

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY NUGGET.

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## FOUND GUILTY

### Patrick J. Sheehan Convicted of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

### HE SWINDLED MISS MATE MILLER

#### By Selling Her an Interest in the Green Tree.

#### FOR WHICH SHE PAID \$600.

#### The Jury Determined the Case Immediately After Hearing the Testimony.

From Wednesday Daily. The action of the Queen vs. Patrick J. Sheehan, accused of obtaining money by false pretenses, occupied the attention of Justice Dugas and a jury in the territorial court this morning. A verdict of guilty was returned within a few minutes after the testimony had been submitted.

The facts of the case appear to be that on February 26th, 1900, the prisoner represented himself to be the owner of a three-fourths interest in the Green Tree saloon and lodging apartments; but nevertheless he secured from Miss Mate Miller the sum of \$600 in consideration of which he transferred to her a one-fourth interest in said business.

At the time of this transfer, the accused was negotiating with W. V. Sommerville, the true owner, for the purchase of a half interest. The defendant exhibited to Sommerville some promissory notes, which were executed by Thomas J. Hendricks, whom the prisoner asserted to be the proprietor of the Oregon store. Mr. Sommerville investigated the genuineness of the notes;

and ascertained that the real name of the Oregon store merchant was Isaac Campbell Hendricks. Accordingly, the offer of purchase which the defendant proposed, was not accepted by Mr. Sommerville; and the prisoner could not legally convey any interest to Miss Miller, nor did he refund to her the money, which she had paid to him.

The accused will be sentenced some time next week.

The case of the Queen vs. Stepovich, accused of stealing hay, has been postponed.

#### Fun at the Orpheum.

The pleasure-loving people of Dawson are being royally entertained this week at the Orpheum, where a most enjoyable show is holding the boards. The program opens with a three-act comedy entitled "Married Life," which is presented by a strong cast, the leading roles being assumed by Geo. L. Hilyer and Blossom. The play is well written, and is one of the best ever yet presented on a Dawson stage.

The olio comprises all the favorites, including Beatrice Lorne, Cecil Marion, Sadie Taylor, Nellie Forsythe, Gussie Lamore, Eddie Dolan and others.

The program concludes with Dolan's great comedy, "The Jay Circus," which includes everything in the circus line from elephants down to toy balloons, and red lemonade. The play is certainly the most amusing yet presented in the city.

#### Jam at Five Fingers.

It is reported this afternoon that there is another big ice jam at Five Fingers, and that the steamer Flora which started down with the mail has been striving for several hours to start it, but without success. It could not be learned if a wire had been received justifying the report.

#### He Also Was There.

Editor Daily Nugget: When last night I read in your paper a letter from a fellow provincial citizen who signs himself "Ontarioite" in which he deplored the manner in which the mass meeting was conducted Saturday night, I was very indignant.

From my way of looking at it, the meeting was the "partiest" I ever saw. It was all that it should have been, and what more could any man expect. I have no interests this side of Ottawa. I came here on the last boat in the fall, and will leave for home on the first boat to go up the river. If I have any interests at all, they are on the side of the government for the reason that my wife's brother, who supports me and my family, has a good job in the office of the minister of the interior at Ottawa, and I, for one, have no kick to register.

This is why the meeting Saturday night was to my liking. It was one of those inoffensive affairs which could play week stands to good houses and told its tent and move on without any one knowing the object which it had hoped to attain. "Putty!" It was a tu-lu. ONTARIOITE, No. 2.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

## JAMES ROGERS

### Shot and Mortally Wounded By Nelson A. Soggs, on Gold Run.

### RESULT OF PARTNERSHIP QUARREL

#### The Two Men Had Had Several Disputes

#### CONCERNING THE PROPERTY.

#### The Wounded Man Shot Three Times and Will Probably Die—Both Well Known.

Yesterday afternoon at 4:30 a shooting affray occurred on No. 34 Gold Run creek, as a result of which James Rogers is lying at the point of death in his cabin on the claim, and Nelson A. Soggs, who did the shooting, is in the hands of the police.

The first report of the affair reached Dawson early this morning when Dr. Cassels was summoned by telephone to come immediately to Gold Run to attend a man who had been shot. Dr. Cassels left at 7 this morning and is well on his way to the scene of the shooting by this time.

The circumstances leading up to yesterday's tragedy are in substance as follows:

Rogers and Soggs are joint owners in 34 Gold Run, which is known as one of the rich claims on that creek. For some time past it has been known to mutual friends of the two men that bad blood existed between them.

Several disputes have occurred at various times concerning the property in which both are interested, but whether any threats passed between the two men cannot at this time be said. It appears that no one expected that any serious results would arise from their disagreements, as they were considered to be merely ordinary partnership troubles.

Yesterday afternoon, shortly before the time mentioned above, the two men met on the dump on the claim and began a renewal of the quarrel which for some time has existed between them.

One word brought on another until Soggs suddenly drew a revolver from his pocket, aimed it at his partner and fired.

Rogers was standing facing Soggs at the time and the first bullet struck his victim just below the collarbone, penetrating through the shoulder and coming out behind. After the firing of the first shot Rogers uttered a shout and turning ran in the opposite direction from Soggs. The latter, however, was not thus to be turned from his purpose and immediately fired a second shot which took effect behind Rogers' left shoulder, coming out just over the heart. Rogers continued to run and again the trigger was pulled, and what will probably prove the fatal wound was inflicted. The third bullet penetrated the left side near the small of the back, and has not, so far as present information extends, been located.

A fourth shot was fired which did not take effect. Rogers continued running until he reached his cabin, when he went in and sat down on the bed. Soggs went to the police immediately and surrendered.

There were several witnesses to the shooting and they immediately did all that could be done to relieve the wounded man.

There are two doctors in Gold Run and they were called in, but as neither had instruments with him no effort was made to locate the third bullet.

A messenger was dispatched to the mouth of Caribou creek and Dr. Bell, who is located there went immediately down. Dr. Cassels was then summoned by telephone and as stated above left

for the scene of the tragedy at an early hour this morning.

Both parties to the affair are well known in Dawson. A year and a half ago Rogers was prominent in business circles in Dawson, having had interests in several saloons as well as being one of the proprietors of the old Monte Carlo, which establishment he conducted in association with Messrs. Parker & McConnell.

Soggs was for a long time in the jewelry business in Dawson. He acquired valuable mining properties, however, and for a considerable length of time has been devoting himself to the development of his properties. He came into prominence recently during the trial of the famous Butler fraction on Gold Hill, in which case a decision is still pending.

The theory is advanced by parties acquainted with Soggs that he is insane.

Just before going to press information came to the Nugget office by telephone that the police are on the way to Dawson, bringing Soggs with them. At latest accounts Rogers is still alive but not expected to survive long.

#### BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT.

#### For Relief of Ottawa Sufferers Will Be a Great Success.

The entertainment to be given at the Palace Grand theater on Sunday evening for the benefit of the sufferers in the Ottawa fire promises to be one of the events of the season.

A program has been arranged which includes the best professional talent in the city. Among those who will participate are the following: O'Brien, Jennings & O'Brien, Beatrice Lorne, Blossom & Bordman, Miss Tracie and Mr. Zimmerman. The Yukon field force band together with the leading musicians of the town will furnish music for the occasion.

The field force has also volunteered to give a physical drill exhibition which will prove a much appreciated attraction. There will be other strong attractions which will prove sufficiently strong to guarantee a crowded house. This afternoon the tickets were placed on sale at Reid & Co.'s drug store and immediately thereafter calls for them were made.

The boxes and reserved seats are selling rapidly and the outlook is that the entertainment will net a handsome sum to the cause.

The Palace Grand has been engaged for the occasion and undoubtedly will be packed to the doors with an audience enlisted in the work of extending aid to those who have suffered so severely from the fire in Ottawa.

#### Off on the Creeks.

Frank W. Clayton, secretary of the Board of Trade, having left a competent occupant at his desk, is up the creeks this week on a vacation; also on an inspection and business trip. Through his agency several important mining transactions have recently been consummated. Mr. Clayton is not expected to return to the city before Saturday.

#### POLICE COURT NEWS.

Sheriff Primrose occupied the chair this morning, but tried no cases. About 30 gamblers who were present were instructed to come back at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The case of Doering vs. Menicic & Wilson regarding a quantity of hay, is on trial this afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon the case against Emeline Kicksen who was charged with stealing two combs, was heard by Magistrate Starnes. The evidence against Emeline was such as caused the combs to come to her at somewhat above market quotations, as she was fined \$20 and costs.

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## YUKON FORCE

### Will Leave Immediately After the Commencement of Navigation.

### ORDERS WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY

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#### SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA

#### Is Anticipated With Pleasure By All of the Officers and Men.

Major Hemming, in command of the Yukon field force, has received information from Ottawa to the effect that the entire force of soldiers stationed in the territory will be withdrawn immediately after the commencement of navigation. The federal department has provided that privates who wish to leave the service may secure their discharges here without cost or expense.

The Yukon field force has been stationed at Dawson since the summer of 1898, and its departure at this time was not anticipated.

Major Hemming, when questioned in reference to the matter, said:

"It is quite true that the soldiers will be withdrawn from Dawson. I have received a telegram, dated May 1st, from headquarters, which fixes the time of departure immediately after the commencement of navigation; and Mr. Davis, of the C. D. Co., has informed me that steamboat accommodations may be secured early in June."

"Do you expect that the local contingent will be detailed for service in South Africa?" was a question addressed to the major.

"I cannot reply definitely," said the commander, "but I earnestly hope that we will have an opportunity to experience active duty in the Boer war. However, I shall not be aware of the department's intention until the arrival of the next mail."

#### He Recognized It.

When the long line of ice was passing down the river this afternoon a recent arrival who was standing on one of the docks recognized a corned beef can and two quids of tobacco which he had left on the ice at a point just this side of the mouth of the Hootalinqua where he stopped one day to eat lunch. As further evidence that it was the same ice he pointed out a small bump on its surface on which he had rested his head while enjoying an after-dinner nap.

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THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1900.

(From Wednesday's Daily)  
**MAKE A TEST.**

If, as suggested at the mass meeting on Saturday night, there exist good grounds for contesting the legality of the royalty regulation, it appears to us that a test case should be brought at an early date. The amount of royalty which is to be collected this season will, in all probability, aggregate a far greater sum than in any previous year. At the same time, the cost of operating has been very largely increased, which means that the actual profit to the claim owners this year will probably be smaller than ever.

In a number of cases we have been assured that the royalty will represent the entire margin over and above expenses. This has been brought about as a result of two conditions. First, from the fact that much ground of moderate richness only has been worked during the past winter, and, second, from the introduction of immense quantities of machinery, at a tremendous aggregate cost. Many properties are still heavily encumbered by reason of the outlay involved in securing machinery and other expenses, with the result that, generally speaking, the royalty is this year a greater burden to the mine owner than ever.

If there is a fighting chance to win a test case against the royalty, the same should be brought immediately, without the loss of time.

### AT MAFEKING.

According to the last reports from the seat of war, as published in yesterday's issue of the Nugget, the little town of Mafeking, which has been under siege almost since the beginning of the war, is in a very serious condition. The garrison has been reduced to very sore straits, and, unless relief is brought to them at an early date, the results of the siege are quite likely to prove very disastrous. Bloemfontein, at which place Lord Roberts' present headquarters are located, is situated some 250 miles from Mafeking, and Kimberly is nearly 200 miles from the same point. The column which was sent ahead long ago, for the relief of Mafeking, has not been heard from for some time, but, according to last advices, had been forced to retire. Lord Roberts is being urged to extreme measures to effect the relief of the little garrison, which has been defending itself so long and bravely, and probably will take action in the very near future, if he has not already done so, to effect their immediate relief.

An exceptionally good mining deal, property opened up and working; water and wood available; several claims lying contiguous; can be worked summer and winter. Norton D. Walling, Grand Forks.

sympathy of foreign nations, and even of their own kinsmen, is slipping away from them. In the continental press there are now few signs of enthusiastic faith in a cause recognized to be a losing one. In the circumstances the advent of Mr. Davitt, who has been welcomed to Pretoria by State Secretary Reitz, and who, after visiting Kroonstad, proceeded for some inscrutable reason to make a long stay at Johannesburg, will not, we imagine, exercise a decisive influence over the fortune of the war. If President Kruger desires to use dynamite, is he not sufficiently well acquainted with the subject not to need advice from Mr. Davitt or anybody else? In spite of his vaunted language, however, we have a shrewd notion that he is conscious of having come near the end of his tether.—London Times.

Last year the ice broke in front of Dawson on the 17th of May, and the first boat from Lake LeBarge reached here on the 23d, or six days after the break-up. According to this precedent, there should be a boat in Dawson this year not later than the 14th inst. However, precedents are bad things to go by in this country, as was clearly demonstrated yesterday. All the sour doughs in the country, figuring upon precedents, had confidently placed the break-up around the 15th of the month. The cheechakos, on the contrary, knowing nothing about Yukon precedents, figured the moving of the ice for an earlier date, and events have proven that they were wise in their day and generation. In view of these circumstances, it would be dangerous to suggest the date when a boat will get in. It would not, however, be surprising to see one arrive at any time after the next 24 hours.

The public is urged to attend the entertainment to be given next Sunday night at the Palace Grand for the benefit of the sufferers from the recent Ottawa fire. As noted in yesterday's issue of the Nugget, Mayor Payment, of Ottawa, has wired the facts in the case to Gov. Ogilvie, with a request that Dawson and the Yukon Territory contribute as generously as possible to the fund now being raised throughout Canada and the states to relieve the destitute. The committee in charge of the entertainment is arranging a program which will be well worth listening to.

### Decoy Dogs in Foxes' Skins.

There are still left in England about 30 "decoy dogs," whose intelligence is their queer trade is something remarkable.

It is the decoy dog's life work to catch ducks. He is usually a red dog and is besides, sometimes "dressed up like a fox," with a fox's skin on his back and a fox's brush tied to him. Thus fantastically arrayed, or in his native colors, if he is foxlike enough, the decoy dog jumps about at the mouth of a stream leading to a pond favored by the ducks.

So far as known, only one decoy dog in England now actually wears a fox's skin when on business, and he is a marvel worth studying.

Drawn by curiosity as to the antics of their ancient enemy, the ducks flock nearer and nearer, until the hidden hunter is actually able to catch them in a net.

There are many kinds of wild birds which seem unable to keep away from a fox when they see one, and these will sometimes "mob" a red dog by mistake.

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## STROLLER'S COLUMN

Ireland is not a large country, but her sons are found from the river unto the ends of the earth. Compared with the East, "Nu-yarck," for example, there are very few Irish in the west, but where there is a party of half a dozen assembled it invariably seems that the majority of them can trace their ancestry to one branch of it, directly to the emerald isle. Here in Dawson the Irish are as numerous, or more so, than any other race. A number of Irishmen attended the mass meeting Saturday night and, like everybody else, they were disgusted; but unlike the majority of those who were present, they, especially those of them interested in the matter of governmental affairs, have since done considerable talking about the manner in which the meeting was conducted, and many of the expressions wanted to the ears of the Stroller would wreath in smiles the face of a graven image.

One son of Erin was heard to declare: "Sure, if Oi had been cheerman o' that matn, Oi'd kept ardhher or brooke the face av ivery mon that failed to obey me; ye's can bet that wid me in ther cheer order would hev reigned."

Another man who glories in wearing a shamrock on the 17th of March, expressed the belief that if the meeting had adjourned an hour before it met it would have been better for "us poor devils of moiners."

A third was heard to say: "Faith an the mon who was so dhrunk he coodn't spake at all at all made the best spache ave the matin."

Some people appear to be particularly sensitive on certain points that by others would not be considered worth a moment's consideration. For instance: At the meeting Saturday night one ultra-sensitive individual mistook the calling of his own name and imagined someone had suggested that he should be on the woodpile, when the name had been heard only in the imagination of him who should read on the bottom of his plate at least three times each day the "Honi soit" motto of his country. In fact, only timely explanations Saturday night are what prevented the long, pent-up spirit of the warrior from leaking in a dozen places; in which event the electric lights would have probably been extinguished by flowing gore.

But to return to the woodpile which, in itself, is one of the most guleless institutions in the city, possessing no terrors and absolutely no meaning to the man who walketh in the straight and narrow path of righteousness and honesty. But every man knows the secrets of his own life, and to this was probably due the fact that in a distorted imagination the name "woodpile" is ever present, hence the sensitiveness exhibited at Saturday night's meeting.

One day recently a dog entered a Dawson meat shop and hastily picked up with its teeth a fine porterhouse roast with which it fled into the street. The knight of the cleaver hastily followed, and with the aid of a few persons which were standing around on the street talking about the ice or the late mass meeting, managed to intimidate the dog to such an extent as to cause him to withdraw his long teeth from the succulent roast and drop the same precipitously in the mud, where it was found and recovered by the owner and carried back in triumph to the shop. Those who eat that particular piece of meat will probably never know its history; but if they develop symptoms of hydrophobia the Stroller for one will entertain strong ideas as to how it was contracted. Dog saliva is all right in a dog's mouth, but it is doubtful if it will ever be popular as a diet.

The old timer's face wore a look of deep disgust yesterday. In the evening when it became noised abroad that the whole river had broken up and was moving out, cheechakos ran with all speed to his banks; but the old timer somewhat slowly sauntered down, cast his one eye at the moving mass for a minute, then uttered a few disgusted mutterings, walked back up town and resumed his favorite stool in a barroom where half an hour later he remarked to the Stroller:

"There haint been a goin' out of the ice fer seven years that has been worth lookin' at. Time was when seein' the ice go out was a sight. Many's the time I've seed pieces a mile long come down and strike the bluff be'ow town and rear up and fall on top of the bluff and break square in two, the top piece fallin' over and down tother side of the bluff. I am goin' to give it one more show, an' if she don't get the old time move on her in 'nuther year, I'm goin' to git. When even the river gits to actin' like cheechakos it aint no place fer me."

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# HERE'S TO THE SHAMROCK.

### A Correspondent Objects to Allusions in an Outside Newspaper.

### Thinks the Time is Now Right for England to Give Ireland Home Rule.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]  
Editor Daily Nugget.

Dear Sir: In the semi-weekly edition of your highly popular and influential paper which appeared on Sunday, April 29th, 1900, an editorial copied from the Victoria Times, was published which related to the visit that Her Majesty Queen Victoria is paying to Ireland. A sentence, or rather a portion of a sentence contains the following, "it came into the mind of the queen that she should go to Ireland and there give the thanks of herself and people for the heroism of those whom she had graciously given permission to wear the shamrock."

Can you show me an Irishman or the descendant of an Irishman who is in any way proud of the land of his forefathers who will not object to the suggestion that he has to obtain permission to wear the shamrock.

Perhaps the writer of the article is totally ignorant of Irish history. If so, let him read one and he will find out that the "shamrock" has been the national emblem of Ireland for close on 1500 years, and who knows but it was the emblem of that "sainted isle" for thousands of years before the day when St. Patrick, in order to convince the Ard-Re of Ireland and his pagan priests of the holy trinity, when the question as to how could the mystery of three persons in one be explained, stooping picked up the lowly weed and said to the assembled throng, that the mystery was the same as the leaves springing from one stalk.

Let anyone who wishes, go to Ireland and be present on the 17th day of March, and ask the first man whom he sees wearing the green immortal shamrock if he has got her majesty's permission to wear it, and then note his answer. I know what I would say if such a question were propounded to me and then I am not the staunchest of Irishmen.

I do not wish for one moment to convey to you or to any other person that I am opposed to my countrymen fighting in this present war, but on the contrary, I am proud of the fact because they are helping Great Britain to make a white man's right respected by the half-civilized, untutored settlers of the South African Republic.

The article to which I refer also says that "Her majesty visited Ireland and there to give the thanks of herself and people." What good will words do? Will they wipe out the memories of the years of persecution which the Irish endured from 1558 to 1829? when the sovereigns of England tried to stamp out the national religion of the Irish people; but how vain were their attempts, for like alfalfa, the more they cut at its head the stronger grew its roots.

But if the people of Great Britain wish to give a more substantial proof of their gratitude, now is the time; let them give to Ireland the same rights and privileges as are granted to the Australian colonies, the inalienable right of man, the right to govern himself and his country. Let the British people do this and then they will find out for themselves that they have been doing an action which will earn the gratitude of every Irishman, who is proud of being from the "ould sod." Now is the time for the people of Great Britain to make an act of reparation to the Irish people for the despoilation of their churches by Henry VIII, Elizabeth and Cromwell; for the confiscation of their estates by James I. and William III, and lastly, though not least, the Act of Union of 1801, which was bought by the lord lieutenant of Ireland by paying those who voted in favour of the measure with titles as well as pecuniary considerations.

Admit that we are a hot-headed, impulsive race, ready to make love or to fight on the slightest occasion, but then who will dare dispute that we are generous, warm-hearted and brave to a fault, and for these reasons some argue that we are not fit to govern ourselves. What nonsense; can it not be plainly seen that a nation who has produced such as Sarsfield, Wellington, Marshal McMahon, Lord Wolseley, Roberts and Kitchener as warriors; such statesmen and diplomats as Lord Charles Montagu, Henry Grattan, Flood, Dan O'Connell, Sir Charles Russell, Lord Dufferin, and lastly the brightest star amongst them all, Charles Stewart Parnell; along with these are hundreds of others filling the

highest positions in the world, like Viscount Taffe in Austria, Sir Robert Hart in China, etc. Yet in spite of all these facts there are some fools who will calm y tell you that the Irish are not fit to govern themselves. If Ireland has produced such men as those above mentioned, she can and will produce others to take their place in future years.

At the present time when Britain needs Ireland's help such men as the one who has written the article in the Victoria Times should be placed in a straight jacket.

It has not nor will it ever come to pass that the Irish have to be permitted to wear the shamrock, and with me it is "That when the laws can stop the blades of grass From growing as they grow And when the leaves, in summer time Their colors dare not show Then I will change the color too I wear in my cauboon But please God, till that day, I'll stick to the wearing of the green."

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN J. BRADY,  
No. 11 Above, Sulphur.

### WAUCHOPE'S LAMENT.

BY INNES ADAIR.  
In the blood-stained velvet our loved are sleeping,  
In the far Transvaal;  
Laid in earth that's honored with their keeping,  
Till the last roll call,  
"Forward! Black War is," he said,  
"March! we right well,  
All through that darkness of night  
Ere Wauchope fell.

Through the rain the misty dawn came creeping,  
"O'er the kopje's crest,  
While the wind, like women's voices weeping,  
Sobbed down on his breast,  
Flashed out a falling star—  
"All was well,  
Signal of doom afar,  
There Wauchope fell.

We'd no thought we were so close on battle,  
When the ambush closed  
Belched forth fire in furious, hellish rattle,  
Straight into our hand,  
"Halt! Charge!" We charged them then,  
Hailed shot and shell,  
Fought we like fiends, not men,  
Where Wauchope fell.

With his killed heroes all around him,  
He has gone to God;  
Ah! we cursed the bullets when we found him  
On the blood-stained sod,  
Honor him lying there,  
Valiant and free,  
Death, it is passing fair  
In such as he.

Hush! they sent the tidings swiftly speeding  
Far across the sea;  
But they heard of glory all unheeding,  
Sobbing bitterly,  
Comrades, in war's red tide,  
Should we too fall;  
May we hear by his side  
The last roll call.

With regard to the suggestion that the remains of General Wauchope should be conveyed from South Africa to his home in Scotland for burial, Mrs. Wauchope has decided that they shall rest in the country where he fell, and Lord Wolseley has at her request arranged accordingly. Mrs. Wauchope has adopted this course as being in harmony with the feeling entertained by the late general himself in regard to similar cases.

### The Woman of Today.

One of the most remarkable social developments of these latter days is the evolution of the mature heroine of romance. Formerly this post was allotted to the young girl or the young married woman. In those times, however, the adjective of youth would not have been applied to the maiden who had passed her twenty-fifth year and only in the spirit of the grossest flattery to the matron who had seen her three decades. It is typical of the age that this explanatory note should be necessary. Now the expression "young" is purely relative. The period of middle age has been entirely abolished. Where almost everybody is younger than somebody else it is only the few who are proud of their extreme antiquity who can be regarded with any degree of certainty as old.

At 30 the girl of today no longer retires on the shelf as a failure, to pass the rest of her life in the humiliating position of the maiden aunt who devotes herself to the children or revenges herself on the poor. She is merely preparing to start on a new phase of life with a more definite plan and a clearer vision. Very often she marries and begins afresh at 40. Sometimes she has been known to be so greatly daring as to enter on matrimony for the first time when she has passed her 50th year.

For the matron the range is even more extended. At 30 she is quite a young thing—gay, frivolous, skittish, to whom society and flirtation are the chief objects in life. Ten years more bring her to her prime. It is the period of fascination, of adventure, of impulse. The woman of 40 is capable of any thing. She is the object of the wildest plans, the center of the most daring romance. At 50 she is probably marrying for the second time. Three score will find her approaching the altar for her third wedding; and, if she lives long enough, she may even reappear at a later date to bring her record up to four.—London World.

### A Busy Morning.

The water front presented a lively scene this morning as many owners of small craft, such as scows and open boats, were busy making it fast from any onslaughts that might be made upon it by the floating ice. Here and there both above and below the city was a disabled scow that was allowed to go its way with no effort to save it. Thus far no damage has been sustained by anything of value along the edge of the river.

### PERSONALITIES.

Grant in a note once regretted his inability to be "paulbearer."  
Thomas Darragh, of Granite Mountain, Tex., claims to be the oldest Republican voter living. He is 98 years of age.

Walter Rotschild is one of the few members of parliament courageous enough to disdain the unwritten laws of the house of commons in matter of dress.

President Loubet of France says that when his term of office ends he will not seek re-election, but will retire to his old home farm, and there end his days in peaceful retirement.

Capt. Gordon Chesney Wilson, who was wounded in South Africa, had the pelouse of Leing reported by the British war office on the wounded list as "Lady Wilson's husband."

Congressman J. C. Needham, of California, began to collect postage stamps when he was a small boy and has never given up his collection, which is now one of the best in the United States.

After two terms in congress Charles Franklin Sprague, of Massachusetts proposes to retire from public life. He is satisfied with his experience. His wealth is estimated as high as \$20,000,000.

Russell Sage has two pet kittens of which he is very fond. They are brought in to see him every morning after breakfast and every evening after dinner and are most attached to him.

Gen. Methuen, the British commander, and Mrs. Joubert, wife of the late Boer leader, are said to be natives of the same English town, Corsham, from which Mrs. Joubert emigrated to South Africa early in life.

Representative Klutz is a lawyer by profession, but is actively identified with many large business projects in his district in North Carolina. Among other projects Mr. Klutz is interested in the cotton industry and manufacture.

Senator Tillman made his reputation in the senate as an extempore speaker, and he was considered to be one of the best in congress. Lately, however, he has become more careful, and whenever he wishes to speak on a set subject he always carefully prepares his speech beforehand and commits it to memory.

### He Attended the Meeting.

Editor Daily Nugget:

As a Canadian citizen of Dawson I had great interest in the mass meeting of last Saturday night; that is, I had great interest in the anticipation of the meeting. But I am forced to confess that my interest sustained a most severe shock before any effort to begin the transaction of the business for which the meeting had been called was made. As I sat there and listened to the vapors of the individual members of the committee as they each in turn made, in a most feeble and asinine manner which made my mind revert to a rural country school in Ontario, efforts to square themselves and bore other people, I felt that our hopes for aid and succor from the source to which for four long months we had looked were all dissipated; and as the meeting progressed I actually bled at heart for my fellow countrymen.

I have never attended a meeting other than on the soil of Canada, therefore I do not know if meetings conducted elsewhere are ever similar to this one or not; but Saturday night I felt that there would have been no mistake made in falling down and worshipping that particular meeting for the reason that the like of it was never known in heaven above, the earth beneath nor in the waters under the earth. Although I did not open my mouth at the meeting I was ashamed to look a man in the face all the following day.

But this is not to the point.—The quest on now confronting us, my fellow Canadians, is what will we do next? We have never been known as "quitters" and we must not quit now. The one thing to do is to begin all over again, and begin right. What is needed is a Moses to guide us from the wilderness. It is said that a leader equal to the occasion arises at all times, and if this be true, now is the time for him to step out from the ranks and assume that leadership.

Experience is a dear teacher, but we have paid for it and at Klondike prices. But Saturday we realized that we had been following a will o' the wisp, and having too plainly seen our mistake, we must now proceed in a separate channel.

We are cast down, but not crushed; trampled, but not obliterated. The man of the hour is certainly here—a modern Cincinnatus to guide a suffering people from the wilderness of despair to the broad plain of prosperity on which, even though we are in the far north, we may bask in the halo of bliss which the true Briton feels is his God-given birthright so long as he remains on the soil of his country. ONTARIOITE.

### Territorial Court.

In the territorial court today the case of the Queen vs. Mrs. Showers charged with arson, was continued, owing to the absence of witnesses.

The case of the Queen vs. Stepovich, charged with stealing hay, is being tried before a jury this afternoon. No cases were heard this forenoon.

### The Klondike Nugget

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### TIME IS RIPE.

In an interview accorded to a representative of this paper yesterday, Commissioner Ogilvie stated that it is his belief that the public should know the exact nature of the position occupied by each member of the Yukon council with reference to all questions of a public nature which come before that body.

This opinion, which the commissioner now holds, is identical with the stand taken upon numerous occasions by the Nugget. We have all along held to the belief that the meetings of the council should be open to the public and to the press, to the end that each member of the council should be placed on record before the public for exactly what he says and what he does while acting in the capacity of a legislator of this territory.

If any member of the Council has been placed in a false light before the public as regards his official acts, the responsibility therefor lies with the council, and with no one else.

If any members of the council have posed before the public as holding to one opinion, while their actions in the council chamber have been directly to the contrary, who is to blame but those of the council who have insisted that its legislative sessions should be held behind closed doors?

The public, in passing judgment upon the actions of men in public life, does not, and cannot be expected to, draw fine distinctions.

A minority of the council, for some time past, has been on record in the press, and otherwise before the public, as favoring open sessions of the council. Naturally and logically, the people conclude that those members who have opposed the open session have done so from ulterior motives, and consequently they have ascribed a proper degree of credit to the members who have placed themselves on record as being in favor of throwing open the council doors.

The outcome of the present situation must be that the council will depart from its past star chamber methods, and allow the light of publicity to be turned upon its legislative sessions.

By such action, every member will stand before the public upon his own merits. There will be no opportunity to misjudge his stand upon questions of public concern, and when he speaks he will do so with the knowledge that what he says is not for the ears of his fellow councilmen alone, but for the ears of the community at large.

The time is ripe right now for compliance on the part of the council with the wishes of the people, long ago expressed.

Until the doors of the council chamber are thrown open during the consideration of matters of a legislative nature, its members cannot expect to hold the confidence of the people.

### A DISAPPOINTMENT.

The mass meeting on Saturday night was, in many respects, a disappointment. The vast audience which assembled to listen to the proceedings had been brought there under the impression that clear and definite policies would be outlined, which, if followed out, would result in relieving the unsatisfactory condition of affairs which prevail in this territory. The audience was in sympathy with the objects for which the meeting had been

called, and was ready to lend hearty support to any intelligent plans for securing redress which might be brought forward. The people had come to the meeting to be enlightened as to the best methods of procedure, and were willing to render substantial aid in furthering the cause of reform.

Instead of their expectations being met, however, many features of the meeting may be said to have been little less than farcical. The time of the audience was taken up with trivial discussion and uninteresting personal explanations, in no wise germane to the questions at issue, and extremely wearisome and trying to the patience of the listeners.

The desultory proceedings dragged on for several hours, at the end of which it is impossible to say that much of importance had been accomplished.

It is to be regretted that greater concert of action was not manifested and more attention given to the really important questions which came before the meeting.

A splendid opportunity was before those who had the affair in charge, which, apparently, was not realized, and of which no advantage was taken.

### A NEW JUDGE.

The news, as published exclusively in last night's issue of the Nugget, that a new judge is coming in to assist Justice Dugas in the performance of his duties, will be gladly received by every man who is now, or anticipates becoming a litigant before the local courts.

The court calendar has been so swelled beyond the physical ability of one judge to care for it that many men prefer making inequitable compromises, in order to get their business settled, rather than wait the interminable, though unavoidable, delays of the law.

The docket is crowded with civil cases, many of them involving thousands of dollars, which cannot be settled before the beginning of the long vacation, owing to the press of criminal business, which is entitled to precedence.

The new judge is needed, and needed badly. In fact, the condition of affairs is such that two additional jurists would be none too many. However, the arrival of one will serve to relieve the situation in a measure, and the time when Hon. Justice Craig will be established on the bench in Dawson will be gladly heralded by attorneys and litigants alike.

There is scarcely a man to be found in Dawson, today, who did not know for an absolute certainty at least a week ago that the ice would break some time during last night.

### The Speed of Cable Messages.

In operating long cables very delicate instruments are required, and the currents arriving at the receiving end are very feeble in comparison with those employed in land line signaling. The longer the cable naturally the feebler the impulses arriving at the receiving end. A short cable, a cable of under 1000 miles being generally considered a short cable, gives a speed of signaling amply sufficient for all purposes with a conductor weighing about 100 pounds to the mile, surrounded by an insulating envelope of gutta percha weighing about an equal amount. When we come to a cable of about twice this length, it is found necessary, in order to get a practically unlimited speed—that is, a speed as high as the most expert operator can read it—to employ a core of 150 pounds of copper to the mile, insulated with 400 pounds of gutta percha to the mile. These are the proportions of copper and gutta percha in the 1894 Anglo American Atlantic cable, which is considered the record Atlantic cable, for speed of working and has been worked by automatic transmission at the rate of some 40 words a minute.—Scribner's.

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# YUKON JUDGE

James Craig Renfrew, of Ottawa, Appointed, and Is Now En Route.

## RELIEF OF MAFEKING IS DESIRED

Roberts' Plans Are Uncertain—London Papers Guessing.

## KRUGER AGAIN TALKS PEACE

Begbie Arrested for Blowing Up His Own Factory—Seventeen Men Are Still Missing.

[From Monday's Daily.]  
Ottawa, May 8, via Skagway, May 7.—James Craig Renfrew, newly appointed judge for the Yukon district, started today for Dawson.

## London Papers Guessing.

London, May 8, via Skagway, May 7.—The London newspapers are now guessing as to Roberts' plans and preparations, and as to whether he will continue the advance to Kimberly. Much greater interest is now centered in the relief of Mafeking than in the taking of Pretoria. A part of the Boer forces is said to have withdrawn from the vicinity of Mafeking. According to telegrams, Kruger is again asking for terms of peace.

The burghers insist that all British, except those obtaining special permits to remain, must leave Pretoria and Wilwaterwand gold fields within 36 hours, and the government will see that the desire of the burghers is granted.

Advices of yesterday show heavy fighting at Israelport, seven miles west of Thaba, where the Boers stopped the British forces for three days and then evacuated for a stronger position. Here the British advance which resulted in victory was led by Canadians.

The Boers have deserted Thaba which the British took possession of, taking all the stores, horses and cattle.

The Boers still show great force around Bloemfontein; also between Fourteen streams and Kimberley, and are still holding the hills near Thaba.

Roberts' censure of Buller over the latter's actions at Spion Kop caused Buller to tender his resignation, but his far Roberts has refused to accept it.

Doctor Jameson who is now almost wholly recovered from a severe attack of fever is prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Cape parliament from Kimberley.

General Botha has returned to Pretoria and assumed supreme command of the Boer army.

## Begbie Arrested.

Johannesburg, May 2, via Skagway, May 7.—Seventeen workmen employed in Begbie's works at the time of the explosion are still unaccounted for. Begbie has been arrested on the charge of murder, as it is claimed he blew up the works himself out of revenge for being forced to manufacture munitions of war for the enemy.

## Accident in Paris.

Paris, May 1, via Skagway, May 7.—A temporary bridge broke here, killing six and wounding nearly 200 people, many of them seriously.

## Our Internal Machinery

Dr. Carl Schlatter of Vienna, who not long ago showed that the stomach was a superfluous organ by removing that of a woman, who lived and got along perfectly well without one, has cast further doubts on the use of our internal

machinery. He recently removed six feet of the small intestines from an Italian who had been stabbed in a brawl. That intestine is believed to play an important part in absorbing food into the system. The Italian, however, gained in weight after the operation and eight months after leaving the hospital reported that he had lost a few pounds, could not digest the solid food he had been accustomed to and didn't feel like working, though he was in pretty good health. The Lancet admits that Dr. Schlatter's operation show that a third of the intestines may be dispensed with, but is astonished at the wonderful powers of adaptation of the human body.

## Territorial Court.

Today Justice Dugas is engaged in hearing the arguments of counsel on application and motions.

In Erickson vs. Brusette, the motion in the cause was continued.

Judgment was entered by consent in the case of Patterson vs. Tagill.

In McCausless vs. The Parsons Produce Company, the plaintiff submitted a motion for judgment.

A motion for possession of a cabin situated on No. 34 below upper discovery, Dominion creek, was made in the case of Andrew Nelson vs. Fannie Ardad.

Judgment was entered in Donnell vs. Faulkner.

In Worden vs. Bates the motion was continued to Friday, and in the meantime the receiver who has been appointed will continue in charge.

A receiver has been appointed in the case of McKenzie and Miles vs. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson. The sheriff of the territory will assume control of the property in litigation.

In the matter of injunction in the case of Cashman vs. the gold commissioner and assistant gold commissioner, the writ has been continued till Friday, at which time the matter will be given final consideration.

In Schade vs. French, a motion was made to continue the injunction issued in the cause.

The plaintiff in Courtney vs. Davis submitted a motion for judgment.

The motions in Dawkins vs. Erickson, Henderson vs. Burns, McDonald vs. Rice and Peterson vs. Sutton, were postponed till Friday.

## She Scared Them.

When she entered the restaurant and passed down the aisle, every head turned to watch her. It was after 1 o'clock, but the tables were well filled yet, and, ignoring the seat to which the head waiter directed her, she deliberately chose an isolated one at the far end of the room.

It was not the swell, tailor-made suit she wore nor the striking style about her whole appearance—that attracted attention; but the anxious, worn look on her face and her evident desire to be far from the maddening crowd.

She gave her order listlessly—a sardine sandwich and a dish of ice-cream—then sat with one cheek leaning on her hand and gazing fixedly at the glass of water beside her.

The young man at the nearest table was interested, and his Boston fry grew cold as he watched the changing expressions on her face. Once or twice she moved restlessly, as if half inclined to leave the place, then relapsed into abstraction again, her face white and drawn.

Suddenly she raised her head and cast a furtive glance about as if to assure herself that she was unobserved. The Boston fry received attention at once, but before a single oyster had found a resting place a movement on the part of the tailor-made girl startled every one.

She had drawn a small vial from an inner pocket and with hands that trembled poured half its contents into the glass of water. The waiter was fast approaching, and the sardines and ice cream fell with a crash to the floor as he made a dash forward. But with a hunted, desperate look in her eyes she hastily swallowed the contents of the glass before he could reach her.

The young man gasped and rose, with visions of green blue faces and convulsive struggles in his mind's eye. A benevolent old man near the door started for the nearest policeman, and the waiter snatched the emptied glass from her with a horrified cry and raised it to his nostrils.

"Carbolic acid?" exclaimed the young man. But the waiter smiled a sickly, ghastly smile as he bent over the debris of mingled ice cream and sardines. "Nope," he whispered sadly; "peppermint."—Chicago Tribune.

## Queen's Birthday.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the Queen's birthday celebration has called a meeting tonight in the Criterion. Everyone who is interested in making the occasion a success is requested to be present.

# SCREAM OF THE EAGLES.

They Packed the Palace Grand Last Night.

A Social Session of Four Hours—Clever People Entertain the Big Gathering.

Last night the Eagle screamed for the first time in Dawson with the full strength of the bird, and the reverberations are still echoing in the minds of all who witnessed the event. The Palace Grand was decorated most attractively and in all probabilities more appropriate to the occasion than similar social events which has occurred in this part of the country. The "piece de resistance" was an outstretched eagle which swung from the ceiling and to the cries of "Yea, yea, yea," soared in majestic splendor from one end of the theater to the other. This was used to emphasize any particularly good thing done by any one present in their efforts to amuse or instruct the audience.

The Grand was packed with well dressed and well-behaved people who enjoyed immensely the many witty and humorous stories told by brother Eagles.

The social was presided over by president Leroy Tozier, whose ready wit and happy smiles was a source of unending entertainment. During the evening the chairman called upon whoever it was thought had the necessary ability to amuse the audience, and to his judgment was due in a large measure the success of the event. Refreshments were served while songs were being sung or stories told and all present seemed glad they were alive and happy in being present.

Among those who helped entertain the audience were Bob Lawrence, Miss Conchita, Clark, Annie O'Brien, Ben Ferguson, Capt. Crawford, Dolan, Breen, Eddie O'Brien, Mulligan, Miss Tracie, William Karkee, Carr Keith, Howard, Mrs. Leroy Tozier, Ben Davis and Lew Craden. Space does not allow for a description of the night's entertainment commensurate with its success, but in every feature it was a social triumph for the Eagles of which they may justly be proud.

## A Grand Success.

Through the enterprise of a number of business men on First avenue, between Second and Third, Prof. Leonard was enabled to make a most successful balloon ascension and parachute drop Saturday evening. It was Prof. Leonard's intention to give the daring exhibition at 5 o'clock; but at that hour a strong wind was blowing from the northwest and it was feared that the date would necessarily have to be postponed. Between 6 and 7 o'clock, however, the velocity of the wind decreased very materially and the work of inflating the big air ship began. At 8:30 everything was in readiness and in the presence of nearly the entire population of Dawson the bold aeronaut started on his flight toward the celestial region. For a height of about 100 feet the balloon shot nearly straight up and then veered over to the southeast, but rising rapidly all the time. While on the upward journey Prof. Leonard did some very clever work on the trapeze rigged bar, and when he had reached a height of probably 2500 feet he slipped the loop that turned the parachute loose and started back for terra firma. The parachute filled more rapidly than is generally the case and before the aeronaut had descended over 150 feet, the "brake" was on, the danger was over, and a few moments later the professor landed unharmed near the top of the hill and beside the road which leads from the head of Third street southeastward to the top of the hill.

From First avenue hundreds of people had run around to Second avenue, and when the man was seen to strike the ground and at once jump up, gather up his parachute and start down the hill, a mighty shout went up in congratulation on the highly successful entertainment provided and its harmless termination.

When freed from its burden the balloon soon became inverted and it was but a short time until the smoke had poured through the big tunnel and in less than three minutes after the professor landed the limp mass of silk also fell a hundred yards further on in the course which it had traveled. As a whole, it was as pretty a sample of work in the air as is ever seen, and Prof. Leonard and the business men who employed him are to be complimented and thanked for the entertainment afforded.

When seen after the accomplishment of his daring feat Prof. Leonard in-

formed a Nugget representative that when at the greatest height attained by him he glanced up and down the Yukon and that, at that time, the river was only open in small spots, and from his point of view the long line of ice was almost continuous.

## Klondike Ice Goes Out.

Late Saturday afternoon the ice jam at the mouth of the Klondike broke and the massive blocks that had been collecting there for several days moved into the Yukon and started under the ice on the journey to the sea. Except for large pieces on occasional bars, the Klondike is now free from ice several miles up and as far as reports have been obtained.

If past precedents are to be relied upon, the Yukon will follow the example of the Klondike very soon; but it is very hard to ascertain just what past precedents have been established. Some people who have been here several years say that the Yukon invariably follows the Klondike within three days while the others who have been here equally long, say that five or six days elapse between the clearing of the two rivers. Those who were here last year and witnessed the starting of the ice on May 17th say a large mass came sweeping down from up the river; that for some distance above the mouth of the Klondike the Yukon was open; that the heavy mass struck the solid mass in front of the city as it now is; that for a few moments it was a test of weight and strength as to whether the moving mass would stop or the stationary body move. It took but a short time to decide the matter when in a solid mass and apparently without a break or crack except along the shores the surface of the entire river began to slowly move along. The big mass remained intact, the various trails leading across it moving along without a break until the point was reached where the current crosses to the bank in the neighborhood of St. Mary's hospital where the bow of the big floating area struck the bank, when there was a general quiver and the entire body went to pieces in a moment. That evening a big jam blocked the river in front of the city for several hours, but during the night it broke; for two days there was considerable floating ice passing down, after which navigation for the season and the river were declared by several dozen self-constituted harbor master to be duly open.

## POLICE COURT NEWS.

Of Dawson's entire population only one man, according to information laid in Capt. Starnes' court this morning, celebrated the occasion of the balloon ascension and citizens' meeting by getting uproariously drunk and while in that condition, of being apprehended by a policeman. Others may have poured deeply of the national beverage, hooch; in fact, there was evidence at the citizens' meeting that this had actually been done, but it was for Tom Sullivan to stand alone this morning and receive treatment for the dark brown taste that is apt to succeed mass meetings. The remedy prescribed was a fine of \$10 and costs of five days at hard labor, probably with the shovel brigade.

John McDougall sued Myers and Miracle, Hunker mine operators, for \$195 for labor. Myers, who has purchased his partner's interest, admitted the amount and was instructed to liquidate within three days. As McDougall had been premature in entering suit, the costs were taxed to him.

Chas. Schale, a billious looking man who arrived in Dawson two years ago from Pretoria, South Africa, was up on the charge of insanity. From the evidence of two of his neighbors, Schale's residence being on the classic flats of the Klondike, it was learned that on last Friday he had acted very queerly; that he had run around the neighborhood yelling and in other ways caused a doubt to arise as to his sanity. Dr. Thompson, of the N. W. M. P., testified to having looked into Schale's condition during his three days' confinement at the guard house, and gave it as his professional opinion that there is nothing the matter with the man further than that his system is somewhat run down. Schale himself said he could not account for his strange actions on Friday. He appears intelligent and talks like a sensible man. He was allowed to return to his cabin.

## Will Branch Out.

F. H. Vining & Co., who for the past year have conducted a small hardware store and general repair store in the upper portion of the city are preparing to move down town and continue on a greatly enlarged scale. Mr. Vining, who lately arrived over the ice, will leave for the outside on the first steamer and will bring in a large stock of general hardware, stoves and mining machinery. The firm has secured the agency for three of the largest mining machinery manufacturers on the coast.

## New Club Room.

Sam Bonnifield has purchased Juneau Joe's building on First avenue and will take possession of the same tomorrow. He will at once begin the work of overhauling it and in a few days it will be open to the public as a first-class saloon and club house. The fact that Sam Bonnifield is at the wheel makes the popularity of the new house a foregone conclusion; Juneau Joe is looking around today for a new restaurant site.

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# DEATH IN UTAH

Three Hundred Miners Killed By Explosion in Coal Mine at Schofield.

## OUTSIDE WORKERS KILLED OR INJURED

Bodies to the Number of 178 Have Been Recovered.

## COFFIN SUPPLY EXHAUSTED.

Young Girl Drops Dead at News of Brother's Death—Aid Pouring In—English Sympathy.

Skagway, May 7.—A terrible explosion occurred in a coal mine at Schofield, Utah, on the first of May, but as only papers of the 3d have reached here, the full details of the disaster have not yet been learned.

Schofield is a small town in the southern part of Utah, and is populated principally with coal miners and their families. Of the 300 men working in the mine at the time of the explosion, 250 are known to have been killed, and 178 bodies have been recovered.

Five men who were working outside at the time of the explosion were severely injured. John Wilson, who was passing the mine on horseback at the time was blown 200 yards across the canyon, being instantly killed. Besides his skull being crushed, he was dismembered.

Thomas Sellers, Harry Taylor and John Beddoes who were working 50 yards away were severely injured, Taylor's jaw being broken.

The names of the 178 victims recorded are all known, and it is believed the death toll will reach fully 300. Nine-tenths of the victims are Americans and Welch.

Seventy-five bodies have been prepared for burial, and the supply of coffins at Salt Lake City is exhausted.

Lizzie Clark, aged 16, dropped dead at her mother's feet on hearing of the death of her brother Walter, who was overcome by fire damp. David Redfield and Will Jones, chums, were found dead in each other's arms.

Subscriptions to the afflicted families are pouring in from all over the United States in liberal amounts.

A London telegram says there is more sympathy expressed toward America on account of this awful catastrophe than has been evoked by any event since the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor.

## Hard at Work.

The various committees which have in charge the work of raising funds for the relief of sufferers in the Ottawa are hard at work perfecting plans. The public entertainment committee has its plans almost perfect for a grand show at the Palace Grand theater to be given on Friday night. The best professional talent in the city has volunteered for the occasion and a splendid entertainment is furnished.

The subscription committee is preparing for work and will begin receiving subscriptions tomorrow. Mrs. Cap. Wood is meeting great success in selling chances on the steamboat tickets which she will raffle. The following companies have contributed tickets: The C. D. Co., Steamer Yukon, A. E. Co., A. C. Co., and the N. A. T. & Co.

The first two named have given tickets to Whitehorse and the others to Michael and Nome. A big sum will certainly be realized. Chances on the tickets can be secured at a number of local stores. The tickets will be given during the entire season.

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# A BIG MEETING

### Consumes a Great Deal of Time, But Accomplishes Little.

## PERSONAL MATTERS LARGELY HIRED

### A Resolution Passed Demanding Ogilvie's Recall.

## TO BE WIRED TO OTTAWA.

### Taxation Without Representation Discussed and the Royalty Tax Condemned.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The mass meeting of British subjects which had been anticipated for a period of six weeks, occurred at the Palace Grand theater last Saturday evening. The large building was taxed to its utmost capacity; on the floor of the house all the seats and every available inch of standing room were occupied by representative citizens; the balcony and private boxes in the second and third galleries accommodated a number of ladies and gentlemen, who had come as interested spectators.

The audience expected that deliberate consideration would be given to the status of affairs in this territory, and that efficacious remedies for existing evils would be proposed; but the people were disappointed. No business of importance was transacted. Two new resolutions were introduced, one condemning the royalty regulations, and the other requesting the removal of Gov. Ogilvie; but entirely too much time was consumed in the recriminations and recriminations of the individual members of the citizens' committee and the editor of a weekly contemporary. These references to personalities frequently recurred during the night, and the auditors became wearied of such irrelevant matters. Gradually, the men who had been prominent in the movement for reform withdrew from the building; the boxes and balcony seats were vacated by their occupants, and long before the meeting adjourned the majority of the representative citizens who were present early in the evening had left the hall.

No interesting incidents occurred; nobody delivered an able or convincing address; but occasionally a diverting circumstance amused the audience. While attempting to interrupt a speaker, Dr. Cato was forcibly ejected from the stage by Joseph Clark, but no serious consequences ensued. At another time, when nominations were in order to fill a vacancy which had been occasioned in the committee, the names of Mulligan and Nigger Jim were suggested to the evident amusement of the people.

The assembly convened at 9 o'clock. All the members of the citizens' committee, excepting Messrs. McMullen and Sturgeon, retained seats upon the stage. The absence of Mr. McMullen was unavoidable; he is quite ill in the Good Samaritan hospital. Mr. Sturgeon was engaged in work on one of the creeks and he tendered his resignation as a committee man. Mr. Alexander Gillis was selected to fill the vacancy. Col. MacGregor called the meeting to order, and immediately afterwards he was chosen permanent chairman. Joseph A. Clarke was elected as secretary.

Following the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the citizens' committee was submitted. This document consists of eight pages of typewritten matter, and it is a detailed review of the official actions of the committee from the time of its appointment. The following statements are some of the most important:

"Recent events prove that the council's forecasts were almost entirely wrong, while the forecasts of the committee were most surprisingly accurate. The committee in its conference with the council at an early date expressed the idea that the number of British subjects in the Yukon territory numbered about 5000 and at a later date they resolved to assure the powers that be from all information within their command the number of British subjects in the territory exceeded 3000.

By the late census there have been enumerated 4555 British subjects, 3584 voters, and a population of over 16,000. The estimate of those engaged in taking the census places the population at over 20,000 and the number of British subjects at about 6000 or considerably over 5000 at least. The expressions of the different members of the council were that if so many as 500 British subjects were found to be in the Yukon territory they would endorse the request of the committee; some of the members have since qualified their expressions by saying they meant 500 British voters. In any event from seven to ten times the number required by them have already been enumerated, and the census has shown that condition to exist which everyone except the Yukon council knew before. The steps taken by the government of the Yukon territory have resulted solely in delay and the acts of the Yukon council have unnecessarily delayed the answer to the citizens' petitions already three months.

"Reports from the house of parliament at Ottawa have shown that the government were unaware of many of the practices in vogue in the Yukon territory, as for instance that the council sat with closed doors, or that it was their intention to tax the citizens of the Yukon territory without representation, or that the measure of local self-government was so small.

"The fact that the council sat with closed doors was strongly condemned at our last meeting and from the utterances of cabinet ministers, has been entirely without the knowledge of the government at Ottawa, as well as against the regular constitutional precedents. Notwithstanding this the Yukon council have again voted down a resolution to make their meetings public, and the secrecy of government proceedings in the Yukon territory is being maintained.

"Your committee regret that the Yukon council have paid no attention to the protest of the last public meeting regarding taxation of the Yukon without representation on the council, and have thus shown their defiance of public opinion. Your committee are informed that valid legal objections can be taken and sustained as to the power of the Yukon council to assess and tax the town of Dawson at least until the citizens have representation upon that council.

"The question of representation on the Yukon council seems to lay with the local authorities as members of the cabinet have stated in parliament that this subject had been referred to the local authorities as early as last November and the commissioner of the Yukon territory admitted this fact to a subcommittee. This communication, apparently was never submitted to the council. Why not, and under what instructions if any, are problems which we leave to this meeting. In view of the approaching general elections in Canada, and the systematic delay that seems to have been successful up to the present time it may be a question whether the elections to the Yukon council will now precede the general elections for the Dominion parliament and your committee are of the opinion that it is of the utmost importance that every effort should be made to secure representation in the Dominion house of commons before the next general election and that it should not be delayed until the redistribution of 1902, as this territory will never be properly represented in the Dominion parliament except by members elected by the voters of the Yukon territory, and the conditions and positions of the territory are very little understood throughout the other parts of Canada.

"In conclusion your committee beg to say that all they claim is that they have made themselves heard in both the local and Dominion legislative bodies, and that by the pressure exerted by this committee the facts relative to what representation this territory should have been made more indisputably plain than ever before. On the 26th day of April, according to the telegrams now received the petitions of this committee on behalf of the citizens of the Yukon territory, for representation both on the Yukon council and in the house of commons at Ottawa, were laid on the table of the house of commons. This was about seven weeks after the petitions had been dispatched from Dawson, but we are led to believe that the question will be thoroughly debated.

"Your committee have had to contend with bad opinions expressed by merchants and residents of the Yukon territory now in other parts of Canada. These opinions have been somewhat contradictory to the resolutions and opinions of this committee, and are equally at variance with public opinion in the Yukon territory and harmful to the best interests of the territory. We are sure that a more independent and dignified expression of opinion of the residents out of the territory would be

more helpful and more beneficial to the true interests of this territory."

Upon motion of Mr. H. Douglas, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

Col. MacGregor submitted a resolution expressive of the sentiment which is entertained here in regard to the conflict in South Africa. The gentleman took occasion to deliver a lengthy speech relating to certain newspaper publications, which had been made respecting him and other members of the committee. The text of the resolution is as follows:

"That we, the residents of the Yukon territory, in meeting assembled, desire hereby again to express our unswerving loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Further, that whilst we deplore the removal by death of many from the rank and file of her majesty's troops now fighting for our empire in South Africa and sympathize with the sick and wounded on the battlefields, we desire to express our admiration for the gallant and heroic conduct of the troops in the present most trying campaign.

"We note with admiration and pride the illustrious record made by the Canadian contingent, and we extend congratulations to Lieut.-Col. S. B. Steele, our late fellow-citizen and commander of the N. W. M. P., and member of the Yukon council, on his promotion to the command of the Strathcona horse, with rank of lieutenant colonel in the Imperial army.

"We hope and pray for an early termination of the war in a manner sustaining the honor and prestige of the British army.

"The patriotic resolution was adopted in a most appropriate manner; the large audience arose and sang "God Save the Queen."

Then, Mr. Barney Sugrue obtained recognition. He is the young man who, at the last meeting, moved a resolution which referred to Joseph Chamberlain a statement of facts respecting conditions here. The citizens had postponed consideration of this matter until last Saturday evening, and the original question would have been called in the regular order of business, if Mr. Sugrue had not withdrawn his motion of reference to Chamberlain and substituted in lieu thereof a request to the governor general of Canada for the removal of Commissioner Ogilvie. The action of Mr. Sugrue was seconded by Mr. A. J. Proudhomme. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, The present commissioner of the Yukon territory is not only the personal representative of the Ottawa government, but the departmental and executive representative of the minister and department of the interior, and whereas, The administration of the department of the interior in connection with the Yukon territory affairs has been such as to give almost universal dissatisfaction throughout the Yukon territory, and

"Whereas, The Hon. William Ogilvie has by his official actions increased rather than mitigated the dissatisfaction of the citizens of this territory, and whereas, In our opinion a gross injustice has been done and an unwarranted interference with public rights was committed by the Hon. William Ogilvie when he neglected and failed to submit a communication from the government, or from some official thereof, to the Yukon council, and to the people of the Yukon territory and did not even answer the same in November last, which culminating act of official incapacity or gross breach of public duty has resulted in delaying the granting of representation to the people of the Yukon territory for a considerable time, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this public mass meeting hereby express our opinion that the Hon. William Ogilvie is not a fit and proper person to remain commissioner of the Yukon territory, and we hereby demand that the government forthwith recall him and hereby request that his excellency the governor general appoint a more fit and proper person at once, to the high office of commissioner of the Yukon territory, as the first step necessary towards giving any degree of satisfaction to the people of this territory, as it is impossible for the people of this territory to look with any degree of confidence upon a government which has for its chief official such a representative as the Hon. William Ogilvie, who, in addition to being unfit for his present position, was principally responsible for the reports of this country which resulted in the collection of the present burdensome and excessive royalty, and

Further, that the citizens' committee be instructed to telegraph this resolution to the speaker of the house of commons for presentation to the proper authorities, and ask for immediate action thereon.

Doctor Cato introduced the following amendment, which requests the governor general to advise the retirement of Mr. Sifton, the minister of the interior:

"Whereas, The Hon. William Ogilvie is a salaried nominee of the minister of the interior, and

"Whereas, The minister of the interior is responsible for the constitution of the Yukon council, and for the laws that govern the Yukon territory; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this mass meeting of British subjects request the premier to advise the minister of the interior to retire from the cabinet and that this amendment be wired to the premier by the committee.

The amendment was seconded by Mr. A. D. Williams.

Considerable discussion ensued respecting the original motion and subsequent amendment. Among the speakers

were Messrs. Sugrue, Proudhomme and Woodworth, who favored the motion and Dr. Cato and Mr. Williams who supported the amendment. Finally the chair sustained a point of order which had been raised by Mr. MacFarlane against the amendment; and the question reverted to the Sugrue motion which was then carried, though a considerable number of persons voted in the negative.

After the disposition of the Ogilvie affair, Mr. Noel submitted the following resolution regarding representation in the Dominion house of parliament:

"Whereas, By petition dated the tenth day of March, 1900, the citizens of the Yukon territory, through their properly authorized committee duly petitioned the governor general and senate and house of commons of Canada for the right to elect two or more members to the house of commons at Ottawa, and

"Whereas, A public mass meeting of the citizens of the Yukon territory ratified and seconded the said petition and insisted upon the immediate granting to the said Yukon territory of the right to have representation in the Dominion house of commons which mass meeting was held on the 23rd day of March, 1900, and

"Whereas, No answer has yet been received from the governing bodies of Canada relating to the said petition and resolution, nor has any account reached the Yukon territory as to what action if any, is being taken by the house of commons or senate in regard to the same, and

"Whereas, We consider that immediate action on the said petition is essential to the good and satisfactory government of the Yukon territory, now,

Therefore, this mass meeting of the citizens of the Yukon territory, do most respectfully draw the attention of the government of Canada to the necessity of immediate action upon our petition, for representation in the Dominion house of commons, and beg to point out that the granting of the said petition is absolutely necessary in order that the important and pressing questions relating to the Yukon territory, may be properly brought before the house of commons by members thereof properly acquainted with the conditions of the Yukon territory, and

Further, to draw the attention of parliament to the fact that the failure to grant this petition during the present session, on account of it being of the most vital importance to the citizens of this territory who pay over one twenty-fifth of the gross federal revenue of the Dominion of Canada, cannot but have a most harmful effect upon the opinions and judgment of the citizens of this territory, with regard to the relations between the citizens of the Yukon territory and the government of Canada, and we therefore request that parliament take special and urgent cognizance of the importance of this petition, on account of the uniqueness of our conditions, and the pressing nature of the reforms which we consider necessary in the laws governing this territory, but which reforms are not properly understood or advocated by citizens or members outside of this territory, and that parliament grant the said petition during the present session and allow us to elect at least two members of parliament for the next session of parliament.

And that a copy of this resolution be telegraphed to the speaker of the house of commons, at once, and copies be mailed to the governor general, speakers of the house of commons and senate and to the premier and leader of the opposition.

Messrs. Noel, Woodworth and Proudhomme delivered speeches in support of this motion, which subsequently was carried without dissent.

Mr. Proudhomme introduced the resolution which protests against taxation without representation, which was adopted.

Mr. Woodworth introduced a lengthy resolution concerning a reduction in the present royalty law. Mr. Noel did not like Mr. Woodworth's resolution and substituted in its place another which asks that the royalty be entirely removed. The substitute resolution passed unanimously.

During the consideration of these matters, Messrs. Woodworth, Noel, Vernon, Woodside, McKinnon, Sugrue and Dr. Cato made speeches more or less irrelevant to the question. Some confusion was occasioned by the attempt of Dr. Cato to interrupt the remarks of Mr. Woodside. At this juncture, Mr. Clarke interfered by ejecting the doctor from the platform. After a most tedious discussion the vote was taken, on the substitute and a majority of those few persons who had remained in the hall supported the measure of Mr. Noel.

At 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning the national anthem was rendered, and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

## No Mail Coming.

An erroneous report was started this morning to the effect that a large consignment of mail had arrived from up the river since Saturday. There is no truth in the report, nor is any mail likely to arrive from up the river until it is brought by steamer. An inward bound consignment of mail left Selkirk last Wednesday in canoes and after a most hazardous trip reached Selkirk, where it is now held awaiting the day when it can be transferred to a steamer on which to complete the trip. If it was possible to bring it on by other means, the people may be assured it would be brought; but even the C. D. Co.'s intrepid mail carriers must abide the pleasure of the elements.

# THE GOVERNOR'S OPINION.

### Respecting the Resolution Requesting His Removal.

### Mr. McMullen, of the Citizens' Committee, Unalterably Opposed to the Measure.

A variety of opinions have been expressed regarding the resolution passed at the mass meeting on Saturday night, which requests the removal of Gov. Ogilvie from his official position.

Mr. McMullen, of the citizens' committee, had no hesitancy in speaking for himself. When questioned respecting the matter, he said:

"I am opposed, unalterably opposed, to the words and spirit of the resolution which refers to the official conduct of Gov. Ogilvie. I think that the measure was ill-advised, discourteous and extremely irrelevant. If I had been present at the meeting I would have certainly opposed the passage of this most inappropriate resolution."

Gov. Ogilvie, when requested for a statement said:

"I have heard of the resolution to which you refer, but as yet I have received no copy of it from the secretary of the meeting. At the proper time, I shall probably express myself in answer to this recent action, which has been taken in the name of the people. I do not consider the so-called citizens' committee to be representative of the British inhabitants of this city or territory. However, I wish to state that there seems to be a false impression respecting the attitude of the council on the question of local representation. Considerable credit seems to be given to two particular members of the council by the people; now, as a matter of fact no official has been more favorable to this movement than I. Indeed, I should prefer that the people be granted the right to elect the entire board instead of only two additional members who might be influenced by improper motives, and who might create friction between the local and central governments. Personally, I am an appointee of the federal authorities, and I have always endeavored to perform my respective duties in an impartial manner. Inasmuch as blame has attached to me, I am now in favor of making public the position which has been assumed by members of the council; for I consider that I have been misjudged in this matter."

## The First Photograph.

That the first man who ever set before the camera should live to see photography in color an accomplished fact shows very conclusively the rapid development of the art. Besides being the first subject of the first camera made in America, Dr. Charles E. West, a Brooklyn nonagenarian, is also the possessor of the finest collection of Japanese curios in the world. Dr. West recently said:

"It was during the winter of 1839-40, just when Daguerre's great discovery was made public by the French government, that Samuel F. B. Morse, of telegraphic fame, opened a studio (for he was an artist as well) in Washington square, New York, returning from France, brought the news with him which was destined to create as great a sensation in the new world as in the old. Morse, John W. Draper, professor of chemistry, and I became greatly interested in the subject, and George W. Prosch, an instrument maker of Nassau street, made us each a camera, the first three made in America.

"Of course the intention was simply to take inanimate objects, as it was argued that animated ones could not remain motionless long enough for the process. Finally, however, Draper tried his wife's picture, Morse's daughter, and Prosch took mine." Here the doctor showed a handsome, velvet lined wooden case containing a cracked and stained copper plate, but nothing more. The daguerreotype had vanished. Not a trace of a feature could be seen. The sunlight had stolen it away.

"You see," resumed the venerable doctor, "Daguerre, in making his pictures, used iodine, while we used iodine and bromide and vaporized them by pouring them on heated plates. The vapor lodging on the plate made it very sensitive to light. It required an exposure of 20 minutes to get any results, and I sat before the mirror, the reflected sunlight in my face, for that length of time. And naturally when the picture was finished it showed me with closed eyes. But automatic picture making, fact, and Mrs. Draper was the first woman upon whom it was demonstrated and I the first man."—New York Photo-Era.



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# HEROIC CHARGE

## Of British Forces Against an Overwhelming Body of Boers.

### WERE OUTNUMBERED SEVEN TO ONE

#### But Would Not Listen to a Demand for Surrender.

### BOERS ARE STILL STUBBORN.

#### Said to Be Preparing for Battle—Starvation Confronts the Garrison at Mafeking.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

London May 3, via Skagway, May 8.

—The correspondent of the Daily News cables that paper a story of heroic valor almost unprecedented in the present war.

In a flanking movement which occurred near Thapa on the 1st inst., Capt. Towse, in command of 50 Highlanders, found his little detachment cut off entirely from the main body and surrounded by an overwhelming force of Boers, outnumbering the small body of British troops more than seven to one.

The Boers ordered an immediate surrender. Without waiting to reply Capt. Towse ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. The little band with their leader at the head, swept through the Boers with great slaughter, and although subjected to a merciless rifle fire, succeeded in rejoining the main body. Capt. Towse was blinded in both eyes. His heroic conduct has brought him enthusiastic praise from his superior officers.

#### Boers Stubborn.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.

—Dispatches from Gen. Roberts state that his advance is stubbornly resisted by the Boer rear guard. According to a dispatch from Pretoria dated April 28 the Boers anticipate giving battle at an early date.

#### Starving at Mafeking.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.

—A dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson, dated at Mafeking, April 29, states that the garrison is now eating the ambulance oxen, reserving the mules to the last. The daily ration consists of six ounces of gruffy oat bread, one pound of bully beef and a quart of skilly. Starvation is so near to the town that the natives and whites alike are endeavoring to catch swarms of locusts for food purposes.

#### Reserves Sailed.

Ottawa, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.

—Fifty reserves of the Strathcona horse have sailed from Montreal to Liverpool.

#### American Arrested.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.

—Thos. Richards, an American, has been arrested at Johannesburg charged with complicity in the explosion of the Begbie arsenal.

#### Powder Kegs Exploded.

Salt Lake, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.

—Latest information from the scene of the explosion in the Pleasant Valley coal mine at Schofield is to the effect that the disaster is attributed to the accidental explosion of numerous kegs of blasting powder.

#### For the Benefit of Ottawa.

Preparations are well under way for realizing a handsome sum for the benefit of the sufferers from the Ottawa fire. The several committees having the matter in charge are actively at work and most flattering results are meeting their

efforts. Mrs. Wood, who has in charge a raffle of steamboat tickets was busy all day yesterday selling chances and received during the day the sum of \$275. In addition to the companies which have been previously reported as offering tickets, the steamer Merwin yesterday donated a ticket to the good cause. Last night the general committee met in the Hotel McDonald, the following gentlemen being present: Messrs. Gov. Ogilvie, Heron, Delaney, Zimmerman, Capt. Starnes, Lindsey, Mahoney, Wills, Allen, Capt. Wood, Major Hemming, Steele, Young, Wilson. Gov. Ogilvie announced that he had received a telegram from Mayor Payment, of Ottawa setting forth the extent of the fire and asking contributions for the homeless.

Manager Wills, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was selected as treasurer of the committee. He stated that the bank will transmit any funds to Ottawa without charge.

It was determined to appoint a creek committee to solicit subscriptions which resulted in selecting the following gentlemen who will be asked to act on the creeks named: Joe Barrett and Dick Butler, Dominion creek; J. A. Chute and Dr. Wills, Gold Run; G. Johannsen and Dr. Bonner, Hunker; Henry B. Rry, Eldorado; E. J. Ward, upper Bonanza; Ed. Sullivan, lower Bonanza and Förs; Matheson Bros., Sulphur. Letters will be addressed to these gentlemen asking them to act.

The entertainment committee submitted a preliminary report stating that all the talent requisite for a first-class entertainment had been secured. The committee was instructed to complete the preparations for the entertainment, which will be given at the Palace Grand theater on Sunday night next.

This afternoon a meeting of ladies and gentlemen is being held at the McDonald to consider the advisability of giving a grand ball in aid of the fund.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Gov. Ogilvie, Capt. Starnes, Major Hemming and Heron, was appointed to interview the committee having the Queen's birthday celebration in charge with a view to effect concert of action between the two committees.

After considerable informal discussion the committee adjourned until Wednesday night.

#### GRAND FORKS ITEMS.

Sergeant Marshall, the royalty collector at the Forks, has been fully occupied the past week in receiving the government's 10 per cent tax on the output. Some of the most prominent mine operators about here are outspoken and emphatic in their denunciation of this unjust tribute, and say that it practically wipes out the margin that otherwise would be profit, and reduces the properties to simply a wage earning basis.

As the rocker and sluice box run more steadily and continues the work of separating the precious metal from the innumerable dumps of auriferous gravel, so the midnight revelry become more intense, and joy goes unconfined. In consequence of too much elixir of hooch, several habitues of the dance halls and their consorts became unduly exhilarated, and started in to make Rome howl. Only a small amount of furniture had been broken and a few war whoops let go, when the triumvirate were gathered into the fold, allowed to sleep off their jags, and then assessed sums of sufficient amount to remain a gentle reminder that the way of the transgressor is hard.

A personal encounter took place last evening near the N. A. T. store between a man named Corkish and B. Cogerty. The latter who is much smaller in stature than the other combatant, received a very severe drubbing, and is now lying in bed with several ribs broken and otherwise badly disfigured. Corkish is held at the barracks and will be arraigned as soon as the extent of the injuries inflicted can be ascertained.

Pickart and his associates have sold their bench claim on Bonanza Hill opposite No. 18 above, to Charles Schoch, who, in company with John W. Frame, the owner of an adjoining bench, will work the ground to the present season with a steam thawer.

S. L. Crawford and George R. Clarke purchased from Nelson and Hubbard a bench, second tier, opposite No. 8 below discovery on Bonanza, left limit, the consideration being \$5000. Clarke, one of the purchasers, was a layman having worked the property the past season.

#### Will Divy Up.

The Sisters of St. Mary's Hospital and the ladies who are assisting in arrangements for the living whist tournament to be held on the evenings of the 22d, 23d and 24th of this month, the proceeds of which were originally intended to be devoted to the benefit of the hospital, have very kindly offered to contribute one-half the net proceeds of the tournament to the fund being raised for the fire sufferers at Ottawa.

# WILL HONOR

## The Queen's Birthday With an Appropriate Celebration.

### PREPARATIONS ARE PROGRESSING

#### A Big Committee Has Undertaken the Work.

### NUMEROUS SPORTING EVENTS

#### Have Been Arranged and Appropriate Prizes Will Be Awarded to Contestants.

A meeting of those interested in the Queen's birthday celebration on May 24, was held in the Criterion hall last evening; the attendance was large and representative. Dr. McDonald was appointed permanent chairman, Mr. Burritt acting as interim secretary, Mr. J. Merton Storry was appointed permanent secretary.

The following committees were appointed:

General—Commissioner Ogilvie, Dr. McDonald, T. G. C. Kelly, Col. MacGregor, H. G. Herbert, Montague Martin, H. C. McDearmond, Bert Ford, Dr. J. F. C. Laing, Jos. A. Clarke, R. B. Switzer, A. J. Prudhomme, P. R. Ritchie, C. M. Woodworth, J. T. Lithgow, E. H. Osborne Vanden, Dr. McEnnon, W. E. Burritt, W. H. McKay, H. Wakesfield, Jas. Westbrook, Geo. McLeod, W. C. Young, Alex. McDonald, Tom Chisholm, Louis Golden, Inspector Primrose, Major Hemming, W. H. B. Lyon, Capt. D. B. Olson, J. B. Wood, Capt. Scarth, J. P. Kennedy, J. E. Giffonard, Geo. Vernon, E. C. Senkler, Sergeant Major Tucker, Geo. Byrne, E. M. Lindsay, J. M. Wilson, A. L. Stephens, Capt. Starnes, Capt. Thacker, Jas. Binnett, A. Lepevier, John Bourke, Thos. Mahoney, Capt. J. J. Healy, C. G. K. Nourse, H. G. Wilson, W. M. Heron, Capt. Woodside, H. T. Wills, Rev. J. J. Wright, Thos. O'Brien, Ben Davis, D. Doig, E. B. Condon, Geo. Allen, H. G. Steele, Dr. Foster, D. D. Buchanan, H. P. Hansen, F. W. Clayton, J. F. McDonald, Richard Cowan, Capt. Bliss, G. R. Clazy, M. Lockwood, A. F. George, Dr. Duncan, J. L. Bell, E. C. Wade, H. Te Roller, Leroy Tozier, Geo. Brimstone, Dr. Strong, A. J. McFarlane, J. P. Slavin, Jno. Walsh.

Finance—J. Lithgow, chairman; E. Lewis, T. O'Brien, C. M. Lindsay, Tom Chisholm, Ben Davis, Geo. Vernon, H. T. Wills, D. Doig, Capt. Thacker, E. B. Condon, Alex. McDonald, Leroy Tozier, J. M. Wilson, C. M. Woodworth.

Sports—Dr. Geo. Duncan, chairman; E. B. Senkler, C. G. K. Nourse, H. C. Wilson, A. Lepevier, W. H. B. Lyon, Dr. McDonald, Capt. Scarth, P. R. Ritchie, F. G. C. Kelly, Dr. Laing, W. C. Young, W. M. McKay, Capt. O. Olson, Sergeant Major Tucker, Major Hemming, Staff Sergeant Harris, Keith, Richard Cowan, Bert Ford, J. P. Kennedy, Frank P. Slavin, Jas. McAulay, Dr. Richardson, C. S. W. Barwell, Geo. Wakesfield, J. T. Lithgow, Geo. Brimstone, Sergeant McIntosh, John Walsh.

Printing—H. P. Hansen, chairman; Col. MacGregor, W. E. Burritt, Dr. Foster, D. D. Buchanan, F. W. Clayton, Burfee, B. H. Moran.

Mr. C. G. K. Nourse was elected vice-chairman.

The executive committee were empowered to deal with any surplus arising from the subscriptions to the fund. The following gentlemen were appointed as a sub-committee of the sports to draw out a program for discussion by the full sports committee at a meeting to be held this evening: Messrs. E. C. Senkler, C. G. K. Nourse, G. P. Kennedy, H. G. Wilson, P. Ritchie, together with the chairman, Dr. Duncan, and secretary, Mr. R. Cowan.

It was decided that a number of last year's events be substituted with the following: Two hundred and twenty yards flat race, 120-yards hurdle race, half mile walking two legged race,

quarter and half mile bicycle race and quarter and half mile horse and mule races.

A full attendance is requested at the sports committee meeting at the McDonald hotel this evening at 8:30.

#### New Territorial Judge.

Hon. James Craig, of Renfrew, Renfrew county, Ontario, who has been appointed a judge for this territory and who is now on the way in, is a brother of Geo. Craig of this city, who occupies the position of court stenographer to Judge Dugas. The newly appointed judge is 48 years of age; has been practicing law for 22 years and has for several years been queen's counsel. It is expected that he will reach Dawson within a few days after the opening of navigation.

#### A Disgraceful Row.

Probably the most loathsome scene ever witnessed in Dawson was beheld on Third street opposite the brick warehouse a few minutes before 9 o'clock, when a quartette, two of the Fourth avenue French women and the male bipeds whom they support, engaged in a free-for-all blackguarding and swearing contest that would have put to blush any sailor that shipped on a slave trader. To add to the loathsomeness of the scene all the participants were drunk. The matter of having these people fenced off from the gaze of the public has been frequently agitated in this paper, but no good appears to have come of it. As the disgraceful row this morning occurred about the breakfast time, there were no policemen on the street; hence, no arrests were made. It can be said to the credit of the latter that the scene would not have been long continued had a member of the force been in sight to witness it.

#### POLICE COURT NEWS.

When the ice moved out in front of the city last night it took with it a large amount of garbage; but there is some it did not take, and according to the evidence of Constable Barrows in Capt. Starnes' court this morning the "some" which did not go out with the ice was in the yard in the rear of A. Gustavson's City Market, on Second avenue, where tin cans, rags and fifth galore were yesterday found by the officer in undisturbed repose. Gustavson pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs.

The Wade Blaker case which has been dragging along for several weeks, and which was the outgrowth of a business transaction at Fort Selkirk, was finally disposed of by dismissal this morning. Sergeant Wilson informed the court this morning that the physician in charge of Chas. Coffey, the victim of cold steel said to have been wielded by John Merchant some weeks ago, had informed him that Coffey will receive no more certificates of inability to appear in court. As the case is set for Friday morning, the court ordered the constables to have all witnesses there on that date.

The case of Eveline Richson charged with having stolen two hair combs, the property of Mrs. Luders, was on this afternoon.

#### Declines to Be Interviewed.

Regarding the statement made by Gov. Ogilvie and published in the Daily Nugget of yesterday as to the position assumed and held by the Yukon council on the matter of local representation, Judge Dugas, when seen this afternoon by a Nugget representative and asked for an expression on the matter said:

"I don't think that it is becoming to consent to any interview relating to the matter in question, and I refrain from saying anything."

#### Nothing in It.

Some days ago a report became current that the employees of the T. & E. Co.'s store had seen a man fall through the ice on the river about a quarter of a mile down, and that a vigilant watch of over two hours failed to bring about his reappearance. As a result of this report the clerks at the T. & E. store have been subjected to many questions. A man would rush in and say:

"What for a lookin' man was that you seed drop thru der ice? If he was a short tick-set man, he's me partner who aint been up ter der cabin fer four days."

Another would rush in and say:

"If that fell'er yee seed git-drowned wore a straw hat and a linen coat, I'm out \$2.75 eatin' money."

Now, in order to square the force at the T. & E. Co.'s store, the Nugget is pleased to state that no one employed there ever said a man had been seen to drop through the ice or even drop a nickle in the slot. No drops have been seen by the men at the T. & E. store; if any man has been so indiscreet as to go out on the ice, drop through and thereby take himself out of circulation, the T. & E. employees are not cognizant of the occurrence.

#### Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 46 degrees above zero. The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 34 degrees above.

# THE ICE GOING OUT

## Main Body in Front of the City Floated Away at 4:30 This Morning.

### THE RIVER IS NOT ENTIRELY OPEN

#### There is a Heavy Jam in Front of the Barracks.

### WILL LIKELY MOVE TONIGHT.

#### Hundreds of People Saw the Garbage-Laden Mass Start From Its Moorings.

There are many persons in Dawson who assert that the ice which for over six long months lay in front of the city, stole a march on them by moving out at a very unseemly hour between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning. But even late for some and early for others as the hour was hundreds of people lined the river bank and watched the huge piles of garbage with which the ice was headed disappear for ever from human gaze.

All yesterday evening large cakes of ice were dropping away from the main body and floating down to a point almost opposite from the Sister's hospital where there was a small jam, and there were many who were not surprised this morning to learn that nearly all the surface of the river was open this morning.

Those who witnessed the breaking say it did not act as it did last year when the entire surface of the river moved out in a solid, unbroken mass. This morning it broke into pieces as soon as it started and nearly all the garbage was unceremoniously dumped from its resting place into the water. The ice that went this morning floated down against the bluff below the city where it jammed for several hours, but during the day the greater part of it moved on down the river.

Up to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon there was quite a jam of detached ice in the river back of the upper fire house, and further down and extending out from the west shore were two or three acres of ice which had as yet been undisturbed. But when the jam gives away above, there is no doubt but that the whole thing will move off, leaving all the river from the mouth of the Klondike to the bluff below the city entirely open. It was expected this afternoon that the balance would go out any time, and it is safe to assert that but little of it will occupy its present position in the morning.

As late as 9 o'clock last night a gentleman who desired to go over to West Dawson did so by going out to the edge of the ice in a small boat, where he pulled his craft up on the ice, leaving it and going the remainder of the journey on foot and over the ice. He did not return, and in two hours the ice on which the boat rested became detached and floated away. Today small boats have been running to and from West Dawson continuously, the only case necessary being to keep away from floaters.

None of the many bets made on the date of the opening of the river have as yet been paid, as it can not be said to be open yet; but those whose dates were fixed beyond the 9th, and at least the 10th, are in for it. The man who bet \$400 that he would walk across the river on the 11th has not been seen today and it is barely possible that he floated away concealed in one of the many old barrels that were a portion of the refuse on the river.

Two years ago today witnessed the going out of the ice, while last year the date was nine days later or on May 17th.

#### Concert Postponed.

Mr. Zimmerman announces that he has postponed the concert which he proposed giving on next Sunday night at the Orpheum. This has been done in order that nothing may interfere with the concert at the Palace Grand to be given on the same date for the sufferers in the Ottawa fire.

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## THE RIVER'S WINTER MANTLE

Has Been Dissipated by Approaching Summer.

Yesterday Evening Witnessed the Final Breakup—Bets Due and Payable Last Night.

From Wednesday's Daily.

If there were any lingering doubts yesterday afternoon as to the final breaking up of the ice on the Yukon river they were dispelled at about 1 1/2 minutes before 6 in the evening when the jam in front of the barracks, unable to longer resist the pressure bearing down upon it from above, slowly gave way and the whole mass started in procession down the river past the city; nor did it become any less in quantity for many hours after the blockade had passed down, for from the upper river it continued to come, covering its entire surface. Many blocks of pure, almost spotlessly clear ice covered with a frosting that looked like fresh snow, and as large as New England farms, silently moved down the river, while probably following immediately would come a block as big as a house of dark, dirty ice that had more the appearance of a rock than of frozen water.

About 9 o'clock the river was for a time comparatively free from flowing ice, but after a time another large con- signment came down, and from those whose business keeps them up during the hours of night it is learned that all the time there was more or less ice passing.

Today considerable ice has passed, but by tomorrow there will be nothing to prevent light draught, steamers from starting up the river. The river is still very low, notwithstanding the assertion of an unreliable publication to the effect that it raised four feet yesterday. The river is not over 18 inches higher now than at low water mark of any time this spring. The river did not raise eight inches in the 24 hours preceding yesterday evening. Steamboat men do not anticipate any material rise in the river before the 20th of May to the 10th of June; and it will, possibly be some time later before average high water mark is reached.

A number of bets were paid last night with the result that many new hats were worn today on heads which were somewhat enlarged from the effects of celebrating on the strength of having passed better judgment on guessing closer than did the other fellow.

It there are no obstructions in the river between here and Selkirk it is very probable that the Florence S, which was to leave Hootalinqua Monday, will reach here tomorrow or Friday. In all probability the first steamer down will pick up the mail which was last heard of at Selwyn last Sunday, and which had then been since the previous Wednesday in reaching that place from Selkirk. In case the mail should reach here by Saturday, it will have been just two weeks since the arrival of the previous consignment.

**The Wounded in War.**  
If in recent years the conditions of the soldier's life on active service have vastly improved, there has been an even greater improvement in his treatment when he is wounded. In the early eighteenth century practically no attention was paid to the wounded. In 1741 for example, in the expedition against Carthagens there were hospital ships, but there were neither nurses nor attendants. The miserable sufferers were literally left to rot; nothing was heard but "groans and lamentations and the language of despair" in the charnel houses where the dead and dying lay packed as close as they could lie.

Wellington, with his sterling common sense, saw that, taking the meanest view, it was bad economy to allow British soldiers to die miserably of neglect. He established in the Peninsula regimental hospitals, and though, without question, the sufferings of the wounded were still terrible and the care far from that which is shown in our day, the improvement was very marked. Men at least received some medical attention, and to be struck down was not to die wretchedly.

In the Crimea a step backward was taken. Our whole organization collapsed. The awful hospital at Scutari till Florence Nightingale appeared on the scene was more deadly to our army than any Russian rain of bullets. To be sent there was almost equivalent to sentence of death. There was no proper ambulance corps; no such things as hospital ships; there were actually no trained nurses in the miserable establishments at Scutari and Constantinople. Between November, 1854, and

February, 1855, 8898 British soldiers died in these terrible infernos, and it may safely be asserted that 95 per cent of these lives would be saved by the medical system of our day, while perhaps 60 per cent could have been saved by a proper use of the knowledge possessed in 1854.

Today how great is the change! Not only does the modern small bore inflict a far less serious wound than the old musket or Minie rifle, but the advance in surgery is such and the care shown to the sufferers is so great that the chances of recovery are all in favor of the wounded. In the old days men died from blood-poisoning, gangrene, erysipelas, shock, hemorrhage, or the severity of their wounds. The risk of blood-poisoning and gangrene has been almost entirely removed by the use of the precautions which modern surgery compels. Shock and hemorrhage must kill as of old, but the shock caused by a bullet of the calibre of a lead pencil, drilling a clean hole, is vastly less than that inflicted by the huge bullet of the old musket, sixteen or twenty-four to the pound, and is less than half as severe as that caused by the Martini bullet.

The Snider, again, made a wound which was from four to five times as bad as that of the modern small bore. Certainly men could not against any of the old rifles have been shot through the head and through the abdomen and yet be on the road to recovery, as are several men so wounded in the present struggle.

A greater boon and saving of life than even the diminution in the size of the bullet is the use of antiseptic or aseptic surgery with which operations can now be performed with absolute impunity which would have been fatal in the past. In the American civil war and Franco-German war—as late, that is to say, as 1870—wounds on the knee were almost invariably fatal. They are now treated with complete success in most cases. At that date operations on the abdomen could not be undertaken, whereas now they are performed every day. Lord Lister may be said to have saved more lives by his great discovery of antiseptics than any man living.

In the present war the treatment of the wounded will be ideal. Skilled surgeons at the head of their profession have volunteered to give their aid in South Africa, while the army medical staff is excellently organized. Great hospitals and comfortable hospital ships are provided, and equipped with every requisite and every dainty for brave, suffering Thomas Atkins. The stream of presents that will presently descend upon him will prove to him that he is not, as in the past, sent far away to fight, overlooked and forgotten, but that warm hearts at home are ever thinking of him, and that prayers "to Him who made, this world of strife, and gave His children Pain for friend," are going up for his sake.—London Daily Mail.

### A Fiction About Panthers.

One of the time-honored attributes of the panther is his scream. One could not take \$4,000,000 and therewith disabuse the American public of its fond belief in the womanlike wail of the panther. Yet many scientists today affirm that the panther is a mute animal, and does not scream at all. This latter I believe to be accurate, for my friend "Old Bill" Hamilton, one of the few reliable and genuine old timers of the Rocky mountains, tells me the note of the panther is a sort of hoarse, roaring noise, and compares it rather to the roaring howl of the gray wolf than the voice of any other wild animal. He laughs at the "won-anlike wail" notion. Once when in camp in the Jicarilla mountains of New Mexico I heard at night the cry of what I supposed to be a mountain lion or panther. It was answered from beyond our camp, and the first animal passed within a few hundred yards. It might have been a wildcat, but the teamster who was with me said he thought it was a mountain lion.—Chicago Record.

### A Lazy Man's Scheme.

"There's a man who has 20 clever fellows working for him. They give him their best brain power, and yet none of them has ever secured a dollar for it."

It was 2 o'clock in a down town restaurant, and the speaker nodded toward a small, dark man who sat at a table a few feet away. The little man is a writer of short stories of a thrilling and dramatic character. He is as prolific a writer as Old Sleuth and makes a big income yearly by his pen. He lives at a hotel down town, and while he has no regular connection with newspapers his hours are those of a reporter on a morning journal. Twelve o'clock at night finds him in some of the newspaper offices or at the rooms of the Press club in friendly chat with a bunch of "all nighters." He writes his melodramatic stories up to a crisis, lays down his pen and

walks over to a city room where a dozen reporters are throwing the last of a day's writing into the copy basket. Everybody soon begins to spin yarns.

"Curious thing came under my notice a few days ago," begins the writer of melodramatic tales. He sketches the plot of his unfinished story up to the difficult point which has stopped him. "Now, what do you suppose happened next?" he philosophizes, flickering the ashes from the end of his cigar.

"I'll bet so and so," shouts one of the boys.

"Pshaw! That's not likely!" interposes a second. "People under such circumstances would have"—and he finishes the story.

In 15 minutes the romancer has half a dozen plausible sequels suggested to him. He makes mental note of them strolls out and over to his hotel with the rest of his materials ready made without effort on his part.

"Is that man a vampire or a genius?"

"Neither one; a clever, lazy man."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

### Better Harbor Defense.

The government has been fighting shy of the Holland submarine boat, just as it fought shy of accepting Ericsson's Monitor, which actually destroyed the Confederate ironclad ram Merrimac and revolutionized naval warfare before it was paid for. One or two naval boards have made official trials of the Holland boat, and although the craft fulfilled every requirement demanded of her and the inventor was personally complimented on the success of the tests, still the government was not advised to buy. There are bills, however, before congress providing for the construction of a number of vessels of this type for harbor defense. In response to a request from the senate and house naval committees, Admiral Dewey has expressed the belief that a determined enemy with submarine boats of the Holland type could have made the occupation of Manila bay by his squadron impossible. With such an indorsement, it is quite likely congress will furnish the government with the necessary authority and funds to equip some of the principal harbors of the country with one or more of these boats.—San Francisco Chronicle.

### A Hero of the Plague.

Prof. Camara Postana, the head of the Bacteriological Institute of Lisbon, has met his death through the disease which he was so nobly and actively combating. While dissecting a plague patient (writes a Lisbon correspondent) some of the poisonous matter entered his finger nails, and his fate was sealed. Only 36 years of age, this man has for the last few months expended all his energy and every hour of his time in the minute study of the disease, not shrinking from any labor which might aid him to facilitate the labors of his friends and colleagues. Two days after his return from the plague-stricken city of Oporto, the first symptoms of the disease appeared. He immediately ordered his own removal to the isolated ward of the hospital prepared for the reception of such cases, and himself gave the necessary instructions to prevent it from spreading. From that time to the day of his death the history of his illness is one uninterupted record of self-sacrifice. Every symptom which manifested itself was analyzed and commented upon by the patient, and, when at last there appeared those signs which his experienced eye denounced as fatal, he calmly said to those about him, "You can do nothing further for me now; the death agony will soon begin." Then, turning to the doctors, he gave all directions as to precautions to be taken, and requested that certain analysis should be made after death, the results to be sent to the Pasteur institute in Paris, where he had himself studied. An hour or two before death the doctor in charge of the plague patients at Oporto, with whom he had worked day and night, was announced. "Let him come to me," he said, and then entered into a complete diagnosis of his case, and gave minute instructions for his funeral, so as to ensure complete immunity from infection for others. He died giving a lecture in broken words and sentences upon his own case, and the lessons to be deducted from it.—Japan Herald.

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judge, each man having his \$55 carefully rolled up and stored in his right vest pocket, a couple of convicts, each with a bail and chain, were marched across the square in front of the "knights of the green." On the cap of each convict appeared two "Ps" and for some time the gamblers were at a loss to understand their significance. Finally one more brilliant than his fellows evolved the happy thought that the letters meant "pleasant picnic."

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

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Steam launch, with boiler and engine complete. Apply Nugget office.

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## A DECISION FROM OTTAWA

Rendered in the Case of Kelly Vs. McGregor et Al.

The Department of the Interior Has Reversed Gold Commissioner Senkler.

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Monday afternoon, a telegram was received in this city to the effect that the department of the interior at Ottawa had decided in favor of the defendants in the case of Mrs. E. L. Kelly, plaintiff, vs. Frank McGregor and D. A. Boehme, defendants. The action involved the title to the upper half of creek claim No. 2, on Magnet gulch, which property is exceedingly valuable. Originally, the suit was instituted in the gold commissioner's court at Dawson; this tribunal adjudged in favor of the plaintiff. The defendants appealed, and the recent decision of the higher authorities sustains the contention of the defendants and reverses the judgment of Commissioner Senkler.

A grant for all of claim No. 2 on Magnet gulch was issued to defendant, Frank McGregor, on March 16, 1898, upon a sworn application in which he alleged that he had staked the property on March 12th of the same year. Soon after obtaining the grant McGregor transferred a third interest in the ground to defendant, Boehme, and also a third interest to Charles F. Stone, who subsequently disposed of his interest to Messrs. Noah Davey and Fred Schall, in consideration of \$100. Until June, 1899, the property was worked by McGregor, Boehme, Davey and Schall. The output last spring amounted to about \$70,000.

In June of last year, Mrs. E. L. Kelly, the plaintiff, who is cashier in the N. A. T. & T. Co., relocated the upper half of said claim No. 2; she applied for a grant, and protested the right of the defendants to the property for the reason that McGregor had never actually staked the ground.

The principal witness for the plaintiff was Charles F. Stone. He testified that in March, 1898, he had informed McGregor of the Magnet gulch claim; that on March 11th, 1898, McGregor and the witness arranged that the former should stake the property and record it, for the reason that witness had used his right in the Klondike district; that McGregor agreed to convey a third interest in the ground to witness; that on March 12th, 1898, McGregor and witness left Dawson and proceeded as far as No. 25 below on Bonanza, at which place witness was working a lay; that after eating dinner at No. 25 below, McGregor asserted that he was too tired to go further, and he directed that the claim be staked in his name by the witness; that the latter continued the trip, and staked the ground in McGregor's name; that Walter Stanford and James Bridger accompanied witness from No. 25 below on Bonanza to Magnet gulch, and that Stanford was present when McGregor's name was written on the stakes; that after locating the property, Stanford and the witness returned to No. 25 below, where they found McGregor, who remained there till the following day; that on March 13th, McGregor returned to Dawson, and that the claim was recorded on March 16th; that soon afterwards, the witness received his third interest in the property, and that subsequently he sold it to Messrs. Davey and Schall.

Stanford and Bridger corroborated to a considerable extent the testimony of Stone; and Edward Dunckley and Alfred Hicks swore that they were present in the cabin on No. 25 below on Bonanza when McGregor and Stone arrived, and that McGregor remained there till Stone returned from the trip to Magnet gulch. However, there were several contradictions in the evidence of witnesses for the plaintiff; but Commissioner Senkler did not consider such conflict in the testimony as material to the issue.

On behalf of the defense, McGregor swore that on March 12th, 1898, accompanied by Stone, he staked the Magnet gulch property; that neither Bridger nor Stanford were present when the claim was located; that he and Stone returned together; that at No. 19 below on Bonanza, they met a man by the name of McMahon; that in Stone's presence, McGregor said that he had just staked No. 2 on Magnet gulch.

McMahon supported the testimony of McGregor. George A. Voss, formerly a part owner of No. 17 below discovery on Bonanza, at which place Magnet gulch enters on the left limit, gave evidence on commission at Omaha. He testified that on March 12th, 1898, he was work-

ing on the dumps of No. 17; that he saw McGregor with a man whom he did not know, going up Magnet gulch; that on the following day, he saw the stakes on claim No. 2 and that McGregor's name was on them. The witness also identified McGregor's handwriting.

Evidence was produced to the effect that McGregor had not visited Magnet gulch during the period between March, 1898, and the following month of August, and witnesses were produced who swore that McGregor's location notice was posted on the ground during that particular time.

Commissioner Senkler, in determining the case said that the testimony was overwhelmingly in favor of the plaintiff; and that the conclusion was evident that defendant McGregor, had never staked the property.

From the judgment of the gold commissioner the defendants appealed to the minister of the interior at Ottawa; and this higher authority has reversed Mr. Senkler and restored the ground to the defendants.

The decision in the suit of Kelly vs. McGregor and Boehme disposes of a case entitled Burton vs. McGregor, which involves the lower half of the same claim on a similar state of facts.

Pattullo and Ridley were the attorneys who conducted to a successful conclusion the contention of the defendants, McGregor and Boehme.

### Free Library Concert.

The periodical free concert given last night in the Dawson reading room under the auspices of the board of control proved a musical and literary treat which in point of excellence has not as yet been surpassed in Dawson. Following is the program:

Song, "Ich bin ein Bauer"..... Mr. H. Craig  
Song, "Only a Year Ago"..... Mrs. Thompson  
Reitation, "Rosale"..... Mr. Cowan  
Song, "Admiral's Broom"..... Mr. Fannie  
Song, "Valley of Shalott"..... Mrs. Davison  
Reading, "Belle's Bear Story"..... Mrs. Moore  
Duet, "Madeline"..... Miss Tracy, Mr. Zimmerman  
Recitation, "Katy's Answer"..... Mrs. Moore  
Recitation, "Bicycle vs. Broncho".....  
Capt. Jack Crawford  
Song, "Lulu"..... Miss Tracy  
Remarks..... Dr. Macdonald  
National Anthem..... Commissioner Ogilvie

Mr. Griffith Griffith in his usual efficient manner presided at the organ. The room was full to its utmost capacity with a most appreciative audience. Dr. Macdonald, in the course of a few remarks, expressed regret that the Yukon council has not as yet seen its way clear to assure a continuance of a grant of money to support that institution.

Commissioner Ogilvie replied that no one would regret more than he would himself to have the room close. It was an institution greatly appreciated, but at present he was not in a position to commit himself to promise a grant.

Among those present were: Mesdames Burrell, Heron, French, McDonald, Bozorth, Lola and Levy; the Misses Perry, Miss Robinson, Freeman, Norman, Stewart, Mosher, Ross and the Misses Gandolfo; Dr. Mosher, Dr. A. Thompson, Dr. Foster, Rev. J. J. Wright, Capt. Thacker, Messrs. Hartman, Hulme, Herbert Lockwood, Buchanan, Stevens, Moore, Fuller, Bozorth and Col. MacGregor.

### William Tate Dead.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, William Tate died at the Good Samaritan hospital of pneumonia, after an illness of five days. The deceased was a native of Lingoe, Clestrom, Orkney Islands, and was aged 30 years. His occupation was that of a carpenter. He came to the Klondike in the spring of 1898, since which time he has been engaged in mining. Last summer, he suffered a severe attack of typhoid fever; and was confined for several weeks in the Good Samaritan hospital. The dead man leaves a personal estate of \$1100, which is comprised of bank accounts, gold dust and currency. He has on deposit in the Bank of British Columbia at Vancouver the sum of \$250, the amount of \$500 in the Bank of Montreal at Vancouver, and \$410 in gold dust and currency among his effects at the hospital. The deceased was unmarried; but leaves an aged mother who resides at Lingoe.

### Sports Committee.

The sports committee for the Queen's birthday celebration, held a meeting last night at McDonald hotel. A full program has been arranged which will be published in tomorrow's issue of the Nugget.

### Notice.

The down town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be open for business on Thursday, the 10th inst. The down town office is located in Lewin's building next to the Northern Annex.

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### Motor Cars in War.

In referring to the traction engines sent out recently to the seat of war, Feilden's Magazine delivers some practical observations respecting the value of motor-cars in warfare. It points out that two motor conveyances are already in use by the Boers, and that experience has shown that none but crack riflemen can hope to hit a rapidly moving motor-van except by chance, or at a short range; that such a vehicle requires very little nourishment, as compared

with horses developing equal power; and that on ordinary roads speeds may be obtained varying from 15 to 30 miles an hour. The Boers are stated by our contemporary to have ordered more vehicles from Germany, and a number of motor-cycles from France. The former have not been delivered, but the latter have, and are probably being used for scouting and dispatch work. The French, German and Austrian governments, according to Feilden's Magazine, have all taken steps with a view to the introduction of motor transport, and in this movement the Germans are particularly active, having produced a troop wagon for rapid service capable of traveling 40 kilometers an hour.

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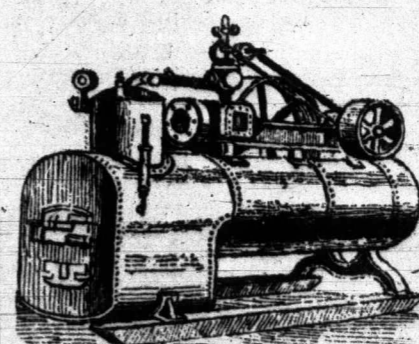
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