, In deinty perk and beans.

But, now, our grub is giving out; Our tea is very low.

The flour we wound up yesterday, And sugar long ago.

We slice our bacon mighty thin— And gamble now for that.

Alas! how can we cook our beans, When we run out of fat?

So hot for down the river! St. Michaels, now, or best—

Or why lay in a winter outfit, And panned out little dust.

Our skill is on the Yukon; Our hearts turn back to home;

The midnight sun will cheer out way And we no more shall roam.

Farwell to Dawson city; Farwell to Klondike, too.

Adieu to all our blighted hopes, And, friends, good-bye to you!

—HENRY W. BROWN, 31 Below on Bonanza.

Yukon Council Proceedings.

An expense account of \$900 for the burial of the cadaver dead was allowed.

The dog ordinance was amended so that dogs are retained in the pound a month instead of ten days before being sold.

The liquor license ordinance was passed.

A fire-prevention ordinance was passed.

Dr. R. R. McFarlane and Dr. W. E. Barrett got a severe repulse. McFarlane put a bill into the council for \$4,000 for attendance upon the indigent sick at St. Mary's. Barrett's bill was for \$4,780 for similar services at the same institution. The council refused both bills, on the grounds that they thought the allowance of \$5 per day to the hospital-attended medical attendance.

A letter was read from the comptroller stating that there were no moneys on hand available.

Dr. Catto communicated to the council the important fact that unless that body assumed payment of Pat Fullon's indebtedness to him for medical attendance, he should discontinue attending him. The council did not assume the indebtedness of Mr. Fullon, so it is presumed he has another doctor.

Notice to Miners.

A special meeting of the Miners Association will be held at the Miners Institute on Monday the 19th inst., at 8 p. m., to discuss amendments to Mining Rules and Regulations. All members are urged to be present.

—GEO. C. ARMSTRONG, President. DONALD MCGEEGOR, Secretary.

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The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50 cents.

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The Hospital Benefit.
Last Friday evening a hospital benefit entertainment was given at the Monte Carlo to a comfortably filled house. The governor opened with an address in which he touched on "finances, revenues, benefits for the poor and special poor taxes." Probably the one statement made which furnishes most food for thought was that out of \$35,000 in funds which had been subject to use by the council \$29,000 had been donated to the hospital. Notwithstanding this, it might yet become necessary to impose a special hospital tax upon this community.

Following is the program presented: Goodwin Bros. vocal quartet, Mr. Kehough, song; Jack Black, song; The Estops, sketch; Margie Newman, character song; Corinne B. Mayer, recitation; Mrs. Adeline Pusey Barlow, character song; B. Trenneman, expert club swinging; Miss Robinson, character song; and Fred N. Tracy, illustrated songs.
The affair was managed by Mr. W. W. Scott.
Reserved seats for the Wondroscope exhibition are now on sale at Kelly's drug store. Tomorrow night Mr. Tracy will introduce new songs.
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SKAGWAY AND UP RIVER POINTS

Alex. Schwartz and Party Leave Bennett by Boat but Travel on Ice.

Soapy Smith's Old Headquarters Is Now a Lively, Bustling, Well-Governed City—Railroad Nearing Completion.

Alex. Schwartz reached Dawson over the ice on Wednesday last. In company with Mr. and Mrs. Insley he left Bennett on Oct. 4. They started with a large scow which was loaded with merchandise bound for Dawson.

Mr. Schwartz states that when he left Skagway the town was experiencing a substantial boom. Business was good in all lines and the town was assuming the proportions of a substantial and permanent business center.

The four men, Tripp, Bowers, Wildes and Slim Jim, who were implicated in the hold-up of Stewart from Dawson, have all been sent to Sitka for trial under \$25,000 bonds.

The murderers of Robertson, the Dyea fare bank dealer has been sentenced to the penitentiary, one for 10 years and the other two for 20 years. Robertson's wife was on her way to join her husband at Dyea at the time he was murdered. She reached the town a few days after he had been buried.

Gold dust from the Altin district assays unusually high. The Skagway banks are taking it at \$18 per ounce.

The White Pass railway is being rapidly pushed to the summit. The company now has 2200 men in its employ with a monthly pay roll aggregating in the neighborhood of \$60,000. They will continue work through the winter until Bennett is reached which it is expected will be the case about Jan. 15.

Skagway now has its own water service. A lake which lies on the bluff above the town has been tapped and the water is conducted over the city in pipes. The pressure is so great that the top of the highest building can be reached without any artificial assistance.

CREEK ITEMS.

BONANZA AND ELDOORDO.

A peculiar and almost fatal accident occurred on Bray & Cleland's lay on No. 6 below Bonanza. When one of their employes fell down the shaft 27 feet and although the windlass fell on top of him still he escaped unhurt.

No. 8 Victoria, belonging to J. A. Elwell is proving a good as expectations. Mr. Elwell is working quite a number of men on it. The prospects are even better than in his famous shaft sunk this year on No. 6 Eldorado.

Poverty Bar is not going to take a back seat in the spring and a small army of men can be seen each day taking out pay-dirt by the bucketful.

The laymen on the left limit of Monte Cristo are jubilant over their prospects. Their good pay has been struck on a level which will give an exceptionally fine program. Rev. Dickey has been elected president. Mrs. J. A. Elwell, treasurer, and Mr. C. W. Watts, secretary, to serve for two months.

The miners of Bonanza assembled at the opening of the Gold Hill hotel on Saturday evening, where dancing and other amusements were indulged in until a late hour.

Mr. J. Jackson who owns a bench off No. 2, Monte Cristo, is rapidly recovering from the operation which he underwent for tumor a short time ago.

H. E. St. George's claim off No. 2, Monte Cristo is proving itself to be very rich, as high as \$6 to the pan.

Accidents are of every day occurrence up the creeks now. Reports are continually coming in of men getting their limbs broken from wood, steds and buckets. Great need is felt for a public hospital at the Forks and plans are being prepared looking to the establishment of one.

Cosider Smith who was severely injured recently by being struck by a bucket falling down a 55 foot shaft, has so far recovered as to be able to be removed to Dawson where he will receive treatment.

DOMINION NOTES. Dominion creek is improving between discoveries and above upper, and a strike is reported on Nos. 3 and 7 below, but the report could not be definitely confirmed.

Bert Nelson, who is working a part of No. 13 below upper on Dominion reports three holes on the pay dirt which runs as high as \$2 to the pan.

A good pay streak has been located on Lombard creek, No. 3, is owned by Reynolds Bros, who showed the Nugget man some very pretty coarse gold and nuggets. Pans as high as \$1.25 are common, and the pay-streak will easily average 30 cents. No. 2 has also located the

pay-streak and No. 6 has a hole on the rim that shows heavy drifts, but the warm weather interfered and drifting has been delayed.

A \$20 pan from No. 3 above upper discovery on Dominion made the eyes of the newspaper man protrude. The claim is owned by Messrs. Chisholm & McDonald, and is being worked by wage men, under the supervision of Mr. Chisholm.

The recent warm spell created havoc on No. 7 & above lower on Dominion. Five holes filled with water and work had to be suspended. The long looked-for pay-streak has at last been located on 19 below upper, and all the laymen report fair pay.

SULPHUR SIFTINGS.

The claims in the vicinity of Discovery and above discovery on Sulphur are gradually getting on the pay-streak. No. 1 below, owned by Messrs. Woodring & Compton, have four feet of 25 and 30 cent dirt and are not yet to bed rock.

Fraction 6, below 7 on Sulphur, has gone through five feet of 10 cent gravel and are still after the bed rock.

GENERAL CREEK NEWS.

The benches on Gold Run have been stampeded recently and almost every bench on the creek has been staked.

Fred Mathisen, the man injured a few weeks ago by a falling bucket, is rapidly recovering and although he received a compound fracture of the skull, is in a fair way to recover. He seems afflicted with paralysis of the right side of the face and tongue.

Mr. J. W. Wilson, employed on the discovery claim on Hunter, received a very painful fall on the 6th of this month, while sliding a load of provisions to his cabin. He slipped and fell heavily on the ice, striking his back and in some ways injuring it so that he has been confined to his bed ever since and can move only with great pain.

Joe Brandt, of No. 7 Hunter, received a sudden stroke of blindness while working in the drift during the recent warm weather. He was led to the cabin helpless and has been unable to see at all since. A similar case is reported on No. 6.

Several cases of scurvy are reported on the creeks and it is not unusual to find a jar of spruce beer in many of the cabins—simply as a preventive.

Capt. Wm. Frazier, ex-government scout from Wyoming, has established a road-house at the head of Caribou, on the Gold Run trail. Capt. Frazier has a hunter of national reputation in the United States, and has already placed six moose and three caribou on his credit in this country. A fair trail leads over this district to Brimstone and thence to 32 below on Sulphur.

PERSONALS.

Miss Braud entertained a few friends at the residence of Mrs. Harper on Friday evening last.

Dr. McNeill, of No. 13 above on Sulphur, froze his feet and hands slightly when out moose hunting the other day.

Capt. Jack Crawford, the poet scout, has quite recovered his accustomed health, much to the gratification of his many friends.

Mrs. J. M. Pickett and daughter Josephine will spend the week before Christmas visiting Mrs. W. C. Lowden on No. 10 upper Bonanza.

The governor has been temporarily incapacitated for business by a boil under the jaw so severe that it placed him in the doctor's care. He is back again at the office.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, C. I. Helene and Hyman Harris left Saturday morning for the outside by dog team. Mrs. Brown will be the first white woman to make the round trip in winter.

Hershberg, the Seattle clothier, will sell you clothing at exceedingly low prices.

The Nugget Express will send a dog team to Forty-mile and Eagle City next Thursday, Dec. 21. Arrangements for the carrying of mail, express and passengers can be made at the office in the Phoenix, Front street.

One of the special features of the Wondroscope entertainment Sunday evening will be Prof. Trennaman's great torchlight wintering exhibition. Secure seats at the drug store. General admission \$1, balcony \$1.50, box seats \$2.

All kinds of furs cleaned, altered and repaired, cut to the latest design at the New York Store, Front street. Call for H. Russell, the furrier.

Hershberg, the Seattle clothier, has moved to 232 First avenue, next to Rutledge building.

I wish to notify my friends that I have severed my connection with the Eschwege syndicate.

A. J. Merrillweather, a prominent American from Kent, Washington, died of typhoid fever Wednesday morning and was buried from Green's undertaking rooms on Friday afternoon.

The Wondroscope Tomorrow Night. Tomorrow evening the Wondroscope Co., will give another of its high-class entertainments at the Monte Carlo Theater.

Mr. Vogel, knowing full well that the people of Dawson desire and will support a first-class and clean entertainment, has made arrangements for the best talent that can be secured in the city, and is highly pleased with the crowded houses that greet his companies Sunday evening entertainments.

The manner in which the laughable, serious and realistic stereopticon views and moving pictures were shown on the past three Sunday evenings, prove, beyond a doubt, that this company gives just as good an entertainment as can be seen in Chicago or New York.

Grand Masquerade at the Renoix. Pete McDonald, the genial proprietor of the Phoenix has announced that he intends out-doing himself in the Grand Masquerade ball which he will give next Friday night, Dec. 23rd. The Masquerade will, without doubt, be the event of the season, as the management is sparing neither pains or expense. The ladies are all on the qui vive and are vying with each other in preparing elaborate costumes. Mr. McDonald has offered six cash prizes to be awarded as follows:

To the best-dressed lady..... \$50
" " " sustained character (lady)..... 25
" " " most comical costume (lady)..... 15
" " " best dressed gentleman..... 50
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FROM DAWSON TO CIRCLE CITY.

Capt. J. E. Hansen Leaves on a Tour of Inspection.

He Will Investigate all the Camps on the Lower River—Another Peculiar Ruling of the Gold Commissioner.

Capt. J. E. Hansen, manager of the A. C. Co. leaves this morning with a dog team, accompanied by an Indian and half-breed, to be gone a month on a visit to every mining camp between Dawson and Circle City in the interests of his company. The Alaska Commercial company is identified with each important enterprise that will develop the resources of Alaskan territory and is closely identified with what will eventually bring to this country an immense amount of capital to be used in the development of what will establish a substantial basis in commercial circles. The Nugget has pleasure in stating that from the pen of Capt. Hansen, it will be able to present a true statement of existing affairs in each and every mining camp between the above noted places, and emanating from that source will be absolutely reliable in every sense of the word. The Nugget wishes the captain bon voyage and a safe return to his limitless business engagements in Dawson, and in which his company occupies so prominent a part.

Gold Commissioner's Ruling. The gold commissioner is determined to make himself still more thorough before stepping down and out. In cases of relocation he has decided that the witness who testifies to the abandonment of the claim must be a resident of that particular creek. The ridiculousness of the ruling is made brilliantly apparent in cases like that which occurred the other day: A short "pup," or dry gulch, leads off lower Dominion and a miner wished to relocate. The pup had been taken up nearly a year ago, yet the claims had not been worked. In fact, had been abandoned without prospecting at all. The miner staked and applied: "You must have a witness to prove abandonment," was told him. The miner took a friend and made that long trip over the divide again. The witness saw the claim staked and went over it to see that no work had been done. Returning to Dawson the evidence of the witness was refused on the grounds that he did not live on that "pup." How absurd is the situation can be seen at a glance when one learns that no one at all lives on that particular gulch and therefore, unless this ruling is reversed by Mr. Fawcett's successor, that gulch must remain vacant for ever. There are no residents, no claims, and never can be until Fawcett is superseded by a man of broader views.

Police Court Items. D. McPherson, S. Kane and E. Border were let off with \$1 and costs.

S. Bowers took one too many and wanted more. He got \$25 and costs.

W. E. Stanton has white hands yet storks a regular shift. \$50 and costs.

J. Monaghan limbed unwisely, talked volitionally and paid \$25 and costs.

P. Moran played the string from "soda" to "hook" when he dug up \$50 and costs.

J. Linehan was inclined to be disputative, so for committing a nuisance was fined \$5 and costs.

G. F. McDougal wanted his wages from Ben Laws and was allowed \$68.00—defendant to pay the costs.

J. Moris got full, was unaware of that fact, and was indulging in self-eyes argument. \$25 and costs.

S. Gilpin overestimated his capacity, denied it to friends and others, and is out \$25 and costs as a consequence.

S. Murphy was obstreperous from the fumes of something he had swallowed—wonder what it was—\$25 and costs.

Dr. Schuman, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was dismissed. He is currently awaiting trial on a similar charge.

C. Carothers exhibited poor judgment in issuing his own allowance of liquid misery. \$20 and costs is supposed to act as a spur in future.

Nellie Green, was committed for trial in the superior court for tendering to the Northern a forged check on the Bank of British North America.

G. E. Gustav Arcotia, an Italian harp player, was fined \$25 and costs for not knowing the character of the people in the Nidga when they engaged him.

T. Dawson believed himself perfectly sober and was ready at any moment to dispute upon that point. Next day he awoke with \$25 and costs without dispute.

A. A. Abbey, a gentleman of long fingers and leisure, who dexterously manipulates the masterboards for the delectation of the boys was let off with \$20 and costs.

J. McEwen looked upon the wine when it was red, until he could see no more. Though somewhat disputative, a fine of \$20 and costs cleared his vision and all is well.

Alice Janesville, Lillie Gilmore and Eva Durant were fined \$50 and costs each, for indecent and nameless acts at the "Nidga." Complaint had been made at headquarters from time to time but no one was willing to appear as witnesses of the prosecution. A detachment of police in civilian dress was ordered to the scene and a long term of imprisonment awaits the three if the thing is repeated.

Match Game of Whist. Duplicate whist is becoming quite popular among club members and a match game between the Dawson and Regina clubs was played on the evening of the 9th with the following result:

Dawson. McCook 122, Dewey 122, Grotschlar 125, Verbeke 125, Hudson 118, Worden 118, Lisle 116, Ritchie 116, 474. Regina. Judge Dugas 127, Litigow 127, Richardson 123, Delex 123, Redley 127, Willis 127, Nourse 124, Snell 124, 531. Regina Club majority 27.

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