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BELL'S REASONS

For Refusing to Allow the Publication of Items Respecting Official Business.

RECORDS OF TRANSFERS PRIVATE

Their Publicity Would Injure the Credit of Borrowers.

HE DISCOURAGES LITIGATION.

Commissioners Ogilvie and Senkler Decline to Be Interviewed on the Subject.

From Saturday's Daily.
Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell has attempted to justify his recent order, which instructs the clerks to disclose no information of an official nature to press representatives.
He contends that the record of transfers of mining property should not be published, because such information may injure the credit of those persons who merely convey their claims as security for the loan of money. He asserts that these transactions are private matters in which no one is interested excepting the borrower, lender and recording clerk. This alleged reason amounts to nothing more nor less than a frivolous excuse; it is directly contrary to the well-established customs of every Canadian community, except that of Dawson. Bankers, professional men, merchants and laborers, have a right to know the financial standing, as it appears upon the public record, of any citizen, particularly if he be inclined to borrow from his neighbor. To withhold from publication the record of transfers, is assisting dishonest men in their effort to establish a false credit. The assistant commissioner asserts

that public information about grants for placer and quartz locations often involve the claims in a contest before it is possible to have them surveyed; and Mr. Bell volunteers the information that the policy of his office is to discourage litigation. The assistant commissioner, in his laudable effort to avoid litigation, is adopting the wrong method to accomplish his purpose. Secrecy respecting such matters will aid designing men and rob honest ones of their rights.

Commissioner Ogilvie, when questioned in regard to Mr. Bell's recent order, said: "I do not care to be quoted in reference to the matter until I have talked with the assistant gold commissioner."

Commissioner Senkler answered: "I have nothing to say. Mr. Bell has absolute charge of his particular department, and I do not feel disposed to criticize his management of his own official affairs."

Mr. Doig, the manager of the Bank of B. N. A., replied: "I see no reason why the record of transfers and matters of such sort should not be published. In the Kootenay country, I know it to be the custom to give publicity to items of this kind."

Mr. McMullen, of the Bank of Commerce, said: "I have given the question no consideration at all, and I am not prepared to make any statement in reference to the matter."

Probably at the meeting of the citizens' committee, to be held tonight, the action of Assistant Commissioner Bell will be discussed.

Additional Attraction.

Manager Zimmerman announces an additional attraction for the concert tomorrow night not included in the program published elsewhere in this paper. He has secured Miss Marion Tracie, who arrived over the ice on Thursday, to give two selections—Bayard Taylor's "Song of the Camp," arranged as a musical recitation by Miss Tracie herself, and the "Holy City." The lady comes highly recommended as the possessor of a sweet mezzo soprano voice, and the audience is promised a treat in hearing her.

Is Recovering Slowly.

Frank Hudson, former caller at the Pavilion, and who was badly burned about the face, head and hands on January 10th, the occasion of the big fire, while assisting his friends in saving their effects from the Monte Carlo, is just now able to be out, having been confined to his home during the more than three months which have elapsed since his misfortune. His face is almost wholly healed up, although a scar remains which will probably stay with him for life. His left hand is also nearly well, but the right hand, from which all the skin and nearly all the flesh was burned, is yet far from entire recovery. This hand is being restored by the skin-grafting process, no less than 36 pieces of skin taken from his legs having been grafted on. As a result, his legs are also badly scarred and have given him considerable pain. However, considering the severe suffering the unfortunate man has endured, he is looking better than would be expected. It will probably be three more months before his right hand is fully restored.

New Ownership.

Mr. C. G. Finger, a skilled electrician and machinist, has purchased the plumbing and steam fitting business of Shied & Co., on Second street, between Second and Third avenues, and is conducting the same on an enlarged scale at the old stand.

Episcopal Services.

Special Easter services will be conducted at the Episcopal church tomorrow in which the Yukon Field Force band will participate, also several vocalists from the force will contribute selections. The services will be eminently fitting the occasion.

Will Be Whitehorse.

Agent Jack Wiley, of the W. P. & V. Ry., has a letter from Supt. Hawkins, in which it is stated that the official name of the town at Whitehorse rapids will not be Cosseligh as was originally intended, but will be called simply Whitehorse as before.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

A. F. & A. M.

Don't forget the free smoker to be given by the Masons of Dawson in Fraternity hall this evening at 8 o'clock. All Masons are extended a cordial invitation to be present.

YUKON COUNCIL

Rebate Asked by Liquor Dealers Who Recently Renewed at the Old Price.

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

No Assistant Health Officer Is Needed at Present.

TO PREVENT DIPHTHERIA.

Awaiting Census Returns Before Acting on the Petition of Citizens.

A meeting of the Yukon council was held at 4 p. m., Thursday.

Those present were: Messrs. Ogilvie, Girouard, Dugas, Clement, Senkler. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from R. H. Brown making application as assistant medical health officer. The council, however, having been advised that no necessity existed for such an appointment, it was decided that no such appointment would be made.

Communications were read from E. H. French and the medical health officer and Miss Georgia Powell with reference to the condition of a female insane patient. Referred to the commissioner.

An account was received from Dr. Barry for services. Referred to the finance committee.

The minutes of the last meeting of the board of health were presented recommending the monthly importation of diphtheria anti-toxin, anti-streptococcus serum and 50 vaccine tubes. Referred to the finance committee.

Another recommendation was received from the members of the board of health recommending a payment to them of \$10 for each sitting. Referred to the finance committee.

A petition was received from a number of merchants and licensed victuallers who had been granted a license to sell liquor prior to the passing of the recent amendment to the liquor ordinance asking for a rebate for the unexpired portion of their license, or an extension of their license. Referred to the finance committee and license inspector.

A communication was received from Levens & Co., who had recently procured a license, asking for a rebate. Referred to the finance committee and the license inspector.

A communication was received from Joseph A. Clarke, secretary of the citizens' committee, accompanied by an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the committee held on the 9th of April, 1900, including a resolution in which their secretary was instructed to communicate with the Yukon council asking the council if it would endorse their petition for representation on the council as soon as the number of British subjects was shown by the enumeration now in progress to be greater than 500.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Senkler.

That the clerk of the council be instructed to inform the citizens' committee that the council is awaiting the census returns before communicating on the question with the authorities at Ottawa. Carried on division.

An account was received from Dr. Madore for services rendered to indigent patients at Fort Selkirk. Referred to the finance committee.

The legal adviser, to whom the question of wanton destruction of game as referred, recommended the enactment of a Dominion act giving the council the power to amend 57, 58 Vic., chapter 31. The following report was received from the municipal committee, present-

ed by Mr. Ogilvie, who was appointed chairman thereto in place of Mr. Perry:

To the Commissioner and Members of the Yukon Council:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of drafting a consolidated fire ordinance, beg to report that a draft of the said ordinance has been submitted by Mr. Clement, and we recommend that it be submitted to the board of fire commissioners for revision before its first reading.

Ordered that the committee on public works be authorized to proceed to the immediate construction of sidewalks. First, from Eighth street to St. Mary's hospital (eight feet in width); second, from the end of the present sidewalk on the police reserve, to the telegraph office; third, on Mission street, from First avenue to Fifth avenue.

Mr. Clement asked leave to introduce a bill—An ordinance to amend rule 385 of the judicature ordinance of the consolidated ordinances of 1898, respecting attachment of debts. He accordingly introduced the said bill and the same received its first reading.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Girouard.

That the bill entitled "An ordinance respecting the incorporation of joint stock companies" be now read a third time.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time and the commissioner having put the question "that this bill do now pass," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The council then adjourned until Tuesday next at 8 p. m.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Thomas Driscoll is visiting the city. J. C. Ensley is visiting friends in the city.

James McNamee is a guest at the Regina.

W. Young, is spending a few days in town.

L. Kehoe is in town on matters of business.

A. D. McDonald is in the city on business.

G. Miller is making a brief visit in the city.

Thomas Driscoll is visiting friends in the city.

James Beard is making a brief visit in Dawson.

Charles Grift came to town from the creeks yesterday.

Francis Duffy is enjoying a short vacation in town.

Wat Hally came to Dawson from the creeks yesterday.

Miss Polly Outley, the well-known variety actress, arrived yesterday from the outside.

Charles Eastman, of Salt Lake City, Utah, reached Dawson yesterday. He is registered at the Regina.

John A. Williams and his two sons, T. Z. Williams and M. C. Williams, arrived from Vancouver recently. Mr. Williams is the owner of a rich hillside on the left limit of Hunker opposite 35 below discovery. He has returned to conduct summer operations on the property.

Incoming Mail Delayed.

The mail which was due to reach Dawson from Skagway last night did not arrive, nor is it likely to reach here before some time on Monday, as it did not get away from Selkirk until an early hour this morning. Information received by Postmaster Hartman this forenoon is to the effect that the trail is in a deplorable condition; that the men and dogs are badly used up, and that but medium progress could be made from Selkirk down.

Developed mining property for sale. Its merits can be determined by personal investigation. Norton D. Walling, Grand Forks. c28.

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GONE TO HIS REST

The Remains of John Nelson Were Buried This Afternoon.

THE BIER COVERED WITH FLOWERS

Bishop Bumpas Conducted the Exercises at Pioneer Hall.

MANY FRIENDS ATTENDED.

The Body Interred in the Private Cemetery of the Yukon Order of Pioneers.

Funeral services over the remains of John Nelson, deceased, were held in the Pioneer hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Numerous friends and acquaintances of the dead man assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. The bier was covered with beautiful artificial floral designs. Appropriate vocal selections were rendered by the Dawson quartette. Rev. William C. Bumpas, who has lived in this northern country for the past 35 years, delivered an address expressive of the many estimable qualities of the deceased.

The body was escorted to the cemetery by the members of the Y. O. O. P., and many other individuals who had known and esteemed Mr. Nelson. The pall bearers were Messrs. N. Duprey, N. Sullivan, C. Sonneckson, H. Smith, S. Mathews, W. Lingard, N. Huoti, and W. Lloyd. The burial services at the grave were conducted by Mr. Lingard, on behalf of the Y. O. O. P., and the Rev. Naylor of the Episcopal church.

The Boer Commissioners.

New York, March 16.—In a copyrighted London cable, the Journal and Advertiser says today that dispatches from Lorenzo Marquez state that two Boer commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe on the German steamer Kaiser, and that the British man-of-war Thetis started in pursuit.

The interesting question is raised as to whether or not England would dare to take the commissioners off the Kaiser.

London, March 16.—The report published in the United States that the British warship Thetis was chasing the German steamer Kaiser off Delagoa Bay having the Boer commissioners on board, was published in the Daily Mail of this city today, together with a denial of the statement. The officials of the foreign office say the idea of the officers of a British warship attempting to remove foreigners from German vessels is "utterly impossible and absurd."

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SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1900.

From Saturday's Daily. FAWCETT'S MANTLE.

The mantle of the late lamented and unhappily distinguished Thomas Fawcett has fallen, apparently, upon the shoulders of the new assistant gold commissioner, and fits as though made to order.

Mr. Bell's opinions as to the methods which should govern a public official in the performance of his duties are outlined in his statement to a representative of this paper, viz: "I am going to run my office for the benefit of the public, and against the newspapers. Business transacted here is private business, and will not be disclosed except by written order of the parties concerned."

Anyone, to read the above, might well imagine that Mr. Bell had drawn the inspiration for his policy by sitting at the feet and drinking in wisdom from the lips of the immortal Fawcett.

The Nugget submits to the very public which Mr. Bell avers he is so anxious to protect that his course is diametrically opposed to the general interests, and in direct conflict with the accepted usages which prevail the world over in offices similar to the one over which he presides.

Mr. Bell states that the business of the gold commissioner's office, such as the daily record of transfers, is private and that the public is not entitled to such information.

We deny it.

To whose interest is it that the records should be kept secret? Who will profit by shutting the public out from all knowledge of business transacted in the gold commissioner's office?

If anyone profits, it will be the man who has gotten hold of property through questionable means, or whose motive in concealing the transfer of his property is a discreditable one.

A case in point: John Doe owes Richard Roe \$5,000. He has secured this accommodation, as well as credit with various business houses, by reason of the fact that he is the owner of a valuable claim.

His creditors do not worry as long as they know him to be the owner of the claim. Mr. Doe, however, suddenly finds that he needs money, and executes a bill of sale of his property to a third party as security for an advance of \$10,000. Mr. Bell has decreed that the record of the transaction shall be kept inviolate in the musty tomes of the gold commissioner's office. Time goes on. Mr. Doe is unable to redeem his claim, and it passes into the hands of the third party, and the other creditors get nothing.

The question arises in such an instance, has Mr. Bell been running his office in the interests of the public or has he been running it in the interests of Mr. Doe?

Again, it is a well known fact that scores of claims have been secured by parties who gave up quarter and half interests for the privilege of securing a record of their ground. Naturally, these parties have no particular desire

to see their names in print when they complete their deal, and, consequently, Mr. Bell will have their approval in placing a padlock upon the various sources of information in the gold commissioner's office. This is what the assistant commissioner calls "running his office for the benefit of the public, and against the newspapers."

With a single sweeping order, Mr. Bell has placed the gold commissioner's office in the same position before the public that it held eighteen months ago. Secrecy begets suspicion as nothing else can or does. Mr. Bell has said that the public shall not know what the public records contain, and the public immediately and logically concludes that Mr. Bell's motive in taking this action is an ulterior one.

Wittingly or unwittingly, the new assistant gold commissioner has placed a stigma upon his office which will not be erased so long as this latest ruling remains in effect.

Attention has been called in these columns to the necessity of enclosing the houses of '11 fame on Fourth avenue. The occupants of these dens should be compelled to keep themselves hidden from the view of passers-by on adjoining streets, and this can only be done by corralling them with a high board fence. Ladies and children are constantly passing to and fro on Third street, and they should be protected from the necessity of looking upon these creatures. Vice of this kind is bad enough under any circumstances, but when it brazenly flaunts itself before the public gaze it should be promptly suppressed.

The Koyukuk country is again coming forward with a bid for stampede. From all indications, something has been found around the headwaters of that stream, although no information is at hand which will justify anything in the nature of a rush. In summer time boats can run up the river to within a short distance of the reputed location of the new diggings. A prospecting trip then will be a comparatively easy matter. At the present time any attempt to reach the scene of the reported strike would be nothing more nor less than foolhardy.

The steam thawer as a means of placing ice clogged sewers in working order has proven eminently successful. The work has been conducted by the authorities most expeditiously and with very satisfactory results. In a short time the town will be pretty well drained of stagnant water, and the wind and sun combined will quickly dry the streets. With rigid care exercised in the use of water, there should be no fear of a typhoid or other similar epidemic this spring.

The fact that the government will soon begin actual construction work on the new postoffice building is welcome news. It has required considerably over twelve months to bring about this very desirable action, but it is better that it should come late than never at all.

A. B.'s Last Night.

A good meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood was held last night, there being a fairly good attendance. The regular routine of business was somewhat hastily gone over, after which the camp went into social session for an hour or more and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

"This ruling of the assistant gold commissioner to not let the papers get a chance to publish the public records regarding mines suits me to a 'T,'" said a well-known mining broker in the hearing of the Stroller last night.

"Let me tell you," continued the broker, "the newspapers, by publishing the records of transfers has knocked me out of many a good sale, and a correspondingly good commission for the reason that the owner sees by the newspapers that claims are selling in his locality and he immediately sticks the price up."

"Now, what business has a claim owner to know anything about what is going on in his locality? If it had not been for the meddlesome papers printing the records and business of the gold commissioner's office during the past winter I could have been worth several thousand dollars more today than I am."

"Only a few days ago I walked to the Forks for the purpose of getting an option on a claim. I knew just where I could sell it in fact, had the sale all fixed, and would have made several hundred for myself. Well, the Nugget beat me to the Forks and in it was published the mining transfers for three or four days previous. The owner of the claim was reading the very article when I found him, and by it he saw that other claims in the near vicinity of his were changing hands. He declined to deal with me until he looked into the matter. The result of his looking into the matter is that today he knows the value of his claim, which is really several times more than I could have bought it for had he not learned to read when a boy."

"Investigate for yourself; visit every mining broker in town and they will tell you the same as I do, that the papers, by enlightening the people regarding their own property has knocked the brokers out of thousands of dollars which the mine owners have pocketed themselves. You will also find, if you go around among the brokers that they are all with me in exclaiming: 'All honor and all hail to the assistant gold commissioner for his very great consideration of our business and our interests.'"

The Yukon council is on the right tack regarding the sidewalk proposition, as there is nothing that adds more to the respectability and general attractiveness of a town than nice, wide, evenly-laid sidewalks. The replacing of the present narrow gang-planks with modern walks will give to Dawson a metropolitan air that she never before assumed.

The report that the Hogans will hereafter meet under the Aurora warehouse is denied by the pillars of the order. The objection interposed to meeting under the warehouse is that the ground is too siding to permit of setting beer glasses on without upsetting. Owing to the fact that beer has advanced to \$115 per barrel, a memorial will be introduced at the meeting tomorrow which will denounce the dealers in no uncertain terms. Then a resolution will be introduced binding every member to boycott beer and drink of red hooch until the dealers are brought to time.

Furs Advance.

The Hudson's Bay fur sales, held a few days ago in London, Eng., show a great advance in the price obtained for furs. Whether it is that the old trapper and courier des Bois is passing, that the Indian is becoming lazy, and not bringing in as many skins to the far removed stores, or that furs are decreed by dame fashion to be worn, or what ever reason, the fact remains that the market shows a decided increase.

In comparison with the sale of last March the following advances are shown. Land otter advanced 20 per cent, fisher declined 5 per cent, silver fox advanced 120 per cent, cross fox advanced 50 per cent, blue fox declined 20 per cent, marten advanced 20 per cent, red fox advanced 90 per cent, white fox advanced 55 per cent, black bear no change, brown bear advanced 25 per cent, gray bear declined 20 per cent, hair seal advanced 50 per cent, badger advanced 150 per cent, ermine advanced 50 per cent, mink declined 17 1/2 per cent, lynx advanced 160 per cent, wolf advanced 150 per cent, wolverine no change, skunk declined 30 per cent, raccoon declined 50 per cent. Compared with January last: Beaver no change, musquash no change.

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COUNTRY NOT PROSPECTED.

That is What A. J. Paxton Says of Fortymile District.

Military Road to Be Built This Year From Valdes to Fort Egbert Will Open It Up.

(From Friday's Daily.) Mr. A. J. Paxton, who at one time was editor and proprietor of the Friday Harbor (Wash.) Islander, the only newspaper in San Juan county, is in the city, having arrived a few days ago from the Fortymile country, where he has been for the past 20 months. While here Mr. Paxton is the guest of his cousin, Joseph Green, the well-known waterworks man.

Mr. Paxton's experience in the far northland has been extensive and varied. In the fall of '96, a full year before there was any excitement over or rush to the Copper river country, he landed with his partner at Port Valdez and pushed into the interior of the country. When they had reached a point 75 miles up the river, having packed their outfits that distance of a hard, laborious and formerly untrodden route, they were overtaken by winter, and the snow being of such depth as to preclude further traveling, they erected a cabin in which they lived for five long months without gazing on the face of a human being except that of each other. With the advent of the spring, 1897, they got out and for several months prospected the Copper river and many of its tributaries but were not rewarded for their labors by the discovery of any paying property. In the fall their stock of supplies having run low, they returned to the Sound country.

The hunt for gold, like an incoming tide, is hard to stem; and before Paxton had been one month on the Sound, he had secured a second outfit and was ready to start for Dawson. He arrived here early in '98, but stayed for only a few days, pushing on down the river to the Fortymile country where he has since been. Most of his time there has been spent at 100 miles back from the Yukon and but little farther from the Alaskan coast. He has done considerable prospecting, but is reticent as to details of his discoveries.

In a general way, however, he speaks very favorably of the entire district, but says on Jack Wade are the best paying properties yet discovered; but he says that is due to the fact that Wade has been more thoroughly prospected than the other creeks on which shallow holes only have been sunk, and that at irregular intervals. Three or four claims on Chicken creek are being worked and are yielding high grade gravel. Pay has also been struck on the Hutchison creek, but the latter has been but little prospected.

Although but a very few holes have been put down on the hillsides on Jack Wade, good pay has been found and there is every indication that there is an abundance of gold on that stream both in the creek and hillside claims. Mr. Paxton gives it as his opinion that the history of Sulphur creek in the Klondike district will be repeated in the case of Jack Wade, in that the more it is developed and worked the better and more extensive in gold-bearing gravel it will prove to be. No prospecting has yet been done on hillsides and benches of Chicken, Hutchison or any other of the tributary streams.

Mr. Paxton sees a brilliant future for the Fortymile district from the fact that a military road over which it will be possible to freight supplies and machinery from either Valdez or the Yukon to intermediate points is to be constructed by the U. S. government this season. Col. Rav, commanding the U. S. troops of Fort Egbert has received orders from the war department to put men to work on the construction of the road as soon as the weather will permit, which time will be within the next 30 days.

By the use of this road it will be possible to transport mining machinery into a large area of country where the hydraulic process can be worked with profit. Two hydraulic plants are now lying at Valdez awaiting transportation to the Chitcheina country, where there are excellent hydraulic propositions, the gravel being low grade but very easy of access when once the machinery is on the ground.

Danish West Indies.

The resignation of the Danish cabinet means two things of importance to the United States, says a Washington dispatch to the World. First, it is improbable that this country will be able to buy the Danish West Indies for \$4,

000,000, as provided for in the Gardner bill now before the foreign relations committee of the house, or for any other sum. Second, by the time this congress adjourns the German flag will be flying over the islands of St. John and St. Thomas, of the Danish West Indies group, by right of lease from the Danish government to the Emperor of Germany.

Negotiations between this government and Denmark for the purchase of the islands were practically terminated yesterday by the resignation of the ministry, headed by Prime Minister Hoerling. The cabinet resigned because of the great popular movement against the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The new cabinet will be made up of Danish politicians in favor of retaining the islands.

Bicycling in 1900.

Last fall, when the outlook for bicycle racing in America this season was especially black, all the best professional speed merchants began to make arrangements to go abroad this spring and spend their summer racing in Europe.

Since the cycle show was held in New York last month, however, the atmosphere has cleared somewhat, so that now the indications are that 1900 will be one of the banner years as far as racing is concerned. Several of the big manufacturers have said that they will go back to the old plan of supporting racing teams. This made the professionals think that there was a probability of the bonanza times of 1895 and 1896 being again seen, and plans to go abroad were thrown overboard in a hurry.

Of course a few Americans will race in Europe this season, for some of them have already signed contracts to appear on Parisian and other tracks. Harry Elkes, the middle distance champion, is already over there, and Arthur Zimmerman and Eddie Bald are to ride in a match race next summer, while one or two others may go over for some of the big races.

Instead of a big exodus of American cyclists to Europe this year it now looks as though several European would cross over to race on this side. In a private letter recently received by a Boston man it was stated that Johnny Walters, the crack British racing man, would shortly come over to America, and several of the Frenchmen who were over here during the winter expressed a desire to return. Altogether the outlook for cycling next summer is very bright.

In Old Kentucky.

To the person familiar with Kentucky and the habits of her people, the outcome of the present party strife there is awaited with no small degree of interest. It is not an unusual thing in Kentucky to "adjuhn cot" for 15 minutes to enable "his honah" to repair to some "bah" for that which to the average Kentuckian takes the place of bread, in that it is the staff of life.

Those familiar with the characteristics of the Blue Grass state can well imagine the intensity of feeling which prevails as a result of the recent assassination of Gov. Goebel by his political enemies, followed by the trial of the alleged assassins and accomplices, which trial was in progress when the last news from the seat of war was received. An Associated Press telegram of March 27th, the day the trial of the prisoners began, says: "A squad of 70 extra police and deputy sheriffs guarded the outer entrance to the court while a file of soldiers stood at the doors and passed on the credentials of persons entering the room when the hearing of the men charged with complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel was called today.

"The general public was excluded by an order of Judge Moore. Those admitted, however, soon filled the court on the second floor of the building. The Lexington and Winchester companies, armed with Winchesters, were stationed through various rooms. Not much more than ordinary crowds were on the streets, and there was no excitement.

"Judge Moore convened court at 10 o'clock, when the prisoners, Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers, W. H. Culton and John Davis, were brought into the court room. The commonwealth witnesses were called, numbering 40.

"County Attorney Polsgrove announced that he was ready for the trial of the case.

"The ex-Governor read the warrant against Powers, charging him with being an accessory to the murder of William Goebel, and asked for the dismissal of the defendant on the ground that the warrant was fatally defective in not alleging that the crime was committed in Franklin county, and that it did not even show the offence to have been committed in Kentucky, which motion the court overruled."

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

TWO NOSES COME TO GRIEF

And Are Now Held in Position by Court Plaster.

How a Judas Betrayed His Make-Believe Friend While the Later Snoozed.

It is doubtful if at any time during the past two years Dawson has been without from one to a half dozen men within her confines who were sticking plaster on some spot or other of their faces. The explanation, "a stick of wood flew up and hit me," is heard from the Everglades of Florida to Fort Yukon, and is, therefore, heard in Dawson.

But there are now two noses here that are being held in form and position with courtplaster that the "stick of wood" explanation will not stand for. The two noses are worn by men of convivial habits and on one occasion recently conviviality on the part of the nose owners led to a dispute in which one of the contestants hit the other in such a way as to cause his nose to crack open like a frozen egg.

Seeing the damage he had done, the man who had administered the blow felt sorry for his antagonist and had the manhood to tell him so. A reconciliation followed; the injured nasal appendage was patched up with court plaster until it looked like a checker board; the late enemies became effusive friends; they looked upon several "fingers" of red hooten, all the time expressing, the one for the other, undying love and admiration. Friends persuaded them to get a room and sleep off the effects of their jollification; they did so, each going to the same room and retiring in the same bed. Both soon fell asleep, but after a short time the man with the checkered face went to turn over and, of course, hurt his nose. This awoke him and he decided to get up and take a look at himself in a glass; he did so. What he saw reflected in the glass caused his Hibernian blood to boil; he looked towards the bed; there lay the despoiler of his face in profound slumber; satan tempted him and he did yield; for picking up a heavy water pitcher he smashed his room-mate on the nose with such telling effect as to cause the member to flatten out all over the face it had formerly adorned.

The injured man sprang from the bed, rushed from the room and started in quest of friends and courtplaster; he found both, and the fragments of his nose, after being corralled and put back in position were fastened there with long strips of plaster which run transversely across his face from whither to thence, something on the plan of a spider's web.

And now the hard-hearted friends of the two men in speaking of them singly say: "He 'nose' more than he did a week ago;" while the men themselves are scared half to death lest they should sneeze, knowing that if they do, it will be off with them.

Still Hunting Bodies.

From parties who are just in over the ice it is learned that the police and a number of men, among the latter being Detective McGuire, are still working on the river above Minto in search of the bodies of Clayton, Reife and Olsen, whom, there is no doubt, were murdered there on Christmas day. The spot back from the bank of the river and where the three men were certainly killed, is still yielding silent evidence as the snow disappears. The latest discovery is several empty rifle shells and a small piece of human skull, the latter supposed to have been blown from the head of one of the victims by a close-range rifle shot.

Satisfied that the bodies were taken from the scene of the struggle in the brush and dropped into an opening in the river which at that particular point did not freeze, but remained open the entire winter, those in charge of the search are now cutting down to a point a few hundred feet below and where there is known to be a shallow bar on which it is confidently believed the bodies will be found lodged. All the ice cut loose is being skillfully piloted out of the way and into the current where it will be carried away instead of lodging on the bar where the bodies are supposed to be. In case the bodies are where the natural course of the water from the opening would indicate them to be, they will be discovered in the very near future as there only remained a few days' work on the chopping and sawing out of the ice to be done when our informant passed that place on his way to Dawson five days ago.

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THE LAY SYSTEM.

There will, in all probability, be more money made by laymen this season than has been the case in any previous year. This is due to several causes.

Two years ago men could be found to take lays, and even to pay for the privilege of getting them, upon any of the creeks where good discoveries had been made. They did not wait to examine the ground or inquire into the character of claims in the vicinity which might have been prospected previously. They simply jumped at the chance to work upon the usual percentage basis, under the belief that all the creeks were underlaid with an inexhaustible supply of the glittering dust.

Two years' experience, however, has taught the layman several valuable lessons. He has learned that it costs money to prospect a claim, and he has also learned that the very best creeks have claims which are total blanks. In consequence, men who are working lays this season, as a general thing, were acquainted with their ground, and had a clear idea ahead of them as to what they might expect.

On the other hand, claim owners, whose property has justified being worked on lays, have been particularly careful in selecting men in whose care to entrust the development of their ground. Many good claims were given a "black eye" last year by reason of the fact that men who lacked in grit and stick-to-itiveness were given lays upon them.

The care which has been exercised this year, both by claim owners and laymen, will prove mutually beneficial, and both will be better satisfied with results.

MOST EXTRAORDINARY.

The announcement of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell that records of transfers and similar information of a public nature will no longer be given to the press is most extraordinary. The reason assigned by him for this action, viz., that parties who record transfers of claims complain that their secret business is made public, is, if anything, more extraordinary.

Mr. Bell should know that it was not until these records were given out for publication that the cloud of suspicion which formerly hung over the gold commissioner's office began to disappear.

The Nugget regrets any action that will tend to renew that cloud. We will, however, refrain from further comment until the assistant commissioner's superiors have confirmed his action or the order is revoked.

Generally speaking, parties who have freighted goods in over the ice for sale in the Dawson market have failed to realize expectations. The cost of transporting goods a distance of 500 miles over the ice is so great, and the loss or damage of goods so probable, that an enormous profit must be realized in order that such speculations can in any way be justified. In most cases, however, the demand has not been equal to the supply. There have been very few articles in which there has been any great scarcity, and these must have been in the nature of luxuries and commodities, of which a very small supply would effect a glut in the market. In consequence, fancy prices have not prevailed, and the man who has

freighted a few tons of goods from Bennett has been fortunate if he has made a fair percentage on his investment.

When the war with the Transvaal is brought to a successful conclusion, the last formidable obstacle in the way of the construction of the Cape to Cairo railroad will have been removed.

This road is the one great ambition which Cecil Rhodes desires and fully intends to carry out. With the troublesome Boers eliminated as an influential political factor in the affairs of South Africa, Rhodes will be in a position to place his magnificent ideas in practical operation. The country through which the road will run includes some of the most splendid agricultural land in the world, and is capable of sustaining an immense population. The realization of Rhodes' railway scheme will be the entering wedge for the establishment of a great African empire.

The various craft which are being fitted up to go down the river to Nome upon the opening of navigation would form a striking flotilla if all could be arranged in a single fleet before starting. As a matter of accommodation to the public of Dawson, who never again will be able to witness a similar occurrence, we suggest to the managers of the various boats, barges, etc., that a naval parade in front of Dawson immediately after the break-up would be a splendid idea, both from an advertising and an amusement standpoint.

The English papers are raising another great clamor over the carelessness which they allege has been shown by Lord Roberts in conducting affairs since the capture of Bloemfontein. It does appear remarkable, after the statement published far and wide that the Orange Free State was entirely conquered, that one thousand British troops should be killed or captured almost within sight of Roberts' headquarters. The staying qualities of the Boers appear to have been very sadly underestimated.

The narrow escape of the Prince of Wales from death at the hands of a crazy would-be assassin has caused letters of congratulation to be sent to the Prince from every corner of the civilized world. Whatever rivalries may exist between Great Britain and other nations, none of the latter would have rejoiced had the anarchist been successful in his nefarious attempt at the life of the Prince.

Today is Good Friday, upon which most of the world and his brother closes up shop and indulges in a well-earned rest. The poor, down-trodden newspaper man, however, who wouldn't know what to do with a holiday if he had one, is, per force, compelled to sit at his desk and slave as usual.

With the opening of the sewer boxes, which is now being rapidly accomplished, the water now accumulating in the streets and on the flat back of town will quickly be drained off into the river. With all stagnant water thus taken care of, danger from typhoid will be materially lessened.

Dawson begins again to assume her wonted appearance of business prosperity. The volume of business transacted in the course of a day is steadily on the increase, and a perceptible change for the better is noticeable in all lines of trade.

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ment Co. Ltd.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

PRINCE AND KING

Meet at Depot in Copenhagen, Where the Former is Royally Received.

BOY SIPIDO SAID TO BE INSANE

Queen's Visit to Ireland Is a Continuous Ovation.

FIGHTING NEAR MAFEKING.

Plummer's Cavalry Repulsed Boer Party Captured—Five British Companies Taken.

(From Thursday's Daily) Copenhagen, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the royal retinue, arrived last night and were met at the depot by King Christian and escorted by him to the royal residence. Unbounded enthusiasm was manifested at the depot, where many thousands had assembled, and the prince was most warmly congratulated on his escape from the would-be assassin's bullets.

Sipido Insane.

Brussels, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—Sipido, the 16-year-old boy who fired two shots at the Prince of Wales on the 4th, has again been interrogated in the prison and still stoutly maintains his previous declaration that his attempt on the life of the prince was to avenge the many lives lost in the South African war.

The accomplice of Sipido, who furnished him with the pistol used, has been discovered in the person of Arthur Meert, a shoemaker, who has been arrested.

The independence Belge, the leading Brussels newspaper, says Sipido is insane, and that close investigation has failed to reveal either plot or preconcerted plans for revenge.

Ireland Honors Queen.

Dublin, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—Last night in honor of Queen Victoria there was the most magnificent display of fireworks ever seen in Dublin. The manifestations of pleasure at the sovereign lady's visit began shortly after her dinner in which she was joined by Lord Lieut. Rt. Hon. Charles O'Connor.

Owing to the great crowd upon the streets many bold burglaries are being committed. Last night the Countess of Munster was robbed of jewelry to the value of many thousand pounds, and the mayoress of Belfast of jewelry worth £400.

To commemorate the bravery of Irish soldiers now in Africa the queen has most graciously commanded the formation of a root to be designated as the Irish Guards.

Peace Wanted.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—The Orange Free State road has adjourned sine die after indorsing President Steyn's address, which was a prayer that the deputation from America to Europe would succeed with the influence of other neutral powers, in bringing about a cessation of bloodshed.

Hot Fighting.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—News from the front is that Mafeking is not yet relieved, but that sharp fighting is being carried on in that locality. On the 2d the garrison and Plumer made an attack on the Boers at Ramathlabama, but both were repulsed,

20 of Plumer's men being left dead on the field and six made prisoners.

On the 5th Methuen surprised a body of Boers, not one of whom escaped. Gen. Villebois and seven men were killed, eight wounded, and 50 made prisoners.

Gen. Roberts reports five British companies captured by Boers near Bethany.

King Solomon's Mines.

The Victoria Times publishes an article concerning an African explorer who thinks he has discovered the original seat of King Solomon's mines. An interesting extract from the article is herewith appended:

"Some of the mines found by him in this newly-opened country were discovered not as prospect holes, but with their ancient shafts intact after a silence of perhaps 50 centuries; with some of their rudely fashioned mining chisels used in the digging of these shafts, lying where the workers of it may be 5000 years ago laid them down and with their big dumps piled up to be washed, thousands of years before Christ came to earth. These Mr. de Noon believes to be the world-famed King Solomon's mines from where the talents of gold came in their hundreds for the use of the wise and rich king in building the temple of Jerusalem. These are, he thinks, the mines of Solomon, and Rhodesia of today is the land of Ophir of the Bible.

"Mr. de Noon during the course of a talk on the mines of South Africa, ancient and modern, of wars and heroes of wars, of Boers, Kafirs, and other blacks, and other men and matters of those lands, of which this fore-runner of civilization and pioneer prospector is fully qualified to speak, said that though he was always reticent in proclaiming such a belief—being not too strongly versed in scientific lore, and fearing the questioning of disbelievers—he verily believed that these mines which he has located in what today the map makers name after Rhodes are situated in that identical land of Ophir to which the ships of Hiram's navy went for the golden stores of King Solomon's mines. They came from the south, says the historian of the Bible in telling of how Hiram's ships went for the cleaup, and Mr. de Noon believes this coming from the south refers to the trip up the east coast of Africa to Sofala bay, where, according to legends, traditions, and what information can be gleaned from the natives, was evidently the landing port of the fleet.

"Many things point to this, firstly, no gold has been found in Madagascar or in India, therefore it was to Africa that the ships came, and to the land of Ophir. Another link in the chain of circumstantial evidence connecting the visit of the punk-like flotilla of Hiram to Sofala bay, the Portuguese harbor, on the East African coast is that not far from Baira, the growing town on Sofala bay which is the terminus for the Beira and Fort Salisbury railway, one of the recently projected lines of Cecil Rhodes to feed the Cape to Cairo railway, are many ruined ancient towns, now sunken beneath the earth, but day by day more of their columns of little granite blocks and falling buildings and terraces are being unearthed by the archeologist and traveler. Every day more evidence is being brought to light that thousands of years ago, these were cities of the much sought for land of Ophir.

"For at least a strip of 100 miles in Portuguese territory and Ghasiland these ancient villas are to be found, and in Rhodesia they are being discovered throughout a territory ranging for over 400 miles, together with numbers of these pre-historic mines such as has been located by Mr. de Noon. There is no doubt about the fact, in his opinion, that this is the land of Ophir, and the mines are those of King Solomon."

From the Outside.

Mr. W. L. Siegel, who made such a fast trip out to Bennett earlier, in the winter, arrived yesterday with three horse sleds loaded to their fullest capacity with steam fittings and brass goods for the A. E. Co. The consignment includes everything that has been short in town, in that line, during the winter, so that with the stock previously on hand they now have the most complete line of fittings and brass goods ever carried in Dawson.

Territorial Court.

The case of James McKenzie and John Miles, plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. I. Davidson and J. H. Davidson, defendants, which involves a half interest in the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 3 Magnet gulch, is still on trial in the territorial court. This morning James McKenzie, Edgar J. Hayward, Samuel G. Edwards, Terence M. McManus, Robert M. Swanson and Austin M. Gibbs testified on behalf of the plaintiffs. The action will not be concluded before tomorrow.

RECORDS CLOSED

Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell Refuses Information to the Press

CONCERNING OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

A Policy of Secrecy Has Been Inaugurated.

UNSATISFACTORY INTERVIEW.

The Public Is Deprived of Truthful Reports Concerning Matters of Vital Interest.

During the past six months the Klondike Nugget has endeavored to publish for the benefit of the public a synopsis of the business which has been transacted daily at the gold commissioner's office. The information has related to grants for placer and quartz claims, applications and grants for water rights, protests and decisions which have been filed in regard to disputed mining property, and records of transfers. Such items of general interest have been obtained from the clerks who are in charge of the respective divisions of the office.

In this territory, comprised exclusively of mineral resources, the department of the gold commissioner is the most important branch of the governmental service; for it affects directly the welfare of every resident of the country. The people, as a matter of course, are interested in the methods and manner in which the commissioner and his clerical force transact their official business. The inhabitants of the district are governed in their conduct, and their efforts are directed by the decisions and regulations which emanate from this particular department, whose daily record of routine affairs is indicative of the territory's development and progress.

On February 16th, of this year, Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell arrived in Dawson. Soon afterwards he entered upon the performance of the duties which appertain to his position. He exercises exclusive control of all business connected with the office, excepting the trial and adjudication of cases which involve disputes respecting mineral claims; this judicial division of the department is managed by Commissioner Senkler.

The Nugget has always been very careful to confine itself exclusively to the truthful publication of that business which has been transacted in the office and which might prove of interest to the public. Until recently neither the people nor the government officials objected to such publication.

This morning, however, when the representative of the paper requested the usual information, he was told by the several clerks that they had been forbidden to disclose anything of an official nature to newspaper men. The young gentleman who has charge of the record of transfers showed to the reporter a written order from Assistant Commissioner Bell which directed all of the employees to refuse information to press representatives. Thereupon, the reporter visited Mr. Bell and addressed to him the following question:

"Commissioner, what is the reason for the issuance of your order to the clerks this morning respecting information requested by newspaper men?"

Mr. Bell, before replying, hesitated a moment, and then said:

"Well, I have reasons of my own for withholding official information. I am in control of this office, and I shall endeavor to control it myself. Where's your commission to ask questions? Let me see your commission?" he made these inquiries somewhat excitedly, but without waiting for any answers he hurriedly continued, "I shall enforce such orders as I deem fit. I am going to run my office for the benefit of the public, and against the newspapers."

As he concluded his somewhat disconnected remarks, he abruptly left the room.

Later in the morning a representative

of the Nugget called upon the assistant commissioner again, and a request was made for the right to see the record of transfers. Mr. Bell refused. The official was reminded that such records were public. The Nugget man was conducted into the general office, where the assistant commissioner pointed to several very large books, and said:

"Those registers contain the records; examine them for yourself," and then he quickly retired to his private room.

The press representative started to open one of the volumes when a clerk interrupted by asking what was wanted. The newspaper man replied by inquiring if it were possible to ascertain the recent transfers from the registers. "No," the young man answered, "the process is impracticable. Though the transfers are entered in those registers, you could only discover such entries after an incalculable amount of search."

Police Court.

The case of Gustav Bovard, the man who was first before the court on Monday on the charge of living off the earnings of dissolute women, has not yet been disposed of and will be further tried on Saturday morning until which time he was remanded this morning.

Tomorrow being Good Friday, Magistrate Scarth announced that there will be no court on that day.

Making Good Time.

A telegram dated at Selkirk yesterday evening at 5:30 o'clock from Lieut. S. E. Adair stated that he had just reached that place, and was feeling in excellent shape for the remainder of the journey. The lieutenant, with T. G. Wilson, left Dawson Sunday morning and the fact that they reached Selkirk on the fourth day out is evidence that they are not lingering by the wayside to study the effect of the sun's rays on the ice.

U. S. Army Disgraced.

Nearly everyone is more or less conversant with the history of the Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, mining troubles and with the fact that the case in behalf of the participants has been carried to the United States supreme court at Washington, D. C., where it is now being heard. Some startling evidence has been adduced, the following being sent out in a Washington telegram of recent date:

"J. L. Simpkins, electrical engineer at Wardner, Idaho, testified in the Coeur D'Alene investigation today. He said he did not participate in the riot, but soon after that event, was arrested by a squad of United States troops who went about the streets arresting those persons pointed out by Bunker Hill mine spotters. Two spectators on the streets who stopped to see the soldiers and their prisoners were promptly arrested and put in with the other prisoners. The witness said one of the prisoners, a Swede, was taken with a fit, whereupon a negro soldier struck him senseless with the butt of his gun. The corporal of the guard came, and turning over the fallen man said: 'I guess you fixed that fellow all right.' Simpkins said one of the prisoners was robbed of \$90.

"One of Simpkins' recitals caused something of a sensation. He said he was taken from the 'bull-pen' by a squad of four soldiers and marched to an open enclosure where he was placed with his back against a building. The soldiers stepped back and cocked their guns, apparently making ready to shoot him. At this point, he said, a high official of the Bunker Hill mine appeared, and said they had evidence enough to hang the witness or send him up for many years, but if he could tell who blew up the mill he would be turned loose. Simpkins said he protested that he did not know who the guilty parties were, and the effort to get evidence from him was finally given up.

"Witness stated that at another time, while in the 'bull-pen,' a party came to him and said he was authorized by an official to offer him \$10,000 to implicate two persons in blowing up the mill. The party said it did not matter much who were implicated, but the names of certain miners and the county assessor were given, as the most desired to implicate, for the purpose, witness said, of hanging them or getting them out of the country. He said he afterwards learned that the assessor had trouble with the Bunker Hill mine over their assessment.

"Witness detailed an interview with an army officer, in which the latter declined to permit a priest to be summoned to one of the prisoners who was dying, and also refused to allow him to communicate with his partner as to the disposition of his property."

More Hen Fruit.

Boatman and Carnac arrived with two heavily loaded sleighs of cased eggs for the Easter festival. They arrived in good condition and are claimed to be unfrozen.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

ALPHA'S TRICK

She Sails From Vancouver in Bold Defiance of U. S. Customs Regulations.

SHE WILL SURELY COME TO GRIEF.

Dewey Out for Presidency and Scored by Papers.

JOSE CHILDREN IN COURT.

Fifty Steamboat Men Reach Skagway—A Heavy Business Is Predicted.

Vancouver, B. C., April 7, via Skagway, April 12.—The steamer Alpha sailed yesterday for Nome with 386 passengers in open defiance of the U. S. customs regulations. The secretary of the treasury had wired to enforce the regulations against the steamer, and she will not be permitted to land at an American port. She will probably be seized, brought back and confiscated. Nome will not be made a sub-port.

Hot Shot for Dewey.

Washington, April 7th, via Skagway, April 12.—Admiral Dewey has announced himself a candidate for the presidency, presumably on the Democratic ticket, and the hot shot he is getting from the papers is warmer than that he received from the Spanish.

Kansas City Fire.

Kansas City, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—The building in which the Democratic national convention would have convened on July 4th was last night destroyed by fire; loss \$400,000. It will be rebuilt at once.

Children in Court.

Seattle, April 7th, via Skagway, April 12.—Mrs. A. M. Jose who has lately been divorced from her husband, who is a rich Klondiker, has a suit on for the recovery of her children. A witness in the case, James Flood, was arrested for perjury. When the officer produced handcuffs Flood said: "No, you don't," and fled. The officer fired two shots after him, but he escaped, only to be arrested later.

Steamboat Men Coming.

Skagway, April 12.—Fifty steamboat men have arrived here in the past two days from lower points and are going on to Bennett and other inside points. It is generally believed that navigation will this year open fully three weeks earlier than last.

Rev. Sinclair Expected.

Rev. J. A. Sinclair, who left Bennett for this city over two weeks ago with a dog team, is expected daily to arrive at the end of his journey. Should he reach Dawson between now and Sunday, and is not too much fatigued from the journey, he will probably occupy Rev. Wright's pulpit on that day. Rev. Sinclair, having been for a long time in charge of the Skagway Presbyterian mission, has hosts of friends from there who will be pleased to meet him in Dawson. While here he will establish several missions on the creeks that are most densely populated, after which he will return to Clouseleigh and organize a Presbyterian congregation and erect a church, the Clouseleigh townsite company having presented a fine lot for this purpose. The company will also give material aid in the erection of the church building.

Nels Peterson Telegraphs.

T. M. Daniels is in receipt of a telegram from Nels Peterson stating that he had left Seattle Wednesday last on his way to Dawson. He reports the affairs of the company to be in excellent shape with every indication of a prosperous season.

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LDREN IN COURT.

boat Men Reach Skagway Heavy Business is Predicted.

B. C., April 7, via Skagway. The steamer Alpha... open defiance of the U. S. regulations.

Shot for Dewey.

Admiral Dewey has himself a candidate for the presidency.

Kansas City Fire.

City, April 6, via Skagway. The building in which the national convention was held on July 4th was destroyed by fire.

Children in Court.

April 7th, via Skagway. A. M. Jose who has lately divorced from her husband, who Klondiker, has a suit on for custody of her children.

Steamboat Men Coming.

April 12.—Fifty steamboats arrived here in the past two or three days.

Rev. Sinclair Expected.

A. Sinclair, who left Bennett City over two weeks ago with a wife and child, is expected daily to arrive at Dawson.

Nels Peterson Telegraphs.

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GAME LAWS ARE NEEDED

For This Country the Same as in Older Places.

Question Now Being Before Yukon Council—Text of New Proposed U. S. Game Law.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Within the past few weeks the need of some sort of protection to the wild game of the Yukon district has been forcibly called to the attention of the Yukon council.

The council will do well to remember that the time to protect game is while there is game to protect, and not after it has been exterminated.

Perhaps in no country on the American continent is there a more valuable quality of game than in the Yukon district, and with the necessary legal protection from ruthless, careless and indiscriminate slaughter in season and out of season, it will serve to supply the miner and prospector with food for many years to come.

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Chinese pheasant has become abundant, though it has been introduced within the last 20 years. Your committee believes that the birds that may be the subject of experiment by the department of agriculture will receive more encouragement from the people than in private individuals undertake their introduction or restoration.

The grouse of the Northwestern Pacific coast would no doubt readily adapt itself to the woods of Pennsylvania and the states of the far South.

At a moderate expense the department of agriculture could not only introduce new species, but could return species that have become locally extinct, and at the same time disseminate such information as would create a healthy public sentiment for their preservation.

THE HERO OF LADYSMITH.

When it comes to praising heroes For the valor they've displayed, There is one to be remembered For the gallant stand he made.

Four long months he grimly battled With a fierce and eager foe, Seeming doomed to slow starvation— Or a sudden overthrow!

Though on every side encompassed, Though with shot and shell assailed, He kept Britain's colors flying, And his spirit never quailed.

Famished, spectro-rose to flame him, And still ever closer crept, Every day brought new privations, And disease upon him swept.

To the valor of this soldier Is the greatest honor due, For in four long months of battle To all duties he was true;

W. P. Wood, who with his partner, Mr. Bullock, has a two years' lay on No. 3 Hester, on which they began work about the first of the present year, is in the city for the first time in several weeks.

Mr. Wood reports the few claims now being operated on Hester as turning out very promising dumps. Claim No. 1 is being worked by a quartette composed of Alex Mathews, Bartlett, Donnelly and Johnson.

Jack Huntington's claim is also showing well and will yield handsome returns at the cleanup.

Mr. Wood does not anticipate any lack of water for sluicing purposes on Hester, but thinks the work of cleaning up will be much earlier this year than last.

Cronje Ate and Smoked.

In a brilliant description of Cronje's surrender a correspondent to the London Daily Mail says:

"It was a picturesque scene when Cronje was brought to Lord Roberts at the headquarters camp. A heavy-shouldered, almost hump-backed man, heavy-eared and heavy-lipped, clad farmer-like in drab, and wearing a broad-brimmed felt hat, lumbered along on a little grey Boer pony, followed by an escort of Lancers.

"Dismounting, he found himself before the little, wiry, close-knit Roberts. It was the greatest contrast possible, but Lord Roberts, who was wearing a sword, received the Boer general with a dignity that made him look six feet high.

"Cronje bore himself with dignified simplicity, accepting with a bow the chair which Lord Roberts himself proffered him. They talked together for some minutes, Cronje's secretary, Mr. Keizer, interpreting.

"Cronje said it was impossible for him to hold out against the position the British had gained, and he had to recognize the inevitable. The Boer leader showed no emotion at his situation, accepting it with fortitude and even occasionally smiling grimly. He had a very uncomfortable time, he said, and had lost terribly.

"Between 3000 and 4000 prisoners marched out of the laager, as well as Mrs. Cronje and a grandson, who accompanied the commandant.

"The only disappointed man is Gen. Hector Macdonald, who was nursing his wounded foot and talking of the anniversary of Majuba. He thought the victory cheaply bought.

"Later—As I have already telegraphed, the game was finished this morning. A

ew minutes of daylight were this morning enough to show Cronje the decisive nature of the advantage the Canadians had gained in the darkness.

"He sent out a white flag at 6 o'clock, and then came out alone, and, after some brief negotiations, rode in charge of Gen. Pretzman to Lord Roberts' camp. Even now when all was lost he could not miss an opportunity of deceiving the hated roomek, who this day 18 years ago left him with a bullet in his body, which he carries still.

"After a few minutes' conversation, during which Lord Roberts was most considerate and courteous, Cronje asked for breakfast, and ate heartily and unconcernedly.

"'Look,' said a young officer, 'he gives us all this trouble, and is now fast working our ham.'

"After breakfast he smoked a cigar—one of a few remaining choice ones with which the staff is supplied. He smoked with philosophic enjoyment. When it was finished he asked for another, as he was without his pipe.

"Then an officer went and asked him how many men surrendering it was necessary to provide rations for.

"'About 3000,' he said. A few hours later, when the disarmed Boers marched into camp and were counted, it was found that Cronje was a thousand wide of the truth. There were over 4000, besides a number of women and children."

The Chilkoot Tunnel.

L. D. Kinney, the original promoter of the Chilkoot tunnel scheme has returned from the Sound. In a late issue of the Post-Intelligencer Mr Kinney said that among those interested in the Chilkoot Tunnel Company are D. W. Small, of Walla Walla; Michael King, of the Victoria & Yukon Transportation Company; F. F. Stotko, of Skagway; C. W. Young, of Juneau; Sam Blum, of Juneau; F. D. Nowell, of Juneau; W. Erskine, of Boston, and George Westervelt, of New York; that the Canadian capital in the project is \$1,000,000 and the American capital \$50,000.

He estimates that it will require \$115,000 to put the 3800-foot tunnel through and \$1,500,000 to complete a proposed second and much larger tunnel below the first—one should the latter prove a success.

It is also proposed to construct an electric railroad from Dyea through the tunnel to Whitehorse rapids.

Kinney said he expected the railroad committee of the British Columbian parliament to give a permit soon to proceed with the tunnel work, and with the prestige of such a permit he says he does not anticipate a refusal of the parliament to grant a charter or any difficulty in interesting ample capital to carry out the whole plan.—Alaskan.

Committee Report Forwarded.

The report submitted by the Board of Trade committee on mines, mining and smelting, which is composed of Messrs. Jozier, Condon and McGivray, which report was most carefully prepared by the two gentlemen first named on the committee, and which was published in the Nugget as adopted by the Board of Trade, was yesterday forwarded to Ottawa where it is believed by those most vitally interested, it will receive due and favorable consideration. Its unanimous adoption at a full meeting of the board, which board is composed of upwards of 100 men the majority of whom are mine owners and operators, gives to it sanction and weight which have never yet accompanied any request forwarded for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, singly or collectively, which it is thought the consideration of this document at Ottawa will bring about. It is the first time in the history of the Yukon that the miners as one man have intelligently engrossed and embodied their views, expressions of opinion and desires in a document for presentation at headquarters and there is little doubt but that the presentation of fair, liberal and broad-minded expression of general feeling will redound to the benefit of all who are in any way interested directly or indirectly in mines and mining.

Woes of an Undertaker.

An undertaker of this city is constantly growling over the narrow limits to which his advertisements are confined. Just the other day, picking up a newspaper, the man of somber countenance turned over its pages until his eyes caught an attractive ad.

"See here," he said. "Now we have it. I will read: 'Make the children happy. Sensible presents that will delight the children.' Can we say that we have a special line of little plush caskets that will delight the children?"

"What special inducements can we offer to attract trade? Can we say, we will send some of our homemade coffins on trial, to be returned if not satisfactory?"

"Suppose we were to say that we had a special line of high grade caskets

which we procured at a special dissolution sale, which we were offering at reduced rates to those who call early. I tell you it would not be considered professional. We cannot advertise any bargain sales in our business. We cannot say that we have bargains hitherto unheard of that will delight and astonish all who call upon us.

"Just notice this" said the sad one, turning over another page of the paper and reading from the woman's department: "Cut this ad out and send to us. State your weight and height; also the number of inches around the waist and bust, and we will send you a beautiful plush cape by express, subject to your examination, and if found perfectly satisfactory, you may send us the money for it. If not satisfactory, return to us at our expense." Now, there is a great piece of business enterprise, but we don't feel at liberty to branch out in that way.

"Then there is that splendid scheme of testimonials. A man writes a letter stating how well he is satisfied with the goods, and the advertiser runs to the newspaper with it. It might be proper for a man to say that he has tried John Doe's sassafras and found it satisfactory. We can get no one to say that he has used our burial boxes and that he has found them satisfactory.

"Talk about men being born free and equal, it isn't so. Other men are advertising for a special trade, and we simply have to sit here and take what comes. We can't even say 'trade solicited.'"—Rochester Herald.

Prosperous Bennett.

Bennett is flourishing—of boisterously so, but moving along a trifle in advance of the procession of most burghs in the province. The past couple of weeks found our merchants and hotel men doing a large business. Many new enterprises have been started and persons from other parts of the world have decided to cast their lot with this new but rising city. And speaking of climates, right here at this season of the year Bennett can't be beat for climate.—Bennett (B. C.) Sun.

Incoming Mail.

The incoming mail reached Selkirk last night; and if no accident happens, it should arrive in Dawson on Saturday. The consignment is quite large, but the carriers have experienced no difficulty in traversing the lakes and upper river.

Eggs, Oranges, Lemons.

A. M. Kilgore arrived this morning with seven tons of apples, oranges, lemons and eggs. He made the trip from Bennett in 22 days and came in with six horses and three sleighs. With him arrived Messrs. Stewart, Falkner, Gregory and Markwood.

New P. O. Building.

A telegram has been received by Postmaster Hartman requesting him to notify contractors and builders to prepare their bids to submit for the erection of the proposed new postoffice building according to the plans and specifications now in his possession where they may be seen by those who so desire. Each bid must be accompanied by an approved bond for double the amount of \$10,000, which has been appropriated for the erection of the building. An official of the postal department of the Canadian government, the superintendent of public construction for postal purposes, is now on his way to Dawson and all bids will be opened and acted upon by him on his arrival.

Several Dawson contractors have signified their intentions of submitting bids for the work. The new building will be erected on the corner of Third avenue and Third street.

Manager Wills Returns.

H. T. Wills, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, arrived in town this morning from Bennett. With him came R. L. Cowen, who will be teller of the bank to succeed Mr. Maynard, William Rourke, familiarly known as "Colonel Bill," and Frank Speller. The journey from Bennett was accomplished in 12 days.

During his absence Mr. Wills traveled extensively in the United States and Canada and made a trip to England and the Continent.

He reports the trail as exceptionally good, although he was advised to the contrary at Bennett.

Temporary quarters have been engaged for the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch at Copleigh, although in the conversation which the Nugget man held with Mr. Wills it was inferred that closely will not be a lively business point. There are as yet no improvements made there, but active operations will probably commence at the opening of navigation. It is the intention of the bank to open a down to an office again, but at what time Mr. Wills did not state.

FOR NEW SIDE WALKS.

Committee Will Make Recommendation Today.

All Walks on Streets Between Front and Fourth Avenues to Be Eight Feet Wide.

The special committee appointed at the last regular session of the Yukon council and to whom was referred a petition relating to sidewalks will, it is stated, submit to the council at its regular meeting this evening a report favoring the granting of the petition and the carrying out of its suggestions as soon as possible.

The purport of the report which will be submitted is reported to be that it will be recommended that a sidewalk 12 feet in width be constructed on the east side of Front street its entire length, and that on Second, Third and Fourth streets and Second avenue that walks eight feet in width be constructed on both sides of these particular thoroughfares. This will give to the business portion of the city a system of sidewalks commensurate with her growth and metropolitan appearance, as the present walks, if they can be dignified by the name, are but mere excurses.

To the same committee above mentioned was referred for its consideration the question of registration of dogs; but it is said that the committee will recommend that no action in the matter be taken.

The committee will also recommend, regarding the unsanitary conditions of the town of Grand Forks, that a new health district be formed to include Grand Forks and the valleys of Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, and that a board of health consisting of three members, of whom one shall be a medical health officer, be appointed to have charge of the new district which shall be subject to the same laws of health and sanitation as now apply in Dawson.

Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The following letter has been received by Commissioner Ogilvie in acknowledgment of a draft for the amount of the proceeds of the entertainment given by the American citizens on the night of Washington's birthday for the benefit of the Canadian patriotic fund:

Ottawa, 19th March, 1900. William Ogilvie, Esq., Commissioner of the Yukon.

Sir: I am requested by the committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28th Feb., inclosing a bank draft for \$434.25, the proceeds of a concert held at Dawson on the 22d ult. Our executive committee desire to express their grateful acknowledgment to the citizens committee at Dawson for this renewed instance of their patriotic spirit and generosity.

It cannot be but most gratifying to all true hearted Canadian citizens to recognize and appreciate at its true worth, the kindly feeling thus manifested between them and their fellow citizens of Dawson, who are American subjects. The commemoration of heroic lives and deeds will ever tend to make all nations akin—and the relief of suffering caused by war is the strongest link to unite humanity.

I will transmit the draft to our treasurer who will send a receipt therefor and will acknowledge in full the source from whence it is derived in the public press. (Signed) D. T. IRWIN, Secretary.

Yukon Theosophists.

The Yukon Theosophists entertained a large audience last evening at its regular weekly open meeting. Mr. Wall read a most interesting paper on the theme of "Why He May Become a Theosophist." The reason or reasons why were so plain, pointed and pertinent that every one present seemed to appreciate them as their own, judging from the hearty approval and generous applause with which they were greeted, and the number of interesting questions which followed the reading of the paper. Mr. Wall was requested by unanimous vote of the club to give his admirable paper to the press for publication, as it was too useful and truthful for the mere adornment of an archive pigeonhole. The club will hold another open meeting on next Wednesday evening, when its chairman, Mr. Crum, will read a paper on "Theosophical Thoughts and Literature."

Drilling Suspended.

Drillmaster Sergeant Davis, of the V. F. F., is not active these days in his regular duties for the reason that what was once his drill grounds in the square is now a lake, the blind ditch which conducted water from the square and under the sidewalk and street into the Yukon having fallen in, with the result that water is two feet deep in some places on the sergeant's drill ground. As his men are not marines he has some hesitancy about procuring a fleet of canoes in which to drill.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

LIEUT. SCOTT

Of the Royal Navy, Shot and Mortally Wounded at Esquimault

BY AN OVER-VIGILANT SENTRY.

Gen. Otis Pleaded That He Is to Be Relieved.

DEWEY OUT TO BEAT BRYAN.

Count Carboneau Returns to Victoria for Funds—Army Post for Skagway.

(From Friday's Daily.)
Victoria, April 7, via Skagway, April 13.—That extreme vigilance is being practiced in protecting the secrets of the Esquimault fortifications and naval yard from the prying eyes of the curious, lest some spy, the emissary of a foreign power, learn of and divulge the plan of construction, was exemplified last night when Lieut. Reginald Scott, of the Royal Navy, was shot by the sentry for failing to answer the challenge.

The officer says he answered the challenge, but as a strong wind was blowing in his face at the time, the answer may not have been heard by the sentry. Lieut. Scott is mortally wounded and can not possibly live but a short time.

Otis Is Pleaded.

Washington, April 7, via Skagway, April 13.—Gen. Otis has cabled his thanks at being recalled from Manila, he having been for some time desirous that such decree should go forth from the war department. General McArthur, who is appointed his successor, is preparing to leave for Manila at once to assume his command.

To Head Off Bryan.

Washington, April 7, via Skagway, April 13.—Admiral Dewey will not name any particular party which he would prefer to place him in nomination for the presidency, but says he would become a candidate of the people regardless of old party lines and affiliations.

It is thought throughout the country generally that Dewey's name is to head off Bryan.

Should a ticket with Dewey at the head be placed in the field, it is probable that Gen. Joe Wheeler will be named as candidate for vice president.

For More Funds.

Skagway, April 13.—Count Carboneau, who has been here for the past three weeks and who had a very good time while here, has, instead of going on to Dawson as was his intention when he reached here, returned to Victoria for more funds with which to carry out his plans when he reaches the interior.

New Army Post.

Skagway, April 13.—Gen. Randall, commander of the U. S. military department of Alaska, is here. He says that Skagway will be the seat of a new and commodious army post in the near future.

Hosher in Hoc.

Tacoma, April 13, via Skagway, April 13.—Hosher and Thompson, the two men who are charged with having defrauded by embezzlement George Torrence, a returned Klondike miner, out of \$20,000, have been held for trial, Hosher in the sum of \$20,000 and Thompson in \$10,000.

Should Hosher be able to secure the

required bond, he will still be held on a charge of stealing a letter of credit from Torrence.

Did He Do It?

Skagway, April 13.—J. Jewell, who left Dawson on the 31st of March, reached Skagway on the 11th day out. He walked the entire distance.

Valuable Property in Litigation.

Some very valuable mining property is involved at present in litigation. Just now, both the territorial and gold commissioner's courts are engaged in trying cases which affect the titles to hillside claims on Magnet gulch.

Since last Wednesday, Justice Dugas has been hearing the testimony which has been submitted in the action of James McKenzie and John Miles, plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. I. Davidson and J. H. Davidson, defendants. As reported in a recent issue of the Nugget, this case involves an "half interest" in the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 3, Magnet gulch. The plaintiffs allege that in consideration of their information concerning the ground, defendant, Mrs. M. I. Davidson, promised to record the property and transfer to them an half interest. She secured the grant; but has refused to execute the promised bill of sale. In answering the plaintiffs' complaint, she avers that no agreement was made requiring her to deed to the plaintiffs any interest in the ground. This same claim is also in litigation in the gold commissioner's court.

On March 13th, 1900, F. L. Lawson, as plaintiff, commenced suit against Mrs. M. I. Davidson, F. D. Boyer, Edward Ensel and John Anderson, defendants, before Gold Commissioner Senkler. The trial of the action was started yesterday.

The plaintiff, Lawson, alleges that on March 22d, 1899, he recorded a certain placer claim, which is particularly described as the hillside, left limit, opposite Nos. 17 and 18 below discovery on Bonanza creek. The property measures 250 feet in width along Bonanza creek and extends up the hill a distance of 1000 feet. It is located immediately west of the mouth of Magnet gulch. The claim was surveyed by Dominion Land Surveyor T. D. Green.

The defendants, F. D. Boyer, Edward Ensel and John Anderson, on March 7th, 1899, recorded a claim which is described as the hillside, left limit, opposite No. 2 Magnet gulch. This piece of mining ground is 250 feet wide along Magnet gulch, and extends up the hill to the summit, a distance of about 500 feet. The rear end line adjoins the east side line of Lawson's claim.

Immediately south of this Magnet gulch property is located the claim of defendant, Mrs. M. I. Davidson, whose ground is described as the lower half of the hillside, left limit, opposite No. 3 Magnet gulch. It is also 250 feet in width along Magnet gulch, and extends up the hill to the summit, a distance of probably 600 feet in this particular locality. Likewise, the rear end line adjoins the east side of Lawson's claim. The properties of the defendants have been surveyed by Dominion Land Surveyor C. S. W. Barwell.

The plaintiff contends that the rear end lines of both of the Magnet gulch claims, which are owned by the defendants, overlap the east side line of his Bonanza creek hillside. The defendants are charged with extending their claims about 100 feet across the east boundary of the plaintiffs' property. If this assertion be true, then the owners of hillside No. 2 will lose the greater portion of their pay; and their claim will be depreciated greatly in value. Mrs. Davidson, owner of No. 3, will also be seriously affected; but not so much of the pay on her claim is so situated as to be involved in the issue. The owners of both of the Magnet claims had expended, in development work, at least \$20,000 on each of the properties, before the protest of the plaintiff, Lawson, was filed.

Before the gold commissioner, the plaintiff is represented by Hon. F. C. Wade, and J. A. Aikman. The defendant, John Anderson, has retained Attorney C. M. Woodworth. Messrs. Clark and Wilson appear for Edward Ensel and F. D. Boyer. Messrs. Tabor and Hulme represent Mrs. M. I. Davidson.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. Long is visiting the city. T. P. Bilet, from Toronto, is a recent arrival in Dawson. F. Vannart, a Sulphur creek miner, is enjoying a short vacation in the city. Tom O'Brien, the well-known Yukoner, is reported to be on his way to Dawson.

Jacob Eul, who represents the A. E. Co. at Grand Forks, is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

Rufus Buck, the Dominion land surveyor, left yesterday for Bonanza creek, where he has been engaged to survey several bench claims. He will not return to Dawson for a week or ten days.

DENY CHARGES

Members of Citizens' Committee Refute Accusations Made Against Them.

ARE NOT GOVERNED BY POLITICS

Efforts Are Directed Towards Representative Government.

ACTIONS ARE HARMONIOUS.

The Gentlemen Are Supported By the People Who Appointed Them Last February.

Recently reflections have been passed by a local newspaper upon the character of the citizens' committee, which was appointed at a mass meeting of British subjects on February 12th of this year. The falsity of some of the charges is apparent. Certain accusations, which affect a few of the members of the committee, are so extravagant that they are not entitled to any consideration or refutation. Where the allegations involve such moral turpitude as is amenable to the criminal law, their untruthfulness is clearly evident; for it is not likely that the party or parties thus publicly accused would be permitted by the officials of the territory to remain unpunished.

It has said of the gentlemen who comprise the committee that they are actuated in the movement for representative government by reason of their political antagonism to the party now in power. The motives of the several individuals on the committee are attacked; their efforts are condemned as the work of designing politicians, who are endeavoring to assist by ulterior methods the cause of the Conservative party.

These statements are false. They are an insult to the committee and to the people who appointed it. The citizens have been very careful to eliminate the discussion of party politics at their public meetings. Those few persons who oppose representative government are the only ones who have attempted to raise questions of a political nature. The matter of securing representation in the Yukon council and in the Dominion house of parliament does not constitute a policy which is attached to any particular political party; it is a right to which the great majority of British residents here believe they are entitled.

A representative of the Nugget interviewed the gentlemen of the committee. When Col. McGregor, the chairman, was questioned, he replied: "I believe that the charges of which you speak are so evidently false as to require no refutation. The people know that the committee would not permit itself to be influenced by political preferences. We are endeavoring to secure representative government; and the policy of any particular party is a matter of no concern to the committee. Since our organization, we have received the support of the citizens; and we shall be directed by their advice until our common purpose is accomplished."

Mr. Clark, the secretary, said: "The committee has worked harmoniously; and has exercised great care in excluding everything of a political nature. As for myself, I may say that at the last general election in 1896, I voted and supported to the best of my ability Mr. Sifton's candidate at Brockville, Ontario. This recent attempt to involve the matter of representation into a political dispute emanates from those few who are opposed to the rights of the citizens."

Mr. Alex. McDonald replied: "The charges to the effect that the committee is the tool of a particular political party is absolutely untrue. Questions of politics do not affect this issue of representative government. The citizens understand the situation perfectly; and I do not think they will give consideration to the recent statements of a local paper."

Mr. McMullen answered: "It appears to me that there can be no question as to the desirability of having two mem-

bers from our midst added to the Yukon council, and I think the recent articles in the Sun may tend to mislead people from the object sought. I have attended many meetings of the committee and have noticed with pleasure the absence of any show of party politics; and I think your contemporary is wrong in assuming that the members of the committee are actuated by any motive to harass the outside government. On the other hand, the spirit displayed has been entirely in the interests of our own territory. I am opposed to the introduction of politics in this matter. What is needed at this time is the addition of two members who are familiar with existing conditions, to assist the present council, a number of whom are already overworked and not easily accessible to the public."

Mr. Noel said: "I am not a party man; in the past I supported both political parties at different times. The committee is entirely without the influence of any political organization. We are endeavoring to act as the representatives of the people; and I do not think that our motives can be successfully attacked. The Sun charges, in my opinion, reflect great discredit upon it, and are so extravagant as to be harmless."

Mr. Woodworth answered: "At the last general election I voted the Liberal ticket, and spent considerable time in speaking in favor of the Liberal party and its policy. The recent criticisms are untrue and uncalled for. The committee will not tolerate the discussion of politics; and all of our actions evidence the fact that we are engaged solely in the effort to secure representative government for the people."

Mr. Proudhomme replied: "I am a Conservative; but I would not allow my action as a member of the committee to be influenced by my political preferences. The statements made in the Sun are untrue, and I think their apparent falsity will be discovered by the people."

The other two members of the committee, Messrs. Williams and Sturgeon, are not in the city, and their views could not be ascertained.

Men and Horses.

A large party of men with horses and freight reached the city after 8 o'clock last night over the ice from the outside. Two of those who arrived are Roy Stetson and Blacksmith McCarter, the names of the others not being learned. The freight brought consists principally of general merchandise.

Seems Like Sunday.

This being Good Friday, therefore a statutory holiday, many of the departments of business are closed to the public and a general Sunday air has pervaded the city, and especially is this so of the upper part of the city, where the courts, public offices and bank all suspended business for the day. The large stores are also closed.

Another feature that is indicative of a holiday is the large decrease in the amount of hootch in stock in the city during the day. As early as 9 o'clock this morning several lurid jags, which had probably taken several hours to cultivate, were in evidence and were worn by men who probably have no more idea of the reason or today being called Good Friday than they have of the name of the man who discovered the island of Madagascar.

But, 'twas ever thus. Some men jollify on any occasion which offers the slightest excuse; and a day which approaches to anything the nature of a holiday affords a golden opportunity which must not, in any manner, be overlooked or passed by.

Resolution of Respect.

The monthly meeting of the board of governors of the Good Samaritan hospital, held last night, was shadowed by the sense of loss occasioned by the death of Mr. John Nelson. He was governor's visitor at the hospital this month, and was to have made his report to last night's meeting. The board, standing, this resolution, proposed by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Lithgow, was unanimously adopted.

The board of the Good Samaritan hospital desires to place on record its deep sense of the great loss sustained by that institution, through the removal by death of one of its most active members, the late Mr. John Nelson.

Back in the earlier days of the camp's history, he was one of the first to see the need of greater hospital accommodations for the territory. He has been on the board of governors since that time continuously, his interest never lessening.

Always planning for the hospital greater usefulness, he spent time and means to put these plans into operation. In the recent extensive improvements throughout the buildings, he was the moving, leading spirit, and outlived their completion by only a few days. Altogether the board will miss very greatly his companionship in meeting, his wisdom in counsel, and his help in time of need.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

BOER VICTORY

A Force of Five Hundred Men Under Gen. Gatacre Are Captured.

BOERS NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND

Papers Criticise Roberts Again Very Severely

OVER RECENT HEAVY LOSSES.

Floods in Texas Sweep Away a Dam—Lives and Property Lost—The Queen Honored.

London, April 7, via Skagway, April 13.—Another set back has been met by the British, as a result of which over 500 men were captured by the Boers.

Gen. Gatacre encountered the enemy at Reddersburg on the 4th inst. with disastrous results. His force numbering 167 mounted men and 429 infantry were attacked by the Boers, who are reported to have been 3000 strong, with 15 pieces of artillery. Capt. Casson, Lieut. Barclay and six others were killed, 33 men were wounded and the balance of the force was captured.

Papers Criticise.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April 13.—The afternoon papers are filled with bitter criticisms of the disposition of troops whereby 500 men were permitted to be isolated from the main body and captured. During the past week Roberts has lost nearly 1000 troops, but in actual numerical strength he is better off than previously, as 4000 additional troops have been received within the same time. It is reported at Ladysmith that the Boers are impressed with the idea that Buller fears to make any further advance, and they are preparing a flank movement by way of Helpmaaker. The Boers also state that the commands from Colesberg and Stromberg have reached Kronstad.

Floods in Texas.

Austin, Tex., April 8, via Skagway, April 13.—The Colorado river is overrunning its banks, the water sweeping everything before it. An immense dam has been carried away, resulting in the loss of 30 or 40 lives. The small town of Circleville has been entirely swept away. The flood was brought on by heavy rains throughout the state. Many railroad bridges have been wrecked. The property loss in this city will reach into the millions, including the electric light plant which is a total wreck.

Coal Land Law.

Washington, D. C., April 8, via Skagway, April 13.—A bill extending the United States coal lands laws to apply in the territory of Alaska has passed the house.

Honor to the Queen.

Dublin, April 7, via Skagway, April 13.—Ovations and rejoicings over the queen's visit continue; everywhere the royal pageant is received with most enthusiastic manifestations.

Only one unpleasant feature has served to mar the pleasure of her majesty's visit and that was the publication of a venomous article in the United Irishman headed "The Famine Queen." The paper was suppressed for the publication of the article. The Freeman, another paper, says it was a very stupid thing for the United Irishman to do at such a time and under present circumstances.

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GENERAL WHEELER'S VIEWS

As Expressed By Him in a Recent Interview.

Thinks Unprecedented Prosperity is in Store for United States—Evolution of Trade.

From Saturday's Daily. Gen. Joseph Wheeler on his return from the Orient was interviewed in San Francisco by an Associated Press correspondent relative to his impressions of trade possibilities with the countries he had just visited. Among other things the old warrior said:

England, Russia, Germany and France have craved war and pestilence in efforts to secure a share of the wealth which will come to them by commercial relations with these peoples. The treaty of peace cast upon us the responsibility of sovereignty over from nine to eleven million people, together with the islands which they inhabit, containing an area three times that of our great and prosperous empire state.

"Very naturally there may be honest difference of opinion as to whether everything has been conducted during the two years in accordance with the highest wisdom and best possible judgment, but there should be no judgment question among the American people as to the duty and wisdom of now uniting in a determined effort to take the situation as it stands and to so conduct the affairs of our country as to add the most to its glory, honor, welfare and prosperity. It is a friendly struggle for commercial supremacy in which our rival nations are using their best efforts and I say, let us, in a friendly but determined spirit, use our best efforts also.

"Our Pacific cities are now face to face with the eastern shores of Asia. The Nicaraguan canal will bring our Gulf ports nearer to them than those of the Atlantic and Europe.

"With Manila as a great depot, steamers from that emporium could reach the commercial ports of Eastern Asia as readily as it can be done by English steamers from Hongkong.

"We must consider that about one-third the population of the earth is concentrated in the eastern half of Asia and that these vast multitudes are rapidly learning to appreciate the advantages, and I might add, the necessity of high civilization, and they are also learning to realize the comfort which is enjoyed by the people of the most civilized nations in the possession and use of the products, manufactures and mechanical developments which are there found.

"Europe and America must purchase the silks, teas, coffee, hemp, spices and products of the handwork of the people of the Orient and this immense population needs articles which American farms and factories are producing cheaper and better than those which are produced anywhere else on earth. Cotton cloth such as is manufactured in Southern cotton mills is needed by the people of the East to the enormous value of four to five thousand million dollars.

"England with her navy has approached China by the sea and has established firm footholds at favorable locations on the coast. France has acquired possessions in Asia which contains a population four times as large as that of our Empire state. England's dominions and dependencies in Asia now extend over an area of 1,600,000 square miles and contains a population of nearly 300,000,000. Russia has already in Asia territory exceeding in area 6,000,000 square miles and containing over 19,000,000 people.

"Port Arthur, the great commercial and war port, is firmly in her grasp. This gives Russia a power over Korea which will add much to her strength. The completion of the trans-Siberian railway and its branches, the opening of the Nicaraguan canal, and the annexation of the Pacific islands to the United States will more thoroughly revolutionize the commercial relations of the world than has ever been done by all other influences combined during the last three centuries.

"It seems to me that there is but little limit to the possibilities which are before us and we are certainly justified in the belief and hope that the United States is on the edge of an era of unprecedented prosperity.

"I had," Gen. Wheeler continued, "a very interesting visit to Guam. It is a beautiful island. I rode over a great deal of it, traversed its length and crossed it three times. I visited all the towns and was much pleased with the people. Their hospitality and apparent desire to express good feeling toward Americans was very gratifying."

Speaking of his resignation from the

army, Gen. Wheeler said he resigned November 20, but was not ordered home until the middle of January. He did not care to discuss his reasons for leaving the army. After a brief stay in the city Gen. Wheeler will go to Washington to take his seat in congress.

"I have a letter saying that an effort will be made to keep me from taking my seat," said the general, "but I do not see why such an effort should succeed. The objection is that I was not on hand to be sworn in, and it is stated that I was holding another position that militates against my right to be elected. I shall go to Washington, having resigned from the army, and with a proper certificate of election, and expect to be sworn in.

"It will be noted that my resignation from the army was handed in before congress met."

As to the situation in the Philippines and Guam, he said:

"All is very satisfactory in both places. The war is over except for the work of the guerilla bands that ambush our troops and do a little damage. Just before I left I heard of a case in which one American soldier was killed and several wounded. This condition of things will not last long, I think."

Mr. de Noon's Views.

Mr. H. R. de Noon, recently arrived in Victoria from South Africa, and while there gave to the Times a great deal of interesting information, from which the following is an extract:

"Rhodes is credited with being responsible for the present war by many papers and people, said Mr. de Noon, but every right-minded man in Africa knows that there would have been war just the same had there never been any Cecil Rhodes. Many are only ready to see the bad points of Rhodes—and it is admitted that he has many—but still he has many good ones, and there is no man in the world who has a keener insight into the future of South Africa than the same Cecil Rhodes. He has made a fortune in the country, but unlike many, he has not trekked home to spend it. Much of his private capital has been used in the building up of many of his African enterprises. Take for instance the Beira-Fort Salisbury railway, giving Rhodesia communication with the east coast. He could not get the government to build this line, and rather than let it drop, he came forward with his own money.

"He plainly foresaw the present war, and often told the British government that it was bound to come. Today his prophecies are coming true. The Boer has always been bitter against the Rooineck—as he calls the Britisher—and since the war of 1861 the malice has been deep-rooted. The raid of 1894, of course, intensified the feeling against the British, and the Boer arsenal began to fill for the struggle which the Boers firmly hoped was to be the Armageddon, which should end the power of Britain. They hoped that when the outbreak came it would give birth to a European war, and while the allied countries of Europe downed the British supremacy—thus the Boer pictured it—they would sweep South Africa from Zambesi to the Cape, and all the land south of the big river would be a Boer republic. How the Boer hopes and wishes have been flattened the history of the past few months tell.

"Dr. Jameson, he of the raid, is well known to Mr. de Noon. He saw him last at Fort Salisbury not long before the outbreak of the war. The people tried to get the raid leader to address them in the town hall, but he would not, saying it was then a time for action, not for words. He afterwards went out and applied for military service, and when refused a commission on account of the raid, he went into beleaguered Ladysmith, where he doctored the fever victims until he fell a victim himself. With him in the garrison of Ladysmith was Col. Rhodes, a brother of Cecil, and two other noted members of the Johannesburg Reform League.

"The Little Englanders and the continental press have accused Hon. Joseph Chamberlain of complicity in the raid, but in the opinion of Mr. de Noon, and as far as he could learn, according to the public sentiment of South Africa, the British war leader undoubtedly had no knowledge of the raid until its abrupt ending at Doornkop. There are many strange rumors flying about Africa concerning the raid, and one, which, however, finds little belief, is that Oom Paul Kruger himself and his party were among those mixed up in it.

"The acquaintances of Mr. de Noon, whose names by reason of this war have become notorious, are not limited to Britishers. He knows Oom Paul Kruger well, but has not much that is good to say of the old president of the Transvaal. Of Gen. Joubert, though, whom he well knows, he speaks well, and places him at the head of the Boers in his acquaintanceship. President Kruger and Gen. Joubert have never agreed. Kruger is an anti-progressist and wants

none other than Boers or Hollanders in the country. He does not want improvement or things modern, unless it be that the promoters of the railway or what other modernization is trying to come into the Transvaal is willing to silence the conscience of Mr. Kruger with golden salve, while Joubert, on the other hand, is a strong progressist, and looks to the improvement of the country in every possible way. He favors the introduction of railways and the opening up of mines and manufactures. It is a well known fact that had he had his way there would have been no war.

(The foregoing was written previous to the death of Joubert.)

The Sunday Concert.

All arrangements for the concert which is to be given at the Palace Grand theater tomorrow evening have been completed. An interesting program of 12 numbers has been prepared, and those persons who attend will enjoy an excellent musical entertainment. Many capable artists have been secured, in addition to the services of the Yukon Garrison band; and Mr. F. W. Zimmerman is to be congratulated on the successful manner in which he is managing the affair. The program is as follows:

March, Dollé (Hall), Yukon Garrison band; vocal duet, "Battle Eye," (Bonheur), Messrs. Shank and Zimmerman; overture, Norma, (Bellini), Yukon Garrison band; vocal solo, "Tell Me, Beautiful Maiden," (Günod), Miss Barrager; vocal solo, "The Lost Chord," (Sullivan), Mr. Shank; selections, II Trovatore, (Verdi), Yukon Garrison band; vocal solo, "Blot Out the Past," (Harris), Mrs. Tozier; vocal solo, lullaby, (O'Brien), Miss Annie O'Brien; piano solo, (a) "To the Spring," (Greig), (b) "Spinning Song," (Raff), Mrs. E. B. Lyon; vocal solo, "Werner's Farewell" from "Trumpeter of Sackingen," (Nesler), Mr. Zimmerman; vocal duet, "Adieu," (Nicolaï), Miss Barrager and Mr. Zimmerman; choral, "Gloria in Excelsis," (Mozart), Yukon Garrison band.

Tickets of admission to the concert are now on sale at the drug store of Reid & Co.

Many Going Out.

Present indications are that there will be more people go back to their old homes from Dawson during the coming summer than have departed any season since the Klondike was discovered. Many who came in with the first rush and who have not since been out will go as soon as navigation opens, and many of them who are not claim owners, but who have been working lays, will go out and not return. The majority of those who have been here two years and over will be able to take with them something to show for their time and labor and the hardships endured; but there are many who, although they may economize by traveling to their old homes second-class, will arrive dead broke, having nothing for their time and efforts—what little of the latter they made—save experience.

The Seattle Fire.

The Daily Klondike Nugget is in receipt of the following letter of inquiry: Dominion Creek, April 8, 1900 To the Editor of the Klondike Nugget.

Dear Sir: Will you kindly inform me through the columns of your paper the day and year when Seattle was destroyed by fire? Yours truly,

A SUBSCRIBER. Answer.—The fire occurred on June 6th, 1889.

Christian Science Society. Christian science services will be held in McDonald hall on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

An Erring Stovepipe.

A fire alarm was rung yesterday evening a few minutes before 8 o'clock, the occasion being a blaze on the roof of a cabin on Sixth street, just above the Yukon Iron Works. The department responded in double quick time, but before the chemical engine arrived some cool-headed individual had quenched the fire with a cup of water. A defective stovepipe was the cause.

New Water System.

Messrs. McLennan, McFeeley and Matheson are constructing a new water system for Dawson. The well is located at the head of First avenue, in the vicinity of the Arctic well. The main pipe has been laid across the government addition to the rear of the barracks buildings; it will follow down Third avenue to Harper street, thence west to Second avenue, and thence north to Second street. For the present, the pipe will remain on top of the ground. Within a week it is expected that water will be pumped from the well to the principal parts of the city.

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THEATRES. Palace Grand - THIS WEEK - The Black Flag OR Or Brother Against Brother A Grand Triple Bill With all the Celebrated Artists of the HILLYER DRAMATIC CO. In Clever Specialties. O'Brien-Jennings-O'Brien

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A VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE

May Be Made From the Present Census

Of the Number of Residents in Dawson and the Entire Yukon District—Returns Nearly Completed.

From Saturday's Daily. The work of census enumerating in the city of Dawson has been completed, and one of the officers who was interested in the work gives it as his opinion that fully two-thirds of the residents were seen and "taken" but he does not think to exceed that proportion was seen.

The unofficial report from the city shows 5166 persons, while a very conservative estimate places the number of actual residents in Dawson proper at from 7500 to 8000.

However, a sufficient number of people were seen to demonstrate that the purpose for which the movement was made has been accomplished, namely: To find out if there were over 500 British subjects in the district. That there are many times 500 has been proven by the fact that of the 5166 people in Dawson, between 1000 and 1300 are British subjects. There is now no doubt in the minds of anyone that there are 3000 British subjects in the district, and that they are entitled to all the benefits of a free and self-governed people.

Reports from the creeks and other parts of the district have not yet been received, but it is safe to assert that the proportion of Britains found in the city will not be lessened by the reports received from these latter places.

By the end of next week it is expected that all the returns will have been submitted and that an official report will be given out.

Palace Captures the Town.

The Palace Grand as usual was packed to the doors last night and the pop of the champagne cork could be heard during the whole of the performance mingled with the hilarious outbursts of applause as the different artists were encored again and again.

A splendid entertainment is on this week, and particularly attractive are the vitoscope pictures which are thrown upon the curtain illustrating motto songs as sung by one of the members of the company.

After the show Dick Case and Pat Malloy gave a clever exhibition with the gloves which lasted six rounds. Both men evidently tried hard to restrain the impetuosity of their blows, as they are on very friendly terms, and the go being an exhibition of boxing strictly. Malloy will meet Smith in a ten-round go soon, consequently he could not afford to take chances under the circumstances with Dick. The affair was well put up and satisfied the audience to a man.

A Warning to Kruger.

London, March 15.—Mr. Balfour, in the house of commons today, replying to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the opposition—who asked whether, in view of the numerous recent disturbances at peaceable meetings called to discuss South African affairs, or directed against the persons and property of individuals because of their war opinions, the government would cause an inquiry as to how far and by whom the disturbances were organized and what steps would be taken to prevent their recurrence—said that every case of disturbance had been examined and that the demonstrations appeared to be spontaneous. He added that the government felt the responsibility rested with those who called the meetings in the heated state of public feeling. They should be careful lest they asked more than human nature could give. The reply was regarded as unsatisfactory, and Sir Robert T. Reid, Liberal, moved an adjournment with a view of raising a discussion of the question. He said he regretted the necessity of the motion, and had expected Mr. Balfour would show that the government unqualifiedly disapproved of the disgraceful scenes, in place of which he had thought proper to lecture those who had not asked for his advice.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal, supported the motion to adjourn. He declared that Mr. Balfour's answer discouraged the right of public meetings.

Mr. Balfour reiterated that pro-Boers were not justified in forcing their ideas, which though possibly all right, were not agreeable to the majority of the nation. He denied that he had said anything inconsistent with the principles of free speech, and asserted that the government would do its best to see that the right of free speech in every

legitimate form was safeguarded in every part of her majesty's domains.

After a lively debate the motion was rejected by a vote of 229 to 120. The whole opposition and all the Irish members stood up in support of Sir Robert Reid's motion.

Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, answering a question as to the threats to demolish the mines and raze Johannesburg, said that at the commencement of the war President Kruger had been warned that he and his government would be held personally responsible for any act contrary to the usages of civilized communities.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

A dog fight in the Palace Grand last night was the cause of the police court room being packed this morning with the largest crowd seen there for many moons, as all the participants were there except the dogs. That the dogs "bit and fout" was not the direct cause of the gathering before the court this morning. It was on the matter of separating the canines that the trouble hinged. William Young had a grievance against Joseph West, owner of one of the dogs, and who, Young alleged, had kicked him on the head while he, Young, was acting in the capacity of peacemaker. Young poses as a "consolator" in separating fighting dogs, and when performing his specialty he objects to being kicked in the head. No effort was made to show that the plaintiff had been done bodily injury, the kick being somewhat in the nature of a shove. The interesting feature in the trial was the persistency with which the prosecuting witness conducted it, and the suggestions he volunteered to the court during its progress. A fine of \$20 and costs was imposed on West.

A number of wage cases which were set for this morning are being heard this afternoon.

A number of gamblers plead guilty and paid the usual fine, \$50 and costs.

Easter Sunday Services.

Methodist church—Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; class meeting, 12:15 p. m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Subject of evening discourse, "Jesus the Christ." The choir will render the following selections in the morning: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," Shelley; "God of the Morning," Smith; "Hear Me, Jehovah," Perkins. In the evening: "Choir Angelic," Hanscom; "The Lord Is My Shepherd," Perkins; "Consider the Lilies," Topliff. A. E. Hetherington, pastor.

Ladies Scramble For Hats.

An amusing and interesting scene occurred last night at the store recently opened by J. P. McLennan near the Holborn. This gentleman has recently arrived in Dawson with stock of ladies' goods and a particularly striking selection of spring hats. These were unpacked as rapidly as possible and exhibited in all their feminine attractiveness in the front of the store. A large plank was supported across the doors by two empty barrels, as the store was freshly painted and not open for business at the time.

Some adventurous lady with the desire for a new spring bonnet uppermost in her mind, observing the display, forced her way to the doors and entered. Soon other ladies got a glimpse of the fortunate one, who could be observed through the windows in an ecstasy of delight, as she tried on one bonnet after another and each, of course, looking better than the one before.

After that the high plank had no terrors for any and the evolutions made by the ladies as they scrambled over, under and around the hated obstruction was a sight to see. Then pandemonium broke loose. The ladies insisted on buying, appropriating some choice creations of the milliners' art and holding it sacredly away from possible competition by envious competitors until such time as the frightened proprietor could wait upon them. This scene continued for several hours, and would in all probability be duplicated today under the same circumstances. For the benefit of our feminine readers, we can assure them that the obstruction has been removed and the store open for business.

A Farmer Wanted.

Considerable merriment was created this morning on the street near the Aurora, the innocent attraction and cause being a Champion hay rake, a product of Dayton, O. The wheels, frame, seat and shafts of the implement of agriculture were in their proper positions, but many of the lesser, but very important parts, were missing. Only two teeth were in evidence, the others having probably been lost in transit.

While there was nothing about the rake to create amusement the theories advanced by members of the crowd were highly entertaining. Every man who had ever ridden through a farming vicinity on a train, or had a relative subject to hay fever, knew just what parts of the machine were missing; but when they undertook to explain where they belonged he would invariably get into deep water and call down upon himself the derision of the crowd.

Many who came along did not know what it was; one man, a lawyer, remarking that he did not know that track sulkies were built so wide.

An old man who came to the country with Jack McQueen said if it had more teeth in it he would like to buy it for a hair brush.

Tom Chisholm had no use for it, as it is not rigged for working dogs.

The owner of the machine, who, being a sensitive man, is ashamed to give his name, is thinking of advertising for a farmer to point out to him in what respect the thing is wanting the component parts of a regularly ordained horse rake.

Sluicing on Sulphur.

Several of the claim operators on Sulphur have ceased underground work and are directing all their forces to getting in shape for sluicing. On 18 below, Gates and Wilcoxon, are moving their engine and pumping apparatus down to the creek, and will begin the work of sluicing in a very short time. The water used will be pumped through a large canvas hose a distance of 500 feet. The object of a canvas conduit is that it can be worked fully as satisfactorily as through one constructed of lumber, and the cost of construction is many times less.

On 11 above on the same creek Alex McQuinn is also at work preparing for sluicing. He also will use a canvas conduit through which water will be taken for the purpose for which it is used. It is not thought there will be any scarcity of water for sluicing purposes on Sulphur this year.

Abraham Lincoln.

How many Americans in Dawson have thought of the fact that 35 years ago today there was spread over the United States a mantle of gloom, the weight and density of which was never before nor has since been experienced by the nation. Thirty-five years tonight in Ford's theater, Washington City, John Wilkes Booth's bullet did the fatal work which caused the nation, which was then being shaken to its utmost corners by civil war, to mourn as never nation mourned before; and to this day all over the northern states, and especially with the old soldiers who fought and bled in defence of their nation's flag, the anniversary of their beloved president's assassination brings with it a feeling of sadness which time may have mellowed but can never eradicate.

A Creditable Work.

The building erected by Mr. George Lion on Front street is to be occupied on the lower floor by the firm of Lion & Moe, of which the genial George is one of the partners. Their place of business is to be named "The Monte Carlo," and it will be one of the finest fitted up saloons in Dawson.

Immediately as one enters the door can be seen an elaborate wine rack replete with the finest selection of wines, brandies, liquors of all kinds, and only of the most famous brands. A cigar stand will be placed here also, made especially for the house and manufactured in the same style as is to be seen in any modern metropolitan store. A choice selection of cigars, tobaccos, cigarettes, etc., will be displayed.

A finely appointed bar has been built beyond, back of which a plate-glass mirror can be seen, nine feet long by five feet in height. Only such goods as seven-year old whiskies, three star Hennessy brandy and three star Martel will be sold over the counter. For Scotch, an assorted stock of the very best has been obtained, including "McKenzie Special," of which the firm has a heavy consignment. "Henry Chays" will be the leading brand in cigars.

A large and well-lighted room has been reserved for a club-room, and here the fickle goddess Fortune will be wooed by many of her votaries.

Two completely appointed bowling alleys are connected with the institution, which, at will, can be completely separated from the main part of the establishment, allowing private parties who so desire the exclusive use of the room.

The new Monte Carlo is complete in every detail, neatly arranged, without any effort towards extravagant gorgeousness and is a credit to the town, and both the gentlemen connected with the enterprise.

Chloride of lime. Pioneer drug store.

Half interest in tundra placer mining claim two miles from Nome for sale. Inquire Norton D. Walling, Grand Forks. c21

Bank Will Close.

Friday, the 13th inst., and Monday, the 16th inst., are Good Friday and Easter Monday. These days are statutory holidays and the Canadian bank of commerce will consequently be closed for business on both days. c14

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

The Star Clothing House will have its first sale day on the 21st of the present month. Look for something to happen.

Sliced Lubeck potatoes and Crown flour. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

Ladies' belt purses. Pioneer drug store.

Boats For Sale.

For boats of all descriptions—scows, river boats, polling boats, Peterboro canoes, call at Bartlett Brothers.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Silver shield apricots 50 cents a can. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

Hilarity on tap at Rochester Bar.

Cold Storage.

The refrigerating steamer Lotta Talbot is now being utilized for cold storage, the machinery having been started

Thursday morning. For rates and space apply to Alaska Meat Co. c16

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Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

The Pioneer Suggests.

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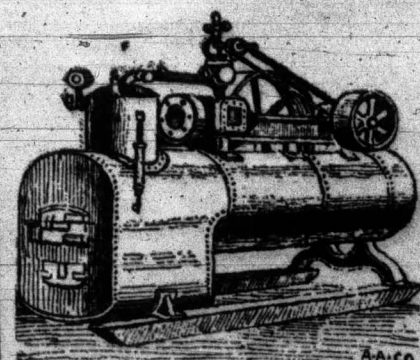
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