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Passed at Special Meeting Held Last Night by Yukon Council.

EXIGENCIES OF OCCASION ARE MET

MAD DOGS ON BONANZA

Violent Case of Rabies Developed Last Saturday.

Another case of rabies was reported from 32 below Bonanza last Monday. This was a dog belonging to J. Ben Lewis, who with Mr. McKay are operating a hillside claim opposite 32. McKay had a dog which went mad some time ago and during his ravings succeeded in biting Lewis' dog. The time the dog was bitten was noted and a careful watch was kept of him to witness any symptoms of the development of the disease. The dog had a very playful disposition and was a great pet among all the boys on the claim. Last Sunday some of the boys were playing with him when he suddenly stopped and went away and laid down for a short time. He then got up and in less than five minutes was completely under the influence of a violent attack of the dread disease. He started on a run after some other dogs in the neighborhood, frothing at the mouth and snapping every thing that came in his way. Before he had gone very far and committed any deeds of violence he was shot. From the time he was bitten until the disease developed in him was nine days and two hours, according to Mr. Lewis, who kept careful account of the date.

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DECISION IN FULL

As Rendered by Judge Craig in Case of D'Avignon Vs. Jones Et Al.

REGARDING CLAIM 13 ON GOLD RUN

Action Being Taken to Remove Cloud From Title.

EVIDENCE WAS CONFLICTING

Making It Most Remarkable Case in History of Local Jurisprudence—His Honor Much Puzzled.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The following is the decision in full of Honorable Judge James Craig of the territorial court, handed down yesterday morning in the case of Joseph D'Avignon, plaintiff, vs. Jones et al., defendants:

This is one of the most peculiar cases which I have ever heard of and is certainly the most unsatisfactory case which I have tried since I came into the territory—a case where so many objections can be raised to the evidence of all the parties to the issue and where so much has been shown to throw discredit upon the witnesses directly concerned in the result of the trial.

The action is brought by D'Avignon to set aside an alleged deed of 13 Gold Run, which he claims to be a cloud upon his title and which he claims he never executed to pass the title to this property. As the action is framed, the defendants claim title through D'Avignon and claim under a deed from D'Avignon, but during the course of the trial they sought to discredit D'Avignon and his witnesses and to throw doubt upon the root of their own title, and it was objected that such evidence was inadmissible. I must, to a considerable extent, go into the history of this matter, with my comments upon the evidence thereon. D'Avignon claims that he came down from the Stewart river on a special trip carrying freight for one Peacock, and with him came Hildebrand, another witness in the case. That being down here, he got some numbers from an unknown man of claims which were open for staking on Gold Run creek. He at once started for Gold Run; he and Hildebrand staking claims. D'Avignon alleging that he staked 13; returning at once, on the way back he met Barlow, who was then a layman with three others, McCaul, Fancy and Averett on 39 Hunker. D'Avignon goes back to Dawson and seems to have no attention of recording his claim until it appears that Barlow hunted him up and induced him to record, offering to pay the recording fee. D'Avignon swears that on the morning of the 25th of March he recorded this claim, having to be at the recording office between 3 and 4 in the morning to avoid the rush of recorders. McCaul, Fancy, D'Avignon and Averett recorded their claims in the order in which I have given them. This is important in view of what afterwards comes out. It is admitted by the evidence that D'Avignon had no connection with the other three parties. He himself says he had not, but it is also clear that Barlow had a very close connection as a layman on 39 with the other three parties. Now, D'Avignon in going to record did not go as one of that party he says. He must have either gone before or after them. He swears that he had to take his place in the line. It appears that the other three parties recorded together and by virtue of some arrangement.

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STEAMER BAR LICENSE CUT.

Territorial Court Vacations Changed From Summer and Fall to Fall and Winter.

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The Yukon council passed a most stringent ordinance respecting dogs at its special meeting last night and one which it is calculated will obviate all danger from rabies in the future. The ordinance embodies the four ordinances respecting dogs now in force and is a very lengthy one. It provides that all dogs must have a basket muzzle so that they cannot touch or bite anything with their mouth. All dogs must be tied up so as not to give them more than five feet of rope, tags also to be procured for them. Any dog running at large is subject to being killed or impounded. No damages can be collected for dogs killed unless it can be proven that they were properly tied up and tagged.

The pound fee per diem for dogs was reduced from 75 cents to 50 cents and it was voted to furnish straps to the owners of dogs with the licenses. The poundmaster may sell dogs which have been in the pound for one month after five days notice and the disposal of dogs not sold at such sale is left to the discretion of the poundmaster. He is instructed to keep a record of all dogs impounded, and the disposal he makes of them, such record to be open to public inspection at any time. A penalty of \$5 to \$100 is provided for violation of the order.

An ordinance reducing the bar license on steamer from \$500 to \$300 was also passed.

An ordinance respecting the sittings of court and vacations changing the vacation of the court from July 1 to September 15 to October 31 to January 1, was passed so that hereafter the court will take its yearly vacation in the fall instead of the summer.

JOHN GREEN WINS SUIT

In Clothier Hershberg's Ice Guessing Contest.

John Green, day manager of the Northern won the guessing contest on the outgoing of the ice, his ticket being marked May 14th, 4:14 p. m. The official time as given by the A. C. Co. is 4:12 p. m. Consequently his guess was within two minutes of the exact time. The tickets were counted last night in the presence of representatives of the Nugget, News and Sun.

There were 2009 tickets counted out of which but 106 guessed the day. John Peterson, A. J. Stanley, Wade Blaker, and Constable St. John gave May 14, 4 p. m., and but for the lucky guess of Green they would have tied on the contest. Some remarkable manuscript was discovered in the count of which follows:

"I guess on when ice goes out this spring 1901 15 at 10 p. m."

"May Sunday 4 a. m. 30 minutes."

Handed in by a well known Dawson lady.

"Month of 26 day of May 8 p. m. 25 minutes."

"Guess between 18th and 19th of May at 12 o'clock at night."

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Many tickets were sent in without names attached and two guesses were written on paper manufactured by splitting a playing card in two and writing on the blank side.

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Hootalinqua.—Water still very low. Steamer Clifford Sifton went down to wood camp and wooded up and is now all ready to leave at a moment's notice. Hootalinqua river not yet open.

Five Fingers.—Ice still solid between here and Rink rapids; above and below open; but water very low.

Selkirk.—River open from Rink rapids to Selkirk with exception of a jam at Wolverine creek, eight miles above here.

Selwyn.—Ice not broken here yet; but it is very soft and may break any time.

Stewart.—Jammed worse than ever here now. It broke away this morning and ran for an hour, but is now piled up again and water backing up. Large volume of water with plenty of ice coming from Stewart river.

Ogilvie.—No ice coming down. Jam here broke at 8 p. m. last night and moved down few miles. It is evidently jammed again below here though, as water is backing up some.

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Yukon Open From Five Fingers to Selkirk Reports From Other Points.

From Wednesday's Daily.

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Hootalinqua.—Water still very low. Steamer Clifford Sifton went down to wood camp and wooded up and is now all ready to leave at a moment's notice. Hootalinqua river not yet open.

Five Fingers.—Ice still solid between here and Rink rapids; above and below open; but water very low.

Selkirk.—River open from Rink rapids to Selkirk with exception of a jam at Wolverine creek, eight miles above here.

Selwyn.—Ice not broken here yet; but it is very soft and may break any time.

Stewart.—Jammed worse than ever here now. It broke away this morning and ran for an hour, but is now piled up again and water backing up. Large volume of water with plenty of ice coming from Stewart river.

Ogilvie.—No ice coming down. Jam here broke at 8 p. m. last night and moved down few miles. It is evidently jammed again below here though, as water is backing up some.

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THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1901.

From Wednesday's Daily.
THE BREAKUP.

The ice on the Yukon is broken up. The long expected, and long wished for event has come to pass and in consequence Dawson is feeling in a cheerful mood today. The fact that the ice has actually moved and that the broad stream of the Yukon is again flowing by the town means more to Dawson than might ordinarily be supposed.

The breaking of the ice means the actual arrival of the season when everyone in the territory is entitled to prosper. It means that the time has arrived when active work will be resumed along the entire length of every producing creek in the district. It means also a reawakening in every line of industry and holds forth the assurance that within a very few days the hills surrounding Dawson will be echoing to the sound of whistles of arriving and departing steamboats. After seven months of practical exile from the world of commerce, Dawson is once again to be placed in open communication with the great trade centers of the outside. When the water begins to flow in the Yukon, the feeling of isolation so universally experienced in Dawson during the winter seems to disappear. A stretch of 350 miles of solid ice seems an interminable distance when compared with an equal extent of running water. The appearance of steamboats at the wharves gives the satisfying assurance that though removed from the busy outside world, Dawson is still in close touch and communication therewith. Splendidly equipped steamers will soon be running up and down the river furnishing rapid and easy means of transportation and placing Dawson once more within the channels of the world's trade.

The ice in the Yukon is breaking up and for all the reasons noted herewith and for many more which might be cited, Dawson has good substantial reasons for rejoicing. The winter of Dawson's discontent has been merged into a summer as bright in realities and as glorious in possibilities as the most enthusiastic admirer of our little town might desire.

SATISFACTORY RESULTS.
The recent order respecting the matter of keeping dogs tied up should be rigidly and impartially enforced or its effect will be lost. The order was issued as a last resort, and as the only satisfactory means advanced for meeting a most extraordinary situation.

Already a very salutary result is noticeable. There have been few complaints of mad dogs for several days and from all indications strict enforcement of the order recently issued from police headquarters will serve to stamp out almost entirely the disease with which the dogs of the community have been so commonly afflicted.

It is true that more or less difficulty always results when the law is brought unusually close to the individual, and the order respecting the care of dogs may be cited as an example of this fact. Undoubtedly there are owners of dogs who feel that in being compelled to keep the animals tied up a hardship is being worked upon them. There are others probably who consider that the order itself is an unauthorized interference with individual rights.

We are inclined to the opinion, however, that the great majority of citizens whether owners of dogs or not, support with cheerfulness the position assumed by the authorities.

An emergency, the existence of which was universally recognized, had to be met, and we are glad to be able to say that it was met in a prompt and effective manner. We believe it may be said in all truth that the working of the order is viewed with general satisfaction thus far and if it is strictly and impartially enforced, the mad dog problem bids fair to be successfully solved.

If the council proposes to purchase the toll bridge at the mouth of the Klondike, arrangements to that end should be made as quickly as possible. The bridge is a public necessity and as such the toll feature should be removed at the earliest possible moment. If the owners of the bridge—which is one of the last remaining relics of the Yukon dark ages—will not sell at a reasonable figure, the structure should be condemned, or failing that a new one built alongside of it. It will be a pleasing task to record the fact that the day of toll bridges in the territory has gone by.

Drilling School Children.
One of the most appropriate as well as most attractive of all features of the Victoria day celebration will be the singing by the school children who are being drilled in the songs by Mr. J. H. Falconer, an accomplished musician. It is thought that fully 200 school children will be in line on that occasion.

\$25 for 25 Cents.
D. K. McDonald was the lucky man in the river guessing contest at the Pioneer which was instituted by Proprietor Geo. Butler and Bar Pilot Jim O'Neill. An even 100 guesses were made, McDonald's being 4:15 on the afternoon of yesterday. He "copped the dough" and everybody had something.

A KNOWING FROG.
The Novel Manner in Which He Secures Meals of Flies.
"One of the most knowing little animal pets I ever had is a frog about half grown," said a well known artist the other day to a reporter. "I made the jumper's first acquaintance one morning two weeks ago, when he hopped from the garden through an open French window into my studio, where his frequent daily visits afford me much amusement during idle moments. He is so tame that he will take worms from my fingers and perch upon my hand like a bird and sing and croak as long as I choose to hold him."

"As an illustration of the little fellow's cunning, I was one morning feeding my favorite cat with a saucer of bread and milk, all of which pussy did not eat. The food that the cat left soon attracted quite a number of flies. The observant frog noticed this, and, hopping into the saucer, he rolled over and over until he was fairly covered with a batter of bread and milk, having done which he lay perfectly motionless and awaited developments. The flies, enticed by the prospect of a good meal, soon began to circle around the scheming batrachian, and when one passed within two inches or so of his nose his tongue darted out and the fly disappeared. The plan worked so well that the frog makes a regular business of rolling himself in the cat's left over dinner.

"One day I wanted to paint him in a picture and tried to take a profile view. But he evidently had a dislike to being sketched, for whenever I placed him in the right position he would hop around so as to face me and then go on my drawing paper. Then I would put him on a plate with some water so that he might be more comfortable. This plan answered very well as far as keeping him off the paper went, but when I turned the plate so as to get a side view he hopped around and would face me. Then I tried edging around the table, but with the same result, so that I was obliged to hold him sideways while I drew him. But whenever I raised my head to look at him he raised his, too, and lowered it again when I began to paint, and so we went on nodding at each other like two Chinese mandarins."

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STROLLER'S COLUMN.

"Afore I'd set here and look at such a disgustin' sight as that I'd take pizen and end my life," said the sourest of doughs yesterday afternoon after gazing for two minutes on the ice moving from its winter moorings in the Yukon. Having thus expressed his views he was turning to potter away with his three-legged dog at his heels when a bystander asked what there was in the scene then transpiring to disgust him.

"I reckon you're a cheecharker as ain't seed the ice go out mor'n four or five times? If you had you would not be axin' sich fool questions as the one you've jist axed," said the old man as he resumed his seat on the log with his back toward the river scorning to look at it. Continuing he said:

"There ain't been nothin' happened in this country with markin' downs in a diarre book fer nigh on to ten year and not since these taral bluenoses tuck to comin' into the country. There was a time when the goin' out of the ice was wuth seein'. By the way, what day of the month is this? The 14th, do you say? Well, by gosh! It was on the 14th of May that the ice went out in 1868, the spring follerin' the winter of the fast blue snow I had ever seed and the winter when ice worms growed bigger'n I've ever seed 'em since. The goin' out of the ice that year was somethin' I am proud to say I seed. No smakin' out like zif it was skeered if it made a racket a kerples warrant 'ud be issued to fetch it back. No, sir-ee! It went out with the inferniest roarin' and popin' you ever hear tell on. To begin with the ice in the river was from 12 to 16 foot thick that winter. Ice worms growed in it fully 10 feet long and wv course when the weather begin to let up on staying colder than 70 below which it were fer upwards of a spell of five months, all these big worms did and had jist withered 'nuff to be tougher'n rawhide when the ice bruck up; so you see that when a big piece bruck the pieces were still fasted together by from one to a dozen ice worms, and as the hunks drifted apart the withered worms would stretch and stretch until they would pop like shot guns and as there were millions of 'em I reckon it made the goldarnedest racket I ever heered and I fit in the war afore comin' to this kentry."

"Now, I consider that sich going out of the ice as this is today is a reglar baby trick, and a gal baby at that."

And having borrowed a bite of tobacco the veteran walked away without deigning to look again at the river which he said was acting too "cheecharkarish" for him.

Artemus Ward once said: "When a call for volunteers to go to war was made I was the first man to stay at home."
The same spirit has ever characterized the Stroller, yet a few days ago he received in an indirect way, of course, information to the effect that he will be challenged to fight a duel as soon as the thawing of the ground renders grave digging less laborious. Dueling is not what it is cracked up to be and unless the offended gentleman can bring evidence to the Stroller to conclusively prove that he is a single man with no one dependent upon him for support his challenge will not be accepted for already the Stroller has a pension list comprising four relics and seventeen orphans of men who became offended with him in times past and had recourse to the code duello. Daisies grow upon their graves and their wives make goo-goo eyes at the man who delivers groceries.

On the whole the Stroller prefers to not fight, but if he does he reserves the right to choose the weapons as he does not care to have any limburger charged hams thrown at him.

The two chronic office seekers, the citizen who wants to be marshal of Dawson and the renegade who made a commodity of his allegiance in the hope that a prune might drop into his mouth, were in their favorite position, leaning against the unused crap table. Said the one to the manor born:

"Pears to me sif this incorporation movement is makin' tarnation slow progress. Now here I've been hanging around town for four months 'specting every week the bloomin' town would be incorporated and as I wanted to be here to look arter my interests I have passed up a dozen or more good chances to work on the creeks and today it don't look zif I was any nearer wearin' a marshal's badge than I was last Christmas. How air they coming with you?"

A. C. CO.'S OFFICIAL TIME
4:12 P. M., MAY 14.
WE, the undersigned, have carefully examined all guesses taken from the sealed boxes in the store of Hershberg's and hereby acknowledge John Green to have come the nearest to the exact time of the moving of the ice, he having guessed 4:14 p. m., May 14. Official time 4:12 p. m.
E. J. Fitzpatrick, Nugget.
F. F. Lischke, Sun.
Ben S. Goodhue, News.

OPPOSITE WHITE PASS DOCK

And the Ice Went Out!!

THE GUESSING CONTEST is all over and the lucky man has been found. John Green, day manager of the Northern Annex, gets the outfit. Keep your eye on him—you will notice the elegance of his attire. The clothing awarded to the nearest guesser is but a sample of the goods carried in stock by us. No cheap and flashy goods are kept in our store. If you want a consolation prize call on us for a Spring Outfit. We will charge you a fair price for your purchase but you will get the best money can buy.

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Everybody Wants Them.
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Port Townsend and Other Puget Sound Ports Will Quarantine.

SAYS U. S. OFFICER DR. FOSTER.

Seattle Narrowly Escapes Devastation by Fire.

JIM KEENE CORNERS STOCK.

Railway Bill Passed B. C. House by Big Majority—Big Mining Deal Consummated in Victoria.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. Port Townsend, May 8, via Skagway, May 13.—The steamer Senator with smallpox on board—reached here from Alaska this morning and was sent to quarantine at Diamond Point. The name of the victim of the disease is Miss Gilmore who is a late arrival from the east. Dr. Foster, U. S. quarantine officer, says that a general quarantine against Alaska will probably be established tomorrow.

Fire in Seattle.

Seattle, May 8, via Skagway, May 13.—The Cyrus Walker block on First avenue occupied by Mitchell, Lewis & Slaver, was damaged by fire today to the amount of \$35,000. It was only by hard work that a most disastrous fire was averted.

Wall Street Excitement.

New York, May 8, via Skagway, May 13.—There was an exciting fluctuation in railroad stocks today and Jim Keene is credited with having cornered Northern Pacific which opened at 150, ran up to 170 and closed at 165. At one time it was down to 147. There was proportionate fluctuation in the stock of other lines.

B. C. Railway Bill

Victoria, May 8, via Skagway, May 13.—The railway bill passed the house today by a vote of 33 to 3. Curtis, Smith and Hawthornwaite were the only opponents.

Big Mining Deal.

Victoria, May 8, via Skagway, May 13.—The biggest mining deal ever consummated here took place today when the Copper Canyon and Omoka groups on Mount Sicker were sold to a New York syndicate for \$336,000.

Yukon Meat Market Co.

On April 23d last a telegraphic report was published in this paper stating that the largest consignment of beef cattle ever shipped over the White Pass railroad had left Skagway en route to Dawson. This shipment consisted of 17 car loads of beef cattle which are now loaded on the boats at the foot of Lebarge awaiting the breaking of the ice, when they will be dispatched down the river. The shipment is owned by Barch & Co. (C. Barch and A. R. Cameron), whose operations in the meat business promise to assume immense proportions this season. The firm has erected a two story building and enclosed an area of 35 acres at the mouth of Bonanza, where their stockyards will be maintained and at which place the beefs will be killed and delivered to Dawson and the surrounding creeks. New machinery is now on the way down stream, including a complete plant for refrigerating purposes and steam sausage making machinery.

The main office of the company will be maintained at the stockyards with a branch meat market in Dawson. A location for a retail store has been secured at Second avenue in the Melbourne block, where the firm will do business under the name of the Yukon Market. When opened for business this will be one of the finest equipped meat markets in the north and where all probability an immense trade will be enjoyed. This part of the business will be under the supervision of A. R. Cameron, a partner in the big concern, C. Barch having charge of the stockyards. Active operations will commence as soon as the first consignment of stock lands in Dawson.

At the Standard tonight "My Friend From India" will be put on for the first time in Dawson.

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MUST PAY INDEMNITY

Foreign Ministers Go After China Collectively.

Pekin, May 8, via Skagway, May 13.—The foreign ministers have decided to address a joint note to the Chinese government demanding the payment of indemnity in the sum of four hundred and fifty million taels, which amount equals a half billion dollars.

John Patterson, Thos. Monahan of Hunker, and M. Stone of Dominion, are guests at the McDonald hotel today.

EXPENSIVE WINE SALE.

Savoy Management Fined \$100 and Costs.

William R. Jackson, of O'Brien & Jackson, proprietors of the Savoy theatre, pleaded guilty before Magistrate Starnes in police court this morning to selling four bottles of champagne from the Savoy bar at about 2 o'clock Sunday morning. The wine was carried to the Hoffman restaurant and drunk by two female attaches of the Savoy and a sucker whom they had worked for a supper. Corporal Piger dropped on to what was in progress and notified the Savoy management to appear in court this morning. A fine of \$100 and costs, the latter amounting to \$30, was imposed and paid.

Actor Eddie Dolan began the week with a daylight specialty although the performance could not be properly called a matinee. Some time ago Eddie, at the instigation of his friends, joined the already long line of Dawson actors whose names appear on the interdicted list; but on Saturday Eddie got sick, so sick that he required a dose of medicine which was followed by a whisky chaser. Fatal error. The chaser was lonesome and longed for company; another was added. Still there lacked a quorum, but others "dropped in" and a social session was held. For violating the interdiction order Eddie was fined \$50 and costs which amount was paid.

Get Off the Ice.

There is a great deal of activity being displayed along the waterfront today in anticipation of the ice soon commencing to move. Several teams are at work hauling scows and boats off of the river up onto higher ground. The steamer Emma Not has been drawn out of the ice onto the high ground back of the A. E. Co.'s wharves.

The little steamer Marjory which has lain all winter at the foot of Third street has also been drawn out of the water onto the bank. Her hull has been given a new coat of paint which greatly improves her appearance. The engine house back of fire hall No. 1 is also being hauled onto the bank.

Ice Didn't Go.

Yesterday, May 12th, at either 12 o'clock noon or midnight were hours named; and backed by considerable sums of money, when the ice was due to move from the river in front of the city, but it never "budged" an inch. In their efforts to get even many made new bets, the 15th or 16th being the most popular dates, and as if to stamp these late bets as a bad risk, the mercury dropped down a dozen points below the freezing mark last night.

Will be in Good Shape.

There is no doubt but that, should the present clear weather continue, and there is every indication that it will, First avenue will be in fine condition for the Victoria day sports. Commissioner Ross will see that it is cleared of all debris before that day and everything will be in readiness for the event. Local athletes are in training and it is said the creeks will supply a number of good men in nearly every feature of the program.

His Whacking Hammer.

Editor Nugget: Please allow me space in your paper to suggest that as soon as the bench show is over, arrangements be at once made for a rose carnival to be followed later on by a squash fair, as roses and squashes are both more numerous in this country at present than are dogs that are pleasing to look upon. However, I may be prejudiced.

Record Your Entries.

Only 10 days remain in which to make entries for the coming bench show and all persons having dogs with admirable points about them should not fail to enter the same. Mr. Jules Marston will be at room A in the A. C. Co.'s office building each afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock to record entries.

Heards' "May Day Festival," Dolan's "Pink Dominoes" and Bryant and Onslow's "Fifteen Minutes in a Rough House" are the special features at the Orphan.

Latest stamp photos at Goetzman's.

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JUSTICE KILLAM

Refuses Manitoba Permission to Appeal From Decision Rendered

REGARDING THE PROHIBITION LAW.

Senator Ross' Death Reduces Conservative Majority.

DECHENE WILL SUCCEED HIM

Order From Ottawa Says British Columbia Need Not Quarantine Against Alaska.

(From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.) Winnipeg, May 7, via Skagway, May 13.—Chief Justice Killam has refused Manitoba permission to appeal from his decision declaring the prohibition law of the province ultra vires.

Majority Reduced.

Ottawa, May 7, via Skagway, May 13.—By the death of Senator Ross the Conservative majority in the senate is reduced to nine. Dechene, member of parliament from Lislet, will probably be appointed to succeed Ross.

Quarantine Not Necessary.

Vancouver, May 7, via Skagway, May 13.—Health Officer Dr. McKechnie has received word from Ottawa that the quarantine of British Columbia ports against Alaska owing to presence of smallpox at Sitka is not deemed necessary.

ARIZONA KICKLETS.

Lively Items of News From a Very Lively Center.

(Copyright, 1907, by C. B. Lewis.) Monday afternoon last Major Williamson made a wager of \$50 even up with Judge Singletree that he could shoot a cigar out of the mouth of a drummer from Chicago without hurt to the smoker. The major made a mess of it and raked the drummer's chin, and we understand that he had to come down with \$250 to settle the case. With all his conceit the major is only a second rate marksman, and he'd better confine himself to billboards and barn doors.

What this town needs above anything else is a first class dentist, and we will cheerfully correspond with any one looking for a good opening. In fact, we have been writing here and there for the last year, but as soon as we explain to a dentist that his victim will begin shouting as soon as the tooth is out, and that he must get the drop on him, they lose all interest and drop the correspondence. There is some risk, as we all know, but there is a cartload of teeth waiting to be pulled or plugged, and a dentist with sand could make barrels of money. For \$2 per day he could hire a man to shoot for him.

We occasionally permit some stranger with a good opinion of himself to run us out of our sanctum at The Kicker office or take possession of the mayor's room in the city hall. As postmaster we represent the government, and the government wants to know all about it before it comes down off the perch. A man named Harkins, who is a stranger to this locality, tried to get possession of the postoffice the day before yesterday, and we were obliged to bore a bullet into his leg. We could have bored it into his head or body as well, but he didn't appear to be a vicious man. The leg answered all purposes, and he sends us word from the hospital that he will make no mistakes in future.

Our esteemed contemporary is out with an article this week describing the adventures of its editor with an unknown and would be assassin on our streets. He tells how he was about to be shot down when he fired and wounded the stranger and drove him off. We are the unknown and would be. At midnight Wednesday night we met our esteemed as we were going home from a soiree and he was going home from a poker room, and just for fun we yelled at him. He jumped six feet and struck a run, and every billboard in his path had to go down. There was no shooting, and we didn't even gobble the hat he left behind. The idea that any one should want to take his life makes us laugh.

MR. QUAD.

Probably one thousand people meandered from Dawson along the boulevard to Ogilvie bridge and back yesterday. The boulevard has undergone a great change lately, the mud having been succeeded by a fine article of dust that rises heavenward every time a stamper passes over it.

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STR. DANUBE AT SKAGWAY

With Many Big Shipments for Yukon.

Skagway, May 13.—The steamer Danube arrived this morning from Victoria and Vancouver. She brought only a few passengers but a number of big shipments of freight for Dawson and the Yukon.

Hundreds of strangers are here awaiting the opening of navigation before leaving for Whitehorse en route down the river.

MORE BAD CHIMNEYS

Cause Fire Alarms to be Almost Perpetual.

Saturday afternoon about 4:30 a spark from the fine set fire to the home of Sam Moore on the corner of Sixth street and Second avenue, but before the department, who responded quickly to the alarm, could reach the place the fire had been extinguished by a bucket brigade.

Yesterday afternoon another fire was started from the same cause in a cabin back of the Northern restaurant on Second avenue, between Third and Second streets south. No damage was done but these small fires show the damage which exists from the accumulation of the soot and dirt in the chimneys which—probably in a good many cases have not been cleaned since the houses were built.

The necessity for cleaning the chimneys as a means of prevention of fire is recognized by everyone and especially by the fire department who have engaged a corps of chimney sweeps who will start out today on a cleaning tour of the town.

New Strikes in B. C.

Vancouver, B. C., April 18.—Three mining strikes of importance have been made in British Columbia during the past week two of which are on the coast, while the third is in the boundary country. Two days ago Alfayre Jones, a well-known broker of Vancouver, received from a new claim near the Van Anda, on Texada island, big samples of gold quartz, some of which went over \$1000 to the ton. The property is within a short distance from the shore and is said to be a valuable one.

Another strike has been made at the Marble bay mine, also on Texada island, and it runs highest in silver, \$6 to the ton, with added values of \$10 per ton each of gold and copper.

During the past few days Rock creek and its tributary have once more become the Mecca for a rush of placer gold hunters to stake claims. The excitement is principally due to the operations of a local company that has acquired leases and is now working below the historic White's bar, on this creek. A profitable clean-up is anticipated. As a consequence the placer land along the adjacent creek is being rapidly staked, especially so along Baker creek and the south fork of Rock creek, where pay dirt is found. Alex Bloomfield, Bert Ingham and others have acquired leases on the former creek, and A. D. Sykes, J. G. Billings, C. H. Fair and Sproat have recorded on the south fork. Since its discovery in the early sixties the Rock creek placer diggings under the most primitive methods are reported to have yielded over \$1,000,000 in gold. The miners are apparently well satisfied that if bed rock can be reached more "yellow" will be discovered. During the summer extensive operations by "booming" creeks will be prosecuted. Along the company's ground and on Baker creek, returning prospectors says that there is yet much rich dirt that will yield handsomely. Placer mining is also in full swing below the falls on Boundary creek, where sluicing is being carried on and good results are looked for.

High Price for a Ride.

In the Century of February, 1898, there was an article on "The River Trip to the Klondike," by John Sidney Webb. The author says of his trip to the mines: And here let me make a confession; I, with others, rode a horse. No one can imagine what a sensation this created along the creek. No one had ever indulged in such extravagance before. Though a man should wash out \$20,000 in a day, he would be content to walk. But I rode at 30 cents per pound to Eldorado, and 30 cents to return, or 186 pounds for \$111.60. They did not, however, put me on the scales like a sack of gold dust. Still, it was cheap, according to an Irishman's coming over the summit, who remarked that he had had his goods packed over by Indians. "An' I got it chape," said he. "How much did you pay?" some one inquired. "I don't know," said he. "Then how do you know it was cheap?" "Oh, anything would be cheap over that place!" he replied.

UPPER RIVER BREAKING UP

White River Went Out Yesterday—Rain at Selwin.

The following news of the upper river was received by wire shortly before 12 o'clock today:

Selkirk—River open from Hell's Gate to a mile below here.

Selwyn—River looks good—for three or four days yet. Raining hard here now.

Stewart—White river opened up yesterday and Yukon broke from there to here. It is jammed here.

River rising rapidly and channel open about two miles.

DOG ORDER IS IGNORED

Many Dawson Canines Still Roam Streets at Will.

Last Wednesday an order to the effect that all dogs in Dawson not tied up within the ensuing 24 hours would be shot was issued by Superintendent Primrose and for the next three or four days not a dog could be seen loose upon the streets. But evidently a large number of dogs have slipped their collars or chewed off their chains, for in a walk of a few blocks on Third street and First avenue this morning seven dogs were met, only one of them being even muzzled. Thinking the order had been rescinded, Superintendent Primrose was asked concerning it and he stated that the order has not been in any way changed, recalled or modified but is still in force. Five days were allowed before the order would be in active force on the creeks and there is a glaring possibility that two or three of the dogs seen at large this morning may have followed their owners in from the creeks; but the majority of them were on the streets for months and their owners can not plead lack of knowledge of the order. In fact, it is reported that one or two dog owners have refused to tie up their dogs and threaten suit for damages if their animals are killed as the order provides that all loose dogs shall be. Major Primrose says there are no "privilege character" dogs in the city nor will there be so long as the order is in effect.

Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The old cabin, accredited locally to have been the home of Uncle Tom, is still standing near Shreveport, La. Oddly enough some miles to the north in Missouri, may still be seen the old log farm house where John Brown held his first abolitionist meeting. The cabin of Uncle Tom is a few miles south of Shreveport, at a place called Chopin. The cabin is still in a fair state of preservation, as is also the house, by no means a mansion, of Colonel Legree, the once master of Uncle Tom. Mrs. Stowe visited the locality between 1855 and 1857, according to local report, in Caddo parish, of which Shreveport is the parish seat. "Uncle Joe" Henderson, a popular character near Shreveport, is still living, and was a slave on the plantation where she visited. Although he is past 90, he remembers the occurrence distinctly and is fond of describing Mrs. Stowe as she appeared at the time.

According to his description—which was picturesque in the extreme and loaded with reminiscence—Mrs. Stowe was then a little under the average height and dressed mostly in black, which was in keeping with her very quiet manner. She was tireless in driving over the plantations in the neighborhood, and seemed very fond of talking with the negroes in their quarters. He has no recollection of the original Uncle Tom, who belonged some miles away on another plantation. Since the war, however, he has worked on the old Legree place and has known darkies who remembered Uncle Tom very distinctly. Strange to say, few pilgrims now visit or ever visited the old cabin, probably because it may be somewhat of a splinter in the South, and is situated a little too far back in the memory of the North. A few years hence and it will have disappeared entirely, unless it be removed in time to some Northern or Eastern door of popular convenience.—Ex.

Kicking Season Opens.

The first association football game was played Saturday afternoon on the barracks grounds between Attorney Davey's and Policeman Stewart's teams. A large crowd of spectators witnessed the game which was said to be a good one. The line up of the team was as follows: Stewart, McFarlane, McMurray, Pennycook, Ferguson, Bank, Seymour, Masse, Hamewood, Norquay and Tweedie. Davey, J. Boyd, Hetherington, McKay, Reid, Jones, Smith, Kennedy, Hall and Marquette.

The score was 1-1. The second match game of the series will be played tonight at 7:30 between the Schoemigguys and Finbigs at the same place.

"The Merry Makers" is new specialties with a new piece by Flynn and the Savoy Gaiety Girls will be seen at the Savoy tonight.

ATHLETES ORGANIZE

At Grand Forks to Give Dawson Pretenders Their Needs

AND SHOW THEM HOW TO PLAY GAMES

Enthusiastic Meeting at Dewey Hotel Saturday Night.

VETERAN BARNEY SUGRUE

Sam Stanley Manager of Baseball Team—Local Athletes Must Look to Their Laurels.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. Grand Forks is coming to the front in an athletic way and promises to give Dawson athletes a good hard run for their money before a very long time elapses. The coming celebration of Victoria day has stimulated activity at the Forks as well as in Dawson, with the result that an athletic association was formed at the Forks on Saturday night.

In response to the call issued for the meeting, about 30 of the leading citizens of the Forks and surrounding creeks met at the Dewey hotel Saturday night and formed an athletic association to include a football, baseball and cricket team.

Manager Armstrong of the Yukon Gold Fields Co., was elected president; Barney Sugrue, vice-president; Chris Reid, secretary-treasurer. Sam Stanley was elected manager of the baseball team.

It is the intention to play a match football and baseball game in Dawson on the 24th. A large tract of ground on 8 and 9 above on Bonanza has been cleared and leveled off for a practice ground and the boys are getting themselves into training for the games on Victoria day. Another meeting of the association has been called for Wednesday night.

The following challenge has been issued by the baseball club: The Grand Forks baseball club challenges the winner of the game between the Gandolfo and Townsend & Rose teams for \$500 a side. The team will be picked from the following players: T. Fowles, F. Diebold, D. Collins, H. H. Rowland, H. Lane, G. Phillips, H. Maple, G. Wilcox, H. Charleson, C. Jennings, C. Williams, B. Duribart and J. Wilson.

Best Packers at War.

St. Paul, Minn., April 13.—The Armour Packing Company, Swift & Co. and Nelson Morris & Co., all with headquarters in Chicago, have declared war against most of the rival packing companies.

The movement is directed chiefly against Cudahy, who, it is claimed, recently cut prices. He has been closely followed by the Omaha Packing Company, and the principal object of the combination is to drive these two concerns out of business here.

The trouble arises out of alleged violations of an agreement entered into by all packing firms doing business in this vicinity last January to maintain certain prices.

The local manager of Cudahy said there was trouble over prices, but he was not the first to start it.

Lovers Re-United.

New York, April 13.—A delightful little romance connected with a marriage came out today in the office of Justice of the Peace Soubour, in Hoboken.

The bridegroom, Edward Johnson, a broker of 134 New street, this city, first met the bride in San Francisco in 1890. They became engaged, but later had a lover's quarrel and Johnson came East. The young woman was married to Edward William Dubois, a wealthy man. He died a few months ago and the widow came to live with relatives in Newark, her intention being to dispose of her late husband's oil interests.

She wrote to several brokers in answer to advertisements, among others to Mr. Johnson. But she had no idea that Mr. Johnson was her former fiancé. Her letter, of course, was signed with her married name, and Mr. Johnson was astonished and delighted to find when he met his correspondent that she was his former sweetheart.

Several changes in buildings on Third street are being made. The Arcade millinery store has been moved opposite its former location. The house occupied by Babe Wallace before the excommunication order went into effect has been moved to about the center of the block. Between Third and Fourth avenues and the Jewel building is to be moved next to it. It is also said that a large building is to be erected on the site which the Jewel now occupies.

YUKON STEAMERS

Ora, Nora and Flora Will Leave Lower Luggage for Dawson This Week

WITH PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT

And With Ten Freight Crowded Barges in Tow

OLD COMMODORE MARTINEAU

In Pilot House of Flora Will Chapter the Fleet—Wire From Gen. Mgr. Calderhead.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Yesterday evening Mr. M. N. Miles of the Klondike Corporation Co., received from that company's general manager, Mr. R. W. Calderhead, who is now at Lower Luggage with their three steamers, the following message and instructions by telegraph:

"The steamers Ora, Nora and Flora will leave here for Dawson about Thursday, May 16th, with full loads of passengers and freight, and with ten heavily laden barges in tow. Our steamers are all manned with crack-a-jack pilots, new machinery has been put in and they will make much faster time than ever before. Sell first-class tickets to Whitehorse for \$65 and through tickets to Victoria and Seattle, first-class, for \$105."

From the above it is evident that Manager Calderhead intends to have the Klondike Corporation fleet of steamers come down the river immediately behind the ice and probably ahead of considerable of it. The Flora was the first boat to land passengers in Dawson last year and the same man, Commodore Martineau, will guide her destiny this season and as he, being the acknowledged best man on the river, will probably pilot the fleet down on this voyage, the Flora will be the first boat from up the river to throw out a gang plank in Dawson this year.

"BEAU" BLAKE.

The Story a Texan Tells About the Irish Brigade Commander.

"I know 'Buck' Blake, or 'Beau' Blake, as some call him, who is now in command of the Irish brigade with the Boers," said a Texan man the other evening. "He had been a cowboy and at the time I made his acquaintance was interested with a Kentuckian named Harvey Watson in a horse ranch south of Brownsville. He was a big, good natured, powerful fellow, with humorous Irish blue eyes and a small, sandy mustache. Although he had no record as a 'bad man,' it was pretty well understood that he had plenty of sand and could take care of himself in an emergency. I saw that fully demonstrated one night at Fort Worth. He was in town on some business and, happening to walk into a big bar attached to a gambling house there famous throughout the southwest, encountered a cattleman named Ed Armstrong, with whom he had had some difficulty over a stock brand. 'Armstrong had the reputation of being a 'killer,' and as soon as he saw Blake he reopened the old quarrel. Blake replied to his remarks good humoredly, but he became more and more insulting and finally whipped out a six shooter and leveled it at the Irishman's head. 'Now, you bound,' he roared, 'I want you to tell the whole house that you're a liar!'"

"The action was so sudden that Blake had no time to defend himself, but he never turned a hair. 'Aw, put that thing away,' he said laughingly. Then looking over Armstrong's shoulder, he added, as if speaking to somebody he had seen, 'It's all right, Harvey; he's only kidding.'"

"Thinking that Blake's partner, Watson, had entered the place and was then in his rear, the desperado instantly wheeled around. As he did so the big Irishman hit him a crushing blow under the ear and knocked him fully a dozen feet. His revolver flew out of his hand as he fell and exploded harmlessly in the air, and before he could recover his senses Blake was on his chest, with his hands on his throat."

"That ended the row and made an everlasting impression on my mind. By the way, Blake got his nickname of 'Beau' from a favorite expression of his while a cowboy. On Sundays he used to 'beau up,' as he called it, to visit some girls on an adjoining ranch. 'Beauing up' consisted of shaving and taking his trousers out of his boots."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Who Knows Him?

Mrs. S. Butler, of Dowington, Michigan, writes to A. Spitzel of this city requesting information relative to the whereabouts of her son, Richard Butler. He has not been heard of for the past five years. He is 32 years of age and is supposed to be somewhere in this country.

The Ice Has Gone

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the ice in the Yukon broke away from its moorings opposite Dawson and started on its long journey to the sea.

As usual the Nugget scoops all contemporaries in publishing the news.

TERRITORIAL COURT CASES

Two Important Decisions Handed Down Yesterday.

Yesterday morning in the case of Belcher vs. McDonald, Justice Dugas gave a judgment on the motion to amend the pleadings by the plaintiff and also the motion for a non-suit by the defendant, both motions being disallowed. The judgment partially reviews the case and says:

"Having reserved the application for a non-suit, which strictly exists no more, I prefer to hear the argument on the merits after which I will adjudge upon the whole."

"I should have said before that at the second argument the plaintiff abandoned all that portion of the which is not contained in paragraphs 2 and 3, and therefore the whole contestation is now limited to the claim for the balance of the alleged \$100,000, or \$50,000 and the alleged claim of \$26,222, or whatever may be due thereon."

The argument was set for Thursday morning. In the case of T. G. Wilson vs. the C. D. Co. for damages for non-delivery of goods Justice Craig this morning gave judgment for plaintiff with reference to ascertain the amount. The amount of damages claimed is upwards of \$30,000 and the judgment practically allows the full amount.

Homespun Philosophy.

If you are forty years old, don't expect anything of the future.

Patent medicine men promise health as readily as politicians promise reform.

A barber who would cut a man's hair as he wants it cut would get all the business.

Pay a paimit five dollars, and all you will get in return is a lot of agreeable flattery.

The people with cold, clammy hands always insist upon shaking hands every time they meet you.

By the time a woman gets through with her spring sewing, it is time to begin her fall sewing.

When a local doctor can't fool a patient any longer, he sends her off to an accomplice in the east.

At first, a boy wears his father's old pants, made over. Later, the father wears the son's old pants.

A grocer can sell anything to a woman from soap to codfish, if he will claim that its use is good for the complexion.

It is some people spent as much time at work as they do in complaining that they are abused, they could buy their critics.

We don't care what the poets say about the first robin; we regard the sound of a carpenter's hammer in spring as sweeter music.

How Frozen Meat Deteriorates.

Meats frozen and kept in cold storage for long periods do not undergo organic changes in the ordinary sense—that is, they do not putrefy, soften or smell bad—but they certainly do deteriorate in some intangible way. After a certain time frozen meat loses some life principle essential to its nourishing quality. Such meat lacks flavor; it is not well digested or assimilated. Its savorless condition cannot be remedied or successfully disguised by the use of sauces and condiments.

Those who eat cold storage food for any length of time develop diarrheal disorders, lose in weight and would eventually starve to death unless a change of diet was made. The same reasoning applies to tinned fruits and vegetables. They should not be used after a certain period has elapsed.

Especially should people be warned against using stale eggs and old milk and cream. Milk and cream are kept for days, rancid butter is washed and treated chemically, but all food, and especially cold storage food, is damaged by long keeping, and will not nourish the body properly. There is the greatest abundance of food, but it does not satisfy.—Sanitary Record.

Griffith Still Lives.

36 Gold Run, May 11.

Editor Nugget: I noticed in your last week's paper my name among the missing which was a surprise to me. I will wire home at once.

Thanking you for your trouble, I remain yours truly,

THOMAS A. GRIFFITH.

P. S.—Also hoping that those parties in Dawson with the same name would be kind enough to return mail after finding out if it belongs to other parties and save much anxiety. I remain,

T. A. G.

A DECISION RENDERED

By Judge Craig in Case Concerning Claim 13 on Gold Run—Evidence Points Towards Purgury and General Crooked Work.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Justice Craig this morning rendered his decision in the case of D'Avignon vs. Jones, Rutledge & Davis dismissing the plaintiff's actions, which was brought concerning title to claim 13 on Gold Run.

The judgment is a lengthy one covering the entire evidence in the case speaking of which the justice said: "This is one of the most peculiar cases which I have ever heard of and is the most unsatisfactory case I have ever tried since I came into the territory—a case where so many objections can be raised to the evidence of all the parties to the issue and where so much has been shown to throw discredit upon the witnesses directly concerned in the result of the trial."

"The action is brought by D'Avignon to set aside an alleged deed of 13 Gold Run which he claims to be a cloud upon his title and which he claims he never executed to pass the title of this property. As the action is framed, the defendants claim title through D'Avignon and claim under a deed from D'Avignon, but during the course of the trial they sought to discredit it, D'Avignon and his witnesses and to throw doubt upon the root of their own title, and it was objected that such evidence was inadmissible."

The judgment then reviews the evidence and continues:

"Upon the issue as framed and if evidence had not been given to discredit the testimony of Barlow, D'Avignon and Hildebrand, I would be disposed to think that the inherent evidences the documents themselves being

such as to confirm the story of D'Avignon and Barlow, the dealings of D'Avignon and Barlow with the escrow papers being also consistent with their story, the plaintiff must succeed. But the defendants were allowed to give evidence to shake the credibility and honesty of these parties for the purpose of showing, I take it, that having told a false story in regard to one part of their case, their evidence could not be believed in the balance."

The balance of the evidence is reviewed and the judgment concludes with this statement:

"As I said before it practically amounts to this, that if I find for the plaintiffs I must find the defendant Rutledge guilty of forgery. I can find no sufficient motive which should move a man of his apparent respectability

While the documents are strange and not reconcilable with any proper mode of procedure, yet it is possible that his story may be correct and that the things did happen as he says they did, however strange it may seem. But I think the evidence of Abbott and White turn the scale in his favor and I must believe them. I can not say that I am satisfied with my own judgment in the matter. The whole thing is such a kaleidoscope of inconsistencies and improbabilities that one is lost in trying to reconcile all the discrepancies in the evidence. Another judge or jury might come to a very different conclusion upon the facts, but this is my view of the evidence. I might give the old Scotch verdict 'not proven.' There will be judgment dismissing the plaintiff's action."

AT THE THEATRES THIS WEEK

"My Friend From India" which is being played at the Standard this week is without question the best comedy which has ever been put on the stage in Dawson. This being a difficult play to produce the management has taken particular pains with it, and has spent two weeks in preparing for its production and that its efforts are eminent successful was shown by the continued laughter and applause which greeted the play throughout by the large audience present last night.

The trouble is all caused by young Chas. Underholt who got on a drunk and brought home with him a stranger, A. Keene Shever, and to account for his presence in the house tells his father he is a theosophical student just come from India and a friend of his. Charles has taken his clothes away from him for fear he will escape before the explanation is finished, so Shever appears in a robe. He is taken as a prize into the family as the latest fad and it is expected that he will pave the way into society for them and gets them into all sorts of funny situations.

The cast is a strong one, each character is well taken and delivered in a creditable manner. The cast of the play is as follows: Erastus Underholt, a retired packer, Edwin R. Lang; Chas. Underholt, son of Erastus, Robert Lawrence; A. Keene Shever, a theosophical barber, Wm. Muller; Tom Valentine, a friend of Charles, Alf T. Layse; Rev. James Tweedies, an African missionary, F. C. Lewis; Jennings, a servant, Harry O'Brien; Bill Finnerty, one of the finest, A. R. Thorne; Mrs. Beckman Street, daughter, looking for a third, Lucy Lovell; Bernice Underholt, daughter of Erastus, Daisy D'Avira; Gertrude Underholt, another daughter, May Walker; Tilly, a German maid, Julia Walcott; Marion Hayste, engaged to Charles, Vivian.

The Savoy program this week is in keeping with the gladsome spring season, bright and sparkling. It opens with a one-act comedy "Squabbles" in which Billy Evans is heavy man ably supported by the balance of the cast. Following the opening comes the Winchells, Carrie and Julia, who have danced all over two or three hemispheres winning laurels everywhere. Walthers and Forest in their ballads and operatic duets are still Savoy favorites, while Nat Darling, the singing comedian, is out this week in new and interesting specialties.

"The Dominoes," a burlesque in two scenes by John Flynn, is the big

hit of the program and is brim full of amusement from start to finish, introducing a great deal of clever acting. The cast is as follows: Lady Florence, Jennie Guichard; Mrs. Smith, Carrie Winchell; boarding school girls, Dorothy Campbell, Josie Gordon, Mamie Hightower, Cecil Marion, May Ashley; Miss Tenney; Stuttering Boy, Nat Darling; Prof. Hastings, Jas. Townsend; Prof. Brown, James Post; Prof. Smith, Jno. A. Flynn.

Celia DeLacy, the popular vocal soloist, is still a prime favorite as are also Sadie Taylor and Cecil Marion. Post and Ashley do a most clever comedy sketch entitled "A Mixed Affair," one of the brightest features of the program, being new and sparkling throughout with merriment.

Jennie Guichard and the Savoy gaily girls in living pictures close the program which is one of the best ever yet presented at the Savoy. The orchestra still leads, this week's overtures being a most complete and careful selection.

J. H. Hearde's productions are still the drawing features at the Orpheum and this week the long program is a hummer from start to finish. It opens with "Vassar College May Festival" in which the cast of characters is as follows: Principal of School, Larry Bryant; Andy McHugh, the familiar, Ed. Doan; Mollie McHugh, his wife, Edith Montrose; Billie Peek, Billie Onslow; Mary, the tough, Allie Delmar, assisted by Orpheum Stock Co. The above is taken from a Mayday Festival at Vassar College, New York state, during which choruses, dances and drills are produced by Garnett, J. H. Hearde, Mae Stanley, Blanche Camietta, Master Wilson, Madge Melville and the Orpheum quartette.

Among the specialists who are all out this week in new and sparkling productions are Mae Stanley, Clothilde Rodgers, Madge Melville; Rae Eldridge, Dolly Mitchell, Blanche Camietta, Kate Rockwell and others.

Eddie Dolan still continues on the grand successful march begun at the Orpheum eight weeks ago, his star growing brighter with each succeeding week.

Madam Lloyd appears this week for the first time on the Orpheum stage, her repertoire being entirely new and of a high standard.

Bryant and Onslow's specialty work is unexcelled, while the inimitable Hearde in "Every Day is a Wedding Day With Me" is a "button buster" of the irresistible class.

The performance closes with Ed Dolan's huge farce "Pink Primroses" in which the entire cast appears to good advantage.

The Orpheum orchestra continues to disconcert a class of music seldom heard and never excelled in a vaudeville show.

CLEAR CREEK TO THE FORE

Promises to Furnish a Share of Litigation.

Clear creek promises to furnish its share of litigation to the courts if present indications may be taken as indicating what future developments will be.

Clear creek was stampeded and staked early last fall as everyone who was in Dawson or for that matter in the Klondike district will readily remember.

Among the stampeters who took part in the rush to Clear creek were W. A. McDonald, Ed Carnell, Dan McDonald and Geo. Kennedy.

The four were men in a party together. After reaching their destination and sizing up the situation they decided to leave the main creek to the tender mercies of the other stampeters and turned their attention to a promising looking pup which they designated with the euphous title of "Squaw" creek.

All four men planted their stakes on the pup, staking Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, creek claims in the order in which their names are given.

They proceeded immediately to Stewart river where they placed their claims on record.

Thinking that everything was lovely and dreaming of pokes well filled with Clear creek nuggets the men came to Dawson and recently began preparations to return to their claims to prospect. Before doing so, however, they made an examination of the records in order to ascertain if there was any shadow of doubt as to their title. This examination revealed the fact that the same ground which they had staked on Squaw creek was also claimed by one Gray who had recorded the claim on Clear creek, at the point where they two streams join.

Gray had applied for and received 1000 feet on each side of the creek and the ground included within his boundaries left the four men who had staked on Squaw creek almost entirely off the map. The men have not decided whether they will enter a contest for the ground or not. A similar point has been before the gold commissioner before and the ruling was in favor of the owner of the claim on the main creek. As the matter stands their hard work has been for nothing.

Power Shut Off.

Owing to the breaking of a cylinder at the power house this morning the current which supplies a number of local concerns with power has been shut off all day.

The work of repairing the break has been going on all day and it is expected that the lights will be turned on as usual tonight, although it will be midnight before the damage will be entirely repaired.

The machinery of the Nugget is run by electricity, but as a boiler and engine are kept on hand for just such emergencies no serious difficulty has been experienced in issuing the paper.

Locusts Good to Eat.

All native African races eat locusts. With many it takes, and has to take, the place of the British workman's beef and mutton. In a good many villages sun dried locusts are an article of commerce. The Sudanese are particularly fond of them.

Before they are eaten they are toasted. The wings and legs having first been torn off, the long, soft body and the crisp head form the delicacy.

I determined not to let my European prejudices influence me, but to give the dish of grilled locusts a fair trial. I thought how John the Baptist had enjoyed them plus wild honey.

The one I was eating was rather nice. I agreed with my Arab servant that, should the meat supply fall short, a dish of locusts would be a very good substitute.

By the time I was eating the second locust it seemed to me absurd why one should have a sort of turking pity for John the Baptist's daily menu unless it be for its monotony, and I felt convinced that I should get tired of honey sooner than I should of locusts.—Current Literature.

The Song of the Yukon River.

"There is something peculiar about the Yukon river that I have never heard of in connection with any other stream," said Captain Gray, who has been running boats on the big Alaska artery. "From the mouth of the Yukon up as far as there is any navigable water the stream is constantly singing. No matter where you are, there is a sound like that made by escaping steam. At first I used to think that maybe it came from the boiler or engine. But when we were tied up at night, with everything cold, the sound was the same. I have puzzled my brain to find an explanation of the phenomenon, but without avail. The singing goes on day and night."

"When you get up stream some distance, you can also hear the rocks rolling over the bed of the river, and this produces a most peculiar sound."—Portland Telegram.

Up in the Air.

This cyclone story is vouched for by the Minneapolis Better Way. It is that a cow which was picketed on a rope was picked up by the cyclone and carried up the length of her rope, about 90 feet, where she remained until the storm had passed, when she quietly climbed down the rope and resumed her grazing.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

RATE WAR TO END

By Mutual Agreement of Steamship Companies May Fifteenth.

DEMANDS HAVE BEEN CONCEDED

Of Canadian Pacific and Pacific Coast Companies.

PREMIER FAVORS THE PLAN

Of Quebec to Purchase Plains of Abraham—Assay Offices for Vancouver and Victoria.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Seattle, May 9, via Skagway, May 14.—The various Alaska steamship lines practically agree that the rate war will end on May 15th, the demands of the Canadian Pacific and Pacific Coast companies being practically conceded.

Favors Purchase.

Ottawa, May 8, via Skagway, May 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier intimates that he is favorable to Quebec's plans for purchasing the Plains of Abraham.

Mint and Assay Offices.

Ottawa, May 8, via Skagway, May 14.—In the senate committee today Col. Prior called attention to the announcement that a mint and assay office will be located at Ottawa and strongly urged the establishment of assay offices at Victoria and Vancouver.

In Australia.

Melbourne, May 9, via Skagway, May 14.—The first federal parliament opened today with imposing ceremonies. The Duke of Cornwall and Duke of York were present.

Salisbury Ill.

London, May 9, via Skagway, May 14.—Stories of Lord Salisbury's illness are again being circulated.

CLEAN YOUR PREMISES

Ordinance Pertaining to Sanitation Rigidly Enforced.

The season of the year has arrived when the annual spring cleanup is in order and the police are daily inspecting premises to see that the law providing for such cleaning up is obeyed. The ordinance fixes May 10th as the date when all trash, silt and debris that naturally remains after the melting of the snow shall be cleared away.

A prominent First avenue merchant who had evidently leased space in his back yard to Mr. Limburger-Ham was before Magistrate Starnes this morning on the charge of allowing impurities to accumulate in his back yard, the principal item being a box of decomposing meat. A fine of \$10 and costs was imposed.

Enter Your Dogs.

The managers of the dog show are very anxious to have all of the entries in by next Saturday, in order to classify the dogs and prepare the prizes. Entries are to be made to Mr. Jules Marion, room A, A. C. Co.'s office building from 2 to 4 o'clock, as follows: Breed, sex, weight, name, name of owner.

The sports committee will appoint the judges of the team races on the 24th for which prizes will be given. Owners of inside dogs must have their entries in not later than Saturday.

No entry fee is charged, and the records of this show will be kept so as to establish a pedigree for all dogs that are entered, as the third year establishes the pedigree in all kennel clubs. Owners are expected to furnish collars and chains for their dogs.

Prepare to Decorate.

Every business house in Dawson and residences as well should be becomingly decorated on Victoria day, as a holiday without gala attire and bright display tends to depress the gay and glad-some spirit that should abound on such occasions. Dress up and give the day a royal welcome.

Mr. Thos. Greer and his partner who recently sold their hillside claim opposite to below on Hunter, are in town waiting for a boat to take them to Nome.

DENVER'S WOMAN SLASHER

Has at Last Been Captured and Imprisoned.

Had Belief That Women Were Pursuing Him to His Undoing—Long List of Victims.

Denver, Col., April 8.—This city has been thrown into a state of terror by the deeds of a mysterious assailant of women.

All his crimes were committed in the neighborhood of Capitol Hill, an important district of the city. The name "Capitol Hill Thug" was given to him. Night after night and week after week some innocent women were murdered or assaulted in this locality.

Altogether seventeen assaults were traced to the same miscreant. Three of the victims died.

There was no discoverable motive for the crimes. The thug maimed and killed for the mere pleasure of the crime.

In no case could the injured women identify their assailant or remember him distinctly. Usually he sprang upon them from behind and felled them to the ground without uttering a word. In every case he struck so hard that he left his victim insensible.

He seemed to vanish like an invisible demon. As a matter of fact, it seems probable that he is a demonically inspired madman.

Men thought that they saw a shadowy form flitting away from the scenes of the earlier assaults, but they could never testify with sufficient positiveness to justify any arrest.

As a result of this state of affairs, the whole city was falling into a state of delirium and women went in fear of their lives, becoming hysterical at the least noise.

It was not until Mrs. Mary Short and Mrs. Joseph Unternahrer were both attacked and killed on the same evening that any intelligible clue to the mystery was obtained.

This night was the dreadful climax of the thug's career. He attacked three women in all, and also Miss Emma Johnson.

The evidence of several citizens concerning this night led to the arrest of Alfred Cowan. Upon him were found a revolver, a razor, an ugly pocket knife with a broken blade and an iron bar. He showed himself very cunning when any attempt was made to get information from him and was very abusive.

Upon him was a diary in which among many curious entries was this: "Those two women are after me."

The police learned many peculiar facts about him. He is a rambolic, a sufferer from a strange form of insanity. He has told many people that he has been persecuted by women and driven from his home and other places by them. He has uttered terrible threats against them. His strange conduct has caused him to lose one place after another and he has been in a lunatic asylum.

He was in Denver at the time the assaults were committed and away during certain intervals when none was committed.

He has been identified as the man who bought two heavy hammer handles with which the assaults may have been committed. The butt of his revolver fits the wound in Mrs. Unternahrer's head.

Whether Cowan is guilty or not he is a strange and fearful psychological example, a man in whom Lombroso, the great Italian criminologist, would delight.

Several persons have identified Cowan as the man they saw just after Mrs. Short was murdered on February 22.

Albert Fredericks has testified that he caught a glimpse of Cowan's ghastly face under the electric light as he ran away.

"I would know that man should I see him in a crowd of a thousand men," Fredericks said. "It has been the training of my life to know faces, and his face I could never forget. He passed right in front of me with the sunset light shining full into his eyes—his mean, vicious eyes and his characteristic features. He has a mean face, and that impresses and one that I should never forget. I noticed him because it was at night and I wondered what he was doing in that neighborhood and because I heard the slight scream of a woman before I approached. I looked in the direction from which the sound came, but could see nothing. The figure of a man walking hurriedly appeared from the darkness, and as I approached the light we passed very near the corner. I could walk only with difficulty on my crutches, and did not approach. I thought nothing more of the occurrence, for I did not read the papers and knew nothing of the assault."

Another important witness against Cowan is Bartholomew Julien, head car inspector of the Union Pacific, who positively identifies him as the man who ran past his house the night of October 4, when Miss Mary McAtee was

assaulted and received injuries that made her insane.

Julien was asked to tell what he knew about the man. He drew a chart of the surrounding blocks, and showed the course of the supposed slinger past his house. He said then he would recognize the man if ever he saw him again, and so confident was he that it was the thug that he walked about the sewer workings two days, hoping to find the slinger at work there.

Miss McAtee was assaulted about 9:30 o'clock, on Thirty-first avenue between Marion and Clarkson. The thug is supposed to have run east to Lafayette, north to Thirty-second, and across the vacant lots back of the Maria Mitchess Kindergarten building to Thirty-third and Humboldt. Mr. Julien was returning from the lodge. He left the Lawrence street car at Thirty-fourth and Humboldt and walked south. He lives in the southeast corner house at Thirty-third avenue and Humboldt street. As he approached the avenue he heard a man running along the hard road across the vacant block. When he reached the middle of the avenue the man's figure became visible in the shadow beyond the light. He was running from the back of the kindergarten, as if to go down Humboldt street. He ran out under the light, noticed Mr. Julien, slowed up suddenly, and glanced furtively down Humboldt, hesitated under the arc, turned and walked rapidly toward Mr. Julien's corner, passing him not five feet away on the sidewalk.

Mr. Julien had started along the avenue from Humboldt to enter his yard by the side gate. He turned and faced the man as he passed. Immediately the man started to run, and Mr. Julien watched him until the shadow disappeared up Thirty-third avenue. The next morning he read of the McAtee assault, and has since been positive he saw her assailant.

"I have no reason for coming down here and falsely identifying this man. There is no reward in it for me," said Mr. Julien. "I only consider it my duty to my wife and the wives and daughters of others to see that this thug is caught, and I am positive about this being the man I saw running away from the McAtee slugging."

After Mr. Julien had finished his diagram and description of the man, Chief Farley turned to Cowan and said: "Now, Cowan, this is another man who accuses you of assaulting women."

Cowan glanced furtively at Julien, his eyes wandered to the floor, then to the other auditors.

"He's a fool!" said Cowan, and he laughed hideously in the face of his accuser.

"You say you saw me strike a woman?"

"No, I saw you running. I wouldn't have noticed you if you hadn't been."

"You're a liar!" Cowan interposed. "I was never there."

Two weeks ago Cowan went into the supply store of Hendrie & Bolthoff, and bought two hammer handles. He wanted the heaviest they had, but was reticent and gave no explanation of the use to which he proposed to put the implements.

Cowan was identified without any hesitation by W. B. Hansen, a young clerk in Hendrie & Bolthoff's employ. He says he cannot be mistaken.

"I was reminded of the man and the hammer handles by a picture in the newspapers," said young Hansen.

"When I saw the picture of Cowan and read about his peculiar smile, I was struck at once with the thought that I had seen the man before. I got to thinking about it and couldn't get that smile out of my head for a minute. Last night it happened all at once to remember, and it was fit clear to me."

"The man came in and asked for a hammer handle. I went down stairs with him and showed him what we had. First I offered him a handle for a machinist's hammer. That style is 18 inches in length, round and of solid hickory. He took the handle in his hand, felt of it and swung it a little. 'Not heavy enough,' he said.

"Then I showed him another, the kind used in a sledgehammer, 24 inches long, and of course much heavier than the other. Even that did not satisfy him. The way he took the handles in his hand made me think he was not used to using them, and when he asked for something heavier still I thought it very peculiar. I looked at him closely then, out of curiosity, and noticed the smile that kept lurking around his mouth. Two or three times I saw that smile and I remember thinking that he was a peculiar sort of fellow."

"Finally he decided to take the two handles, one 18 inches long, the other 24 inches long. He paid 15 cents for the two, I rapped them up for him and he went out without saying anything more. He spoke only a few words all the time he was here. When I saw him in the jail there was no doubt in my mind that he was the man who bought the handles. I am positive."

Now the evidence given by young Hansen is considered of great importance for several reasons. When Miss Annie McAtee was found at Thirty-third and Lafayette streets with a fractured skull a pick handle was found near her. The identification of Cowan by Bartholomew Julien connects him with the McAtee case; the purchase of

the handles indicates the kind of weapon he likes to use.

There is such a marked dissimilarity in the wounds of which the various women were killed or wounded.

Mrs. Short's wound was what the surgeons call a contused wound. That is, it was inflicted by some blunt instrument which did not make a clean cut. When Police Surgeon Sharpley examined Mrs. Short she had a slight wound on the left temple which he enlarged slightly in order to determine if her skull was fractured at that place.

Mrs. Unternahrer was probably killed by a blow with the butt end of a revolver behind the ear. An examination proved that the butt end of Cowan's revolver fitted exactly into the hole made in the dead woman's head.

Cowan is about 40 year old, 5 feet 9 inches in height, of muscular though not heavy build, with a slouching gait and a hang-dog manner. He has greenish gray eyes, with heavy eyebrows, that twitch with nervousness; a clipped brown mustache, brown hair, growing thin over the forehead. He wears a black slouch hat and brown suit of clothes.

In spite of all the suspicions against Cowan it seems probable that he will be released. An attempt was made to hypnotize him, but failed.

Prefers Jail to Freedom.
Marvin Ford, rather than be free on bail, has voluntarily surrendered and gone back to jail.

It is a strange story of a singularly sensitive, high-strung man.

Shame, humiliation, regret, remorse—perhaps the spirit that made men of old wear hair shirts and drove them to self-flagellation—made him seek jail.

Marvin Ford is the young man who, on February 16th, in bright midday, committed an extraordinary robbery. Driven to desperation by losses from gambling on the races, he planned to recoup them in a manner so bold, so wildly daring as to border on the melodramatic. He waited and watched outside the Nevada bank for some one to come out after drawing money.

After an hour and a half he saw a Chinaman, one Lee Ong, foreman of the Cabanas cigar factory, come out with a tempting sack of coin. He followed him, and when Lee Ong came to the doorway of his home at 318 Commercial street, where he intended to eat his lunch before carrying the gold to the factory, Marvin Ford slipped up behind him, dealt him a swift blow on the head with a piece of iron pipe he had provided himself with to carry out his plan, grabbed the sack of coin from the fallen Chinaman and hurried away, taking refuge in a restaurant at 226 Battery street, where he was arrested shortly after, while he was making a nervous pretense of eating lunch.

This is but the skeleton story of the act that brought him to jail.

He was arrested and shortly after liberated on bail. His trial is set for May 6th and he could, if he wished, just as well have had his liberty until then. His bail was raised, but even that would readily and willingly have been furnished for him. But no—he chose to go to jail, for he deliberately walked in to the authorities and gave himself up, because—

Because he could no longer endure the shame and humiliation of walking the streets and meeting his friends with the burden of his desperate act upon him.

Careworn, haggard and harassed looking in the county jail yesterday he said:

"I gave myself up again because I didn't want to be out on bail. Bail would have been furnished for me, but I didn't wish it to be. I couldn't stand meeting the people I knew—knowing what they'd think about me, and—well, I just made up my mind to come back and wait for my trial here. I can't talk about it—I don't want to talk about it. Any man can understand how I feel about it."

His wife's father has died since he was arrested, and the young wife has gone back to earning her living again; but she, and his mother and sister, are all devoted in their attentions to Marvin Ford in his self-imposed imprisonment.—Examiner.

A Spring Harbinger.
Dear Sir: I am a reader of your Semi Weekly for a long time and I wish you would but this in your kind paper it is one of a friend of myn how lost his wife for staying in the Klondyke to long I will thank you very much respectfully
A. S.

THE KLONDYKE.
He got married to a pretty Miss five years ago to day.
It was the day of happiness it was the 9th of May.
He loves that Miss with all his heart until he got the shake
he did not bring a fortune that's why he got the shake
his time has passed of happy life 9 months ago to day.
The Klondyke was his Hudu until this present day
they say he was not welcome home (Oh) it was a horrel day
he went back to the Klondyke to try his luck one more
perhaps he get a fortune 5 years from to day
A. S.

A bid for notoriety in endeavoring to name a new London house King Edward's theatre has been nipped in the bud, the lord chamberlain refusing permission.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office

DOROTHY DIX ON MARRIAGE

Advantages More on Woman's Than on Man's Side.

Latter Loses His Identity as None Are Interested in Doings of the Married Man.

One of the most amazing things in the world is the unanimity in public sentiment on the subject of marriage. Opinions may vary in different countries and climes about how much numerously a person should be married at one time, but all unite in advocating it in either allopathic or homeopathic doses, to suit the temperament.

There are those who favor driving the matrimonial team altogether, like a four-in-hand, while others find that things go smoother if they are hitched tandem, but every one agrees that it is best not to trot through life in single harness.

As a matter of fact, matrimony is not to be indiscriminately advocated. There are advantages and disadvantages about it as there are about everything else. The only trouble is that it is only people who are safe, and who have no idea of getting married, who ever contemplate the drawbacks. It is like a man who never goes to sea parading the streets in a life preserver.

Probably the most obvious advantage to both men and women in getting married is the fact that the wedding ring is a kind of certificate of respectability. When you get married you have done what people expected you to do, and your position in society is settled. No amount of evidence to the contrary prevents an old maid from being looked upon as a freak, while an old bachelor is universally regarded as a monster of selfishness, who is deliberately defrauding some woman out of her due. The unmarried of mature age have to be always tacitly proving a good character.

So far as women are concerned, the advantages of marriage so far outweighs its disadvantages that they are fully justified in the welcoming and encouraging attitude they have always sustained towards the blessed institution. Matrimony is an episode in a man's life. It is a whole career to a woman. Moreover, it is a kind of affidavit to her charmings. An unmarried woman may, or may not, have been admired. A married woman can offer irrefutable evidence. She can always prove it by one man.

A good husband is a special dispensation of Providence in a woman's behalf that provides her with the three necessities for feminine happiness—somebody to love—somebody to pay her bills and somebody to worry over. Of course, she has to pay for these luxuries by giving up her liberty, but that doesn't count. A woman's freedom is always a gift with a string tied to it.

With man the matter is more complex. There's his career, for one thing. Whether marriage helps or hinders that depends on the woman. A clever, ambitious woman can boost her husband up to almost any place she desires, and a dull, stupid one act as the most effective brake ever invented on the automobile of progress. But a striving, pushing woman is not a soothing life companion. She never lets her husband rest, and many a man has dropped dead on the top of the hill of fame or fortune up which he had been goaded by an ambitious wife.

Naturally, the most alluring thing about marriage is the prospect of securing a congenial and sympathetic companion. What a man really marries for is to get a permanent admirer, who will laugh at his puns and believe he is an unappreciated genius. If this could be guaranteed in a wife there would be no drawbacks to matrimony. Unfortunately, the girl who has sat at a man's feet in humble adoration before marriage, often bobs up as the household Solomon afterward. Talk about warming a serpent in your bosom that turns and bites you! It is nothing to the base ingratitude of the woman whom matrimony turns into a critic on your hearthstone.

Of course matrimony is a great protection to a man. It rescues him from the clutches of boarding house keepers and wash ladies, and delivers him over to the butcher and baker and grocers. It protects him from the maneuvers of managing mammas, and turns him over, bound hand and foot, to the tyrant who has captured him. He acquires all the blessed privileges of a home, but there is no passkey to the front door. He has someone to whom he can tell his sorrows, and who demands to know where he was last night.

The greatest disadvantage of marriage, so far as the man is concerned, is that it dissipates the glamour that always hangs around an eligible man. From being a personage, he becomes a person. If he marries a rich woman, or a famous woman, he is henceforth merely the husband of his wife, and, in any event, interesting him goes down with a dull, sickening thud. What a bachelor may do is always of moment to every woman in his

circle, but nobody cares what a married man does.

On the whole, the advantages of getting married overbalance the disadvantages, or else the matrimonial market would not be so strong. It is one of the experiments all have to try for themselves, and that we should all believe that we are going to be the one who draws the capital prize in the lottery is a beautiful and inspiring example of hope triumphing over observation.—Dorothy Dix in Examiner.

The Globe Trotters.
At Sea, March 22.—Several are globe trotters. Two are Russians, two Germans, five Englishmen. One is a Frenchman born in Stamboul. All are sad. One of the Germans, a young Heidelberg student, is sad because he has contemplated in Japan, in the Temple of the "Eight Standards," the gown studded with birds embroidered in their natural colors that Gai-Yu-Koyo wore.

She was a queen of Japan and a warrior, 1800 years ago. The young German student is grieved, and suffers, because he may not realize all the heroic charm of that undefinable shade. He is unhappy because he cannot embrace that marvelous phantom. It is a rare and exquisite cause of grief, but it affects him profoundly. The young Japanese girls have not consoled him. He says that they have airs of Hawthorne jars and do not make one's heart light.

The antipathy of the white race for the yellow race is so natural that it is almost monstrous to try to conquer it. And yet, we need sympathy so much, we have so intense an inclination to attach ourselves to countries and to persons that the idea of quitting any one—even Japan—is very bitter. The young German student detests Japan, but he regrets the monotony without end of forms and colors that he saw there.

One of the Russians, a navy lieutenant, is sad because he feels alone among an innumerable multitude. He has seen too many beings who were men and yet not similar to him. The five Englishmen are grieved because so many persons that they have admired have no way of being English, and so many have not the desire to be English. This is a delicious, refined and ingenious way of tormenting one's self. Be persuaded that it is effective. The world has progressed in nothing so much as the art of being unhappy.

Still, let us not flatter ourselves with the idea of having invented any one of our miseries. A veiled woman is on the march since the beginning of the world. Her name is Melancholy. We have only added something to the mind's mourning and brought our share of the universal I treasure of moral ill. The globe trotters know and make us understand why the tree of science was not to be touched by man. Science does not make happiness, and when men know a great deal of history and geography, they are sad.

The fruit of the tree of science has the taste of ashes. We have explored the earth; we have mingled with races black, red and yellow, and we have discovered with terror that humanity is more diverse than we had imagined.

We have found ourselves with strange brothers whose minds were not more similar to ours than are those of animals. And we think sadly now of humanity that changes, according to climate, its face, its mind, and its gods.

When we knew of the earth only the fields that fed us, it seemed large. We have verified its place in the universe and found it small. We have seen that it was only a drop of mud and that has humiliated us. We have been led to believe that the forms of life were in fact more numerous than we had suspected at first, and that the other planets, the other worlds, contained reasonable beings. We have understood that our intelligence was wretchedly small.

Life is, in itself, neither long nor short, and the simple-minded men that measure it by its average duration say that the man lived enough that dies in white hairs. What have we done? We have wished to divine the immemorial age of the earth, the age even of the sun, and it is by the geologic periods and the cosmic ages that we measure human life now, and by that it is short. Drowned in the ocean of time and of space, we have discovered that we were nothing and that has made us desolate.

The young German student reads Haeckel. The Englishman applauds Kitchener. The worst evil is that with good ignorance, faith has fled. We have no hope and we believe no longer in what consoled our fathers. That especially is painful to us. For it was sweet to believe even in Hades. Then the conditions of material life have become harsher than they were. The new society, by authorizing all the hopes, excites all the energies. The struggle for life is more arduous than ever, victory more insolent, defeat more inexorable.

With faith and hope we have lost charity. The three virtues that, like three vessels, having at their prow the images of a celestial virgin, carried poor souls through the world's ocean, have been wrecked in the tempest. The globe trotters ask for a new faith, a new hope, a new charity.—M. Pene DuBois in Examiner.

SPORTS FOR VICTORIA DAY

And Prizes for Winners Have Been Agreed Upon

By the Committee in Charge—Judges Appointed and all Arrangements Completed.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. The following are the order of exercises, program and prizes arranged for Victoria day:

At a meeting of the sports committee of above, held in the Board of Trade on Saturday evening, the following program was finally arranged, together with the appointing of judges for the various events. Commissioner Ross will open the day with an appropriate speech, after which the school children will sing, "God Save the King," "Maple Leaf," etc.

Grand parade to commence at grand stand.

Judges—Capt. Olson, A. D. Williams, F. W. Clayton.

To commence at 1 o'clock sharp on Front street.

Quarter mile horse race, in heats (entrance \$25, 75 per cent to first, 25 per cent to second), first prize \$100, second \$50.

100 Yards race, first prize \$30, second \$20.

Veterans' race (50 years and over), 50 yards, first prize \$25, second \$10.

120 yards hurdle race (to hurdles), first prize \$30, second \$10.

Quarter mile bicycle race, first prize \$30, second \$15.

Final of the quarter mile horse race, 220 yards race, first prize \$30, second \$20, third \$10.

Boys' race, 50 yards, under 15, first prize \$10, second \$5, third \$3.50.

Miners' pack race (50 pounds), 40 yards, first prize, \$25, second \$10.

Sack race, 50 yards, first prize \$10, second \$5.

Half mile horse race, in heats, (entrance \$20, 75 per cent to first, 25 per cent to second), first prize \$100, second \$50.

Obstacle race 100 yards, first prize \$20, second \$10.

Amateur 100 yards race, medals \$25, \$15.

Final half mile horse race.

Running high jump, first prize \$25, second \$15.

Vaulting with pole, first \$25, second \$15.

Hop, step and jump, running, first prize \$20, second \$10.

Running broad jump, first prize \$25, second \$15.

Putting the 16 pound shot, first prize \$25, second \$15.

Throwing 56-pound weight, first prize \$25, second \$15.

Consolation horse race, no entrance fee, one-half mile, first prize \$75, second \$25.

At 7:30 p. m. sharp in the ring, tug of war, in cleats, eight men on a side \$200.

Canoe race, single, across the river and back, first prize \$25, second \$10.

Canoe race, double, first prize \$20, second \$25.

Throwing the hammer, behind the barracks at 3 p. m., first prize \$20, second \$10.

Tossing the caber (16 feet), first prize \$30, second \$20.

The above sports to be subject to North American Caledonian Association rules. Judges' decision to be final. Three entries or no event. Four entries or no third money. Entries for horse races to be made with the secretary at his offices, Northern Cafe building, not later than noon of the 23rd. Entries for athletic events previous to commencement. Gold medal will be awarded to athlete securing the most number of points during the meeting, points to be 3, 2 and 1. No person allowed in the ring excepting the judges and athletes actually engaged in event transpiring.

Manager of sports and starter, Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

Judges, Messrs. J. T. Lithgow, Hector Stewart, Sheriff Eilbeck, Chas. Barwell.

Starters of horse racing, Messrs. Adolph Spitzel, and W. H. B. Lyon.

One dollar entrance fee in all athletic events; last entry to lead off.

A full band will be in attendance during the day.

Championship Rugby football match, Dawson vs. Bonanza creek, behind barracks 6 p. m.

Chairman, Col. Donald MacGregor; treasurer, Richard Cowan; secretary, J. Newton Storry.

Chimney Sweeps at Work.
Barber Agee and son Harry of the Colorado Barber Shop, have been appointed by Fire Chief Stewart to sweep chimneys and they entered upon their duties this morning. The elder Agee has had experience in the work and active and energetic in anything he undertakes. The appointments are both good ones as a little smut more or less on the noses of the sweeps will not be noticed.

Miss Hughes and Miss Long took a carriage ride to Grand Forks yesterday and returned this morning.

DECISION IN FULL.

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made between themselves. It also appears that none of these three parties, McCaul, Fancy and Averett, ever staked their claims, but that they perpetrated a fraud upon the government and perjured themselves by alleging that they had staked. How does it appear then that D'Avignon appears in the center of recorders in the middle of this group of false swearers? If he had been at the beginning of the line anywhere in the line but right in the center of this group perhaps not much force could be given to what I will afterwards state. D'Avignon, at the request of Barlow records and about 10 or 11 o'clock of the same day he records Barlow in the Pioneer hotel and gives him a power of attorney to deal with this claim, but strangely enough does not sign this power of attorney, alleging as an excuse that his hands were numbed with cold. There must have been a fire in the building and the excuse given for standing in the line of recorders on this date could not apply because it appears from the books of the recording office that only nine persons recorded during the whole day. So that on that day there was no need and no need for any person to be at the recording office at 3 o'clock in the morning. D'Avignon then, from his own evidence, leaves the country, and Barlow on the same day enters into an arrangement with the defendant Rutledge, giving an option to one Jones. Barlow says that at the same time he left with Rutledge for future use a deed in blank signed by him in the name of D'Avignon which was to be filled in with the name of the future purchaser. Some time after this Rutledge informs D'Avignon (and in this there was no dispute) that the option given to Jones had gone off. Then Barlow on behalf of D'Avignon enters into another agreement or option upon the 16th day of July, 1898, for the sale of two claims, this one in question and another one, 253 on Dominion. According to Barlow's story, \$500 was paid on this option. This Rutledge denies. At all events both agree and there is no question that papers were drawn up giving an option of both these properties for the payment of \$750 each and these papers were deposited with the N. A. T. Company in escrow to be held until the 1st of July of the year following. These papers remained in escrow as so deposited until some time after the 1st of July. Rutledge claims under a deed which he says Barlow executed to him two days after the escrow papers, that Barlow came to him and said he was hard up and disgusted with the country and wanted to get out and agreed to take \$1000 for the claim in cash, which Rutledge swears he paid him. This Barlow positively denies. On the same day Rutledge says he bought for the one and the same consideration the other claim, 253 Dominion. Now, the curious part of this transaction is that the deed under which Rutledge claims and which D'Avignon, or Barlow for him, says he never delivered, bears date on the 25th day of March, the very day on which it is admitted the original transaction with Jones took place, on the day of the recording, and corresponds exactly with the date on which Barlow says he left the deed in blank with Rutledge. Barlow does not deny that the signature is his. The deed of the Dominion creek property which Barlow says was executed on the same day as the Gold Run deed, namely, the 20th of July, bears date on a different date, namely the 15th day of March, in neither case the true date of the actual transaction. Rutledge when asked to explain why the Gold Run deed was antedated to the 25th of March says he thought to take in the title from the beginning, that is, from the time when D'Avignon's title commenced, by the record. He said that a similar rule ought to apply to the Dominion property, but when the records are hunted up it is found that that is not so, that the record of the Dominion property was first made in January preceding. Therefore, Rutledge's explanation of why the deed of the Gold Run property was antedated does not seem to be a reasonable one. This is the most striking piece of evidence against Rutledge, particularly in view of the fact that the escrow deeds are dated upon the real date of the transaction, the 16th day of July, and are not antedated. It is hard to understand why, two days before, Mr. Rutledge should date the deeds of the real date of the transaction and two days afterwards should deliberately antedate two other deeds and that the same reason for that antedating should not apply in both cases. Another singular thing in regard to these deeds is that although they were both executed at the same time for the one consideration and by the one party acting in two interests, and that different witnesses appear upon them. In the case of the Gold Run property the witnesses are William Abbott and Nelson. In the case of the Dominion property the witnesses are Hyde and Frank McCaul. Rutledge explains this by saying that he never knew Barlow as Barlow, that he always knew him as D'Avignon. That is also singular in view of the fact that Barlow signed his own name to the escrow papers. These were all attached. Upon

these papers are endorsed directions in the handwriting of Rutledge. Prior to this Rutledge had dealings with Barlow as Barlow. Rutledge further tries to explain this by saying that thousands of transactions passed through his hands, that everything was done in a most irregular and hurried manner at that time and that paper was scarce and various excuses of a similar nature owing to the unsettled state of the country and the utter disregard which people had for any regularity of proceeding. Well, paper was not so scarce that duplicates were not made of the escrow deeds. In fact duplicates were made, and paper was as plentiful two days after in Dawson on the 18th or 20th as it was on the 16th. That excuse is not tenable. Barlow alleges that he had previous dealings with Rutledge in regard to Dominion property and left with him in that case also a deed in blank. Rutledge denies ever receiving any deed in blank from Barlow on any occasion and that these deeds were actually drawn up at the time he alleges, namely, two days after the escrow papers. Why the escrow papers were not taken up when the property covered by them was sold is not apparent. Rutledge says he dropped the matter and took no more concern about the matter as he had bought the property. It is clear that Barlow went to the outside, that he wrote to the N. A. T. Company, who held the papers in escrow, inquiring as to whether payment had been made. He received unsatisfactory replies and determined to come in. He gave directions and orders to parties to call for these papers. His whole conduct in that respect was consistent with his story that the property was lying under the option with the defendants in escrow. His story was not shaken in any respect and both his account and the account of D'Avignon and Hildebrand seem to be consistent and a straightforward story. On the other hand the evidence of Rutledge was not given in a manner which impressed me with its sincerity. It may be and perhaps is the fact that having had so many transactions passing through his hands, the value of the property being so great, the apparent inconsistencies being so clear, that Rutledge became rattled in giving his evidence and to save his property told inconsistent stories. However this may be, I must view the evidence as it is before me. Upon the issue as framed and if evidence had not been given to discredit the testimony of Barlow, D'Avignon and Hildebrand, I would be disposed to think that the inherent evidence in the documents themselves being such as to confirm the story of D'Avignon and Barlow, the dealings of D'Avignon and Barlow with the escrow papers being also consistent with their story, the plaintiffs must succeed. But the defendants were allowed to give evidence to shake the credibility and honesty of these parties for the purpose of showing, I take it, that having told a false story in regard to one part of their case, their evidence could not be believed as to the balance. I must investigate that and give my finding upon it as I view it. In the first place it seems to me to be extraordinary that D'Avignon should come down from Stewart river on a special trip carrying freight and immediately go to Gold Run, a very great distance away, passing over creeks which were then better known and better thought of and go to stake a claim upon a practically unknown creek, which had no reputation in the market whatever, in fact stake an absolute wildcat. The expense of going there must have been great and D'Avignon himself says that he had no intention, was utterly indifferent whether he recorded or not. I cannot understand a man going that great distance to stake a claim and then have no desire to record it for the sake of saving the small fee of \$15. That is improbable on its face. Then Hildebrand, it seems, secured no claim. It is true he swears he staked 20, and this number should also be borne in mind in view of what transpires afterwards; when he came to record it he found it had been previously recorded against him. There were lots of vacant claims on the creek, as it appears by subsequent staking, which Hildebrand might have got. In connection with this question of whether Barlow or D'Avignon really staked this claim, we have the story of D'Avignon that some strange man gave them these numbers. A witness, Christie, swears that he was a layman upon the same claim upon which Barlow worked, No. 39, along with McCaul, Fancy and Averett and in discussing with these men possible claims open for staking he agrees with them to go to Dawson and find out from the gold commissioner's office what claims were open for staking. He finds out that these very claims are open; he enters them in a note book at the time and he allots to these four parties the various claims which are afterwards staked, with one exception, that is, he allots to Barlow 13, to McCaul 20, to Fancy 43 and to Averett 119; 20 is the claim which Hildebrand says he staked but could not record. These were the claims afterwards actually recorded by these parties with the exception of 20, and McCaul records No. 12 instead of 20. There is no doubt in my mind that Barlow acquired knowledge of 13 through Christie. Some one staked 13 because the defendants have brought

into court the post-marked "Joe D'Avignon." The question is did D'Avignon or did Barlow actually stake claim 13? It is also in evidence (and Barlow admits it) that his right of staking in that district had been exhausted as he had already staked a claim in the same district and could not under the law stake another claim. Here was a motive for his using the name of another man to acquire a property. Then D'Avignon seems to have lost all interest in the matter since that date. His refusal or his non-signing of the power of attorney is in itself suspicious. If Barlow got from Rutledge the \$500 which he says was paid to him on the escrow papers, he has given us no clear evidence of what application he made of it or whether he paid D'Avignon his share of it in cash. He says D'Avignon got an equivalent but does not tell us what that equivalent was. Then Barlow began this suit. D'Avignon from his evidence and from his conduct appears to have been entirely indifferent. The power of attorney to bring the action was signed by Barlow for D'Avignon. Barlow and D'Avignon, it seems, were old friends of some 40 years standing. His name was a convenient one to use, because I have no doubt that D'Avignon was in the country at that time, but a singular coincidence strikes one in that at the very time in which D'Avignon was in the country and at which he claims to have staked 13 Gold Run, Barlow had received this very number from Christie as a possible claim to stake; that he should strike upon D'Avignon at that time; that at that very time of day D'Avignon should go over the hills and come across Barlow working on 39 Hunker, as he said he did, is also a strange thing; that D'Avignon who was only in the Dawson district three or four days at the most or thereabouts should go directly to the very claim which his friend Barlow had in his pocket then for staking; that he should come to Dawson without intent to record that claim, and at the suggestion of Barlow record it and leave the country and pay no more attention to it is also singular; that he should on his return trip, on the way down to Nome, have passed Dawson, the only settlement of any importance on the river, without stopping is altogether singular. A great deal of evidence was given as to the hand writing and all those who gave evidence agree and are very emphatic upon the latter, that the signature "Joseph D'Avignon" in the recording book or the application book of the gold commissioner's office, is in the same handwriting as the signature "Joseph D'Avignon" on the power of attorney; that it is also the same handwriting as is upon the stake and upon the various other documents which Barlow signs for D'Avignon. D'Avignon on examination for discovery and prior to the trial signed his name for the purpose of identification and comparison and the experts who have evidence are also all agreed that the signature "Joseph D'Avignon" made by the admitted D'Avignon is not in the handwriting of the man who wrote the "Joseph D'Avignon" in the application book and on the post and power of attorney. It is true that the evidence of handwriting experts is to be received with considerable hesitation but when all the parties agree upon the matter and no evidence in contradiction is given, I must give due weight to the opinion of these men. Barlow was in company with the party of men who staked these claims, admitted by him to be perjurers and fraudulent claimants against the government. One theory suggests itself to me and it may be the true one, but I cannot give effect to it as I view the evidence afterwards given, is that Barlow did perpetrate a fraud upon the government; that he used D'Avignon's name to stake for the purpose of acquiring more property than he was entitled to acquire under the regulations governing placer mining; that Rutledge did use the blank forms afterwards to defraud Barlow out of his claim. The evidence of the documents and the evidence of the dealings of the parties would seem to indicate that both these views might be correct. I am of opinion that Barlow did stake this claim himself and that D'Avignon did not stake it, from the evidence which I have recited. If that is so then he came into the box and swore that D'Avignon staked it, knowing that he himself had staked it. I may be wrong in this conclusion. These men all seem to be honest and all seem to be respectable, but they are all concerned in the result of this action and in the proceeds of a very valuable property. The evidence as it affects the credibility of both Barlow, D'Avignon and Rutledge is about evenly divided, the scale rather in favor of the plaintiffs. I must now look to see what evidence I have to turn the scale if there is any. This case is practically a trial of Rutledge for forgery. If he used the document, as it is alleged he used it, then he was guilty of a fraud. It is hard to conceive that any man would be guilty of such an atrocious crime for the sake of saving \$750. Then I say what evidence have we got to rebut the presumption of fraud. In the first place we have the evidence of one William Abbott who seems to me to be a decent, honest witness, and he gave his evidence with very great care. He says he came into this country

about the 11th of July of the year in question and that some few days afterwards he was in the office of Rutledge and was called upon to witness a document which is the very document in question. He identified his signature upon the document under which Rutledge, Jones and Davis claim title. He says he did not know the parties executing it and will not swear he actually saw the signature made but he does say that it was in an open office at a desk where a real transaction appeared to be going on between the parties to the document and Rutledge, that he signed openly in the presence of those who were there but cannot say that he knows Barlow or D'Avignon or that he saw the actual signature made but he does know that he did sign that document as a witness at that time. Here is another singular coincidence: If Rutledge had been guilty of fraud, how did he strike this very date; what was the reason of him using the 20th day of July to perpetrate this fraud when the property in Gold Run had not then advanced in price. It was not till afterwards and long afterwards that any hint of advance in price of Gold Run property was made public. That it was about the 20th of July, the date which Rutledge gives, that Abbott signed the document is quite clear from Abbott's evidence because he says that was a week or thereabouts after his arrival in the country. He cannot of course now define the exact date. If Abbott were a dishonest witness he would have gone further and sworn that he saw the party sign the document. That he is an absolutely honest witness is evidenced by the fact of the care with which he gave his evidence and therefore he must have witnessed that document at the time when he says he did and as openly as he says he did, which would be a strange way for Rutledge to carry out a fraud. Then we have another witness and I conceive perhaps the most important witness in the case. He was wholly independent, so far as it appears, in the matter—one White—who swears first as to the original staking and he says that Barlow told him some time after March, 1898, that he himself had staked 13 Gold Run. White is clear as to this. Says there is no question that Barlow told him he had staked it. If that is true then Barlow has not told the truth when he said that D'Avignon staked it. He did not tell the truth in the commissioner's office and he is not telling the truth here. Further White swears that he is an old friend of Barlow's or an old acquaintance of his, that after the 20th of July, the date of the alleged sale, he saw Barlow at Whatcom, Washington, his home, and he then told him that he had sold his property to Rutledge—this property in question—and had got his money, being disgusted with the country and anxious to get out. This confirms Rutledge's account of the matter that Barlow came to him after the escrow papers were signed and said he was willing to sell at a less sum for cash, which Rutledge gave him. Davis' evidence is wholly unsatisfactory, I think it is so unsatisfactory that it may be absolutely ignored. An affidavit which was filed in the case says that he paid \$500 when the deal was made and \$500 when the paper was recorded. This would seem to confirm the evidence of Barlow that \$500 was paid on the escrow papers. He comes into court and swears that he paid \$1000 all at one time and on further cross-examination he does not seem to know what he paid at all. I think Mr. Davis paid absolutely no attention whatever to the transaction and has only a very hazy and indistinct recollection of the matter. If his story regarding the \$1000 payment at once is correct it confirms Rutledge. It is true that Rutledge was out of the country at the time the action was brought and the affidavit was sworn which might account for Davis' ignorance of the facts in question. It Rutledge had been present and made a similar affidavit it would have had a much more important bearing on the case. As I said before, it practically amounts to this, that if I find for the plaintiffs I must find the defendants Rutledge guilty of forgery. I can find no sufficient motive for that or any motive which should move a man of his apparent respectability. While the documents are strange and not reconcilable with any proper mode of procedure, yet it is possible that his story may be correct and that the things did happen as he says they did, however strange it may seem. But I think the evidence of Abbott and White turn the scale in his favor and I must believe them. I cannot say that I am satisfied even with my own judgment in the matter. The whole thing is such a kaleidoscope of inconsistencies and improbabilities that one is lost in trying to reconcile all the discrepancies in the evidence. Another judge or jury might come to a very different conclusion upon the facts, but this is my finding as I view the evidence. I might even give the old Scotch verdict "not proven."

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LENGTHY COUNCIL MEETING

Was the Special Session Held Last Night.

Klondike City Residents Object to Toll Bridge—Lengthy Report of Public Works Committee.

From Wednesday's Daily
The Yukon council held a special meeting last night with all members present with the exception of Gold Commissioner Sankler.

A petition from the residents and property holders of Klondike City asking the council to purchase the slab bridge connecting the island with Klondike City which the toll bridge proprietors had attempted to remove was referred to the committee of public works.

A communication from residents of South Dawson calling attention to the insufficiency of the fire protection to that portion of the town and suggesting that arrangements be made with the McDonald Iron Works for the establishment of a fire engine at its place of business, was referred to the board of fire commissioners.

A petition from miners on Adams creek and Chechako Hill for the construction of a road up Adams creek to Chechako Hill was referred to public works committee.

A petition from miners on Quartz creek and tributaries for the construction of a road from 30 Hidozido to the mouth of Chief gulch up Chief gulch to the top of the divide, thence along the ridge to Twelve pup, a tributary of Quartz and thence down Twelve pup to Quartz creek was also referred to public works committee.

The finance committee submitted a report recommending the payment of the account for \$20 from Dr. McLeod of Grand Forks for attendance on J. Carlson an indigent and P. Williams a suspected smallpox case.

In reply to the committee from the Board of Trade relative to the transient traders it was decided to inform the Board of Trade that the ordinance respecting the transient traders would be enforced and further that any citizen has the right to prosecute any transient trader for violation of the ordinance. It was recommended that the collection of taxes be proceeded with in accordance with the law, the collector to hold a conference with the commissioner.

The committee recommended that \$125 per month starting from the 1st of March be allowed the Rev. A. S. Grant for the care of an indigent child "Gates" until the opening of navigation.

It was also recommended that the bar license on boats be fixed at \$200 for boats having a carrying capacity of 100 passengers or less and for boats having a capacity of more than 100 passengers \$300 be the license.

The public works committee submitted the following report which was adopted:

In response to the widening of the lower end of Mission street by arranging for the removal of the English Church building, your committee begs to report that a communication has been received from the vestry clerk stating that the church authorities are prepared to receive and consider any proposal that council may have to make in this matter. Your committee, however, is of the opinion that the proposal should be made by the vestry clerk as to what the church is willing to do in the matter.

Regarding the claim made by Charles Caulfield, through his solicitors for damages sustained by the loss of a cabin through the construction of the wagon road along Bonanza creek, your committee is of the opinion that the council is not responsible for this matter, and recommends Mr. Caulfield to look to the contractors for damages.

In respect to the application of Fred Thoenner to be permitted to place a small stand in front of the old courthouse, your committee recommends that this application and all similar ones be refused.

With reference to the proposed removal of the Yukon Sun building on First avenue, your committee recommends that ex-Commissioner Ogilvie be communicated with as to what rights the owners of the Sun have to the ground on which the building stands.

In respect to the proposed negotiations looking toward the removal of the Salvation Army from their present quarters, your committee recommends that action be deferred.

With respect to the occupation of the public thoroughfares by pedlars occupying more or less permanent stands, your committee recommends that no further permission be given to anyone to erect or sell from such stands.

Your committee after considering the request of the manager of the Klondike Mill Company to be allowed to establish a ferry at the mouth of the Klondike by which to transport lumber between the island and the mainland, recommends that this petition be granted. The construction of the ferry to

be approved by the engineer with the understanding that this council will have the right to have the ferry removed at any time without any claim of compensation.

Regarding the proposal to purchase the Howard and Robert bridge at the mouth of the Klondike river, your committee recommends that a report be obtained from the engineer as to the condition and value of the said bridge.

In respect to the complaint of the condition of the government road between Jo-Jo and the mouth of Gold Run, your committee recommends that the attention of the foreman of roads be called to the matter.

With reference to the petition from certain residents of Dawson for the improvement of the roadway on Third avenue between Seventh and Ninth streets, your committee recommends that the petition be referred to the engineer.

Consideration was given to a communication from J. A. Green, calling attention to the almost impassable condition of the trail leading up to the cemeteries, your committee recommends that the engineer examine and report on the condition of this road.

Your committee also considered the communication submitted by the officer commanding the Northwest Mounted Police, in which he had been addressed as to the possibility of occupying a portion of First avenue on which to place boilers, etc., and is strongly of the opinion that no person should be allowed to obstruct the streets in any way.

Your committee after consideration of the question of the enforcement of the ordinance relating to the inspection of boilers, recommends that the said ordinance be not enforced at present, owing, among other things, to the lack of the necessary instruments required by the boiler inspector with which to make the proper inspection of boilers.

In reply to the communication of B. E. Axe, calling attention to the ditch along the north side of Mission street, and the absence of a sidewalk in front of certain properties, your committee recommends that the attention of the engineer be called to this matter.

SUCCESS AND FAILURE.

The Higher the Purpose the Rarer the Achievement.

If by success we mean the full accomplishment of an end, the actual reaping of a harvest of results, then it is undoubtedly true that the higher and nobler the purpose the rarer will be the success. If we aim to relieve a man's hunger, we can quickly succeed in the easy task, but if we aim to inspire him with a desire to earn his own bread the work is more difficult and the success far more problematical. If we would restrain a thief from robbery, the prison bars and locks insure success, but if we would make an honest man of him our task is a complex one, and success may be afar off. We undertake to teach a child to read. If with requisite effort we follow up our task, we are successful, but if we aspire to raise the educational standard of our community how arduous the task, how uncertain the result, how questionable the success!

The low man sees a little thing to do, sees it and does it; The high man, with a great thing to pursue, dies ere he knows it.

Is his life, then, a failure? No; let us never imagine that any high purpose, any noble thought, any generous emotion, any earnest effort, is ever lost. We may never witness its fruit, we may not live to gather its growth or even to see its blossoms, but we may safely trust that somewhere and at some time the harvest will be abundant, and success, long hidden, shall become apparent.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Wickedest Bit of Sea.

Nine out of ten travelers would tell inquirers that the roughest piece of water is that cruel stretch in the English channel, and nine out of ten travelers would say what was not true. As a matter of fact, "the wickedest bit of sea" is not in the Dover strait, or in yachting, for example, from St. Jean de Luz up to Pauillac, or across the Mediterranean "race" from Cadiz to Tangier, nor is it in rounding Cape Horn, where there is what sailors call a "true" sea. The "wickedest sea" is encountered in rounding the Cape of Good Hope for the eastern ports of Cape Colony.—Shipping World.

Flight of Time.

Old Med—Well, old man, how'd you sleep last night? Follow my advice about counting up?

New Med—Yes, indeed; counted up to 18,000.

Old Med—Bully! And then you fell asleep, eh?

New Med—Guess not; it was morning by that time, and I had to get up.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

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THE ICE MOVED YESTERDAY

In the Yukon Immediately in Front of Dawson

And Everybody Joined in Glad Rush—Huge Mass Moved Less Than Quarter of Mile.

It all depends on whose watch was looked at just what time the ice moved from the Yukon in front of about two-thirds of the city of Dawson yesterday evening. As the A. C. Co. kept closer observation than anyone else, the exact time stated by the manager of that concern as to the beginning of the movement of the ice is taken as official, and 4:12 o'clock is the exact time named. However, at the barracks the first movement was noticed at seven minutes and forty-five seconds past 4 o'clock, but it was 4:12 according to A. C. time when the moving of the flag planted by that company in the ice over the middle of the stream became perceptible and 4:12 goes. Less than half a minute after the flag began to move the stentorian whistle of the Yukon Saw Mill loudly published the fact as per prearranged signal, one long, three short and another long blast. The steamer Kerr likewise gave unmistakable evidence of having up steam.

The merchant left his counter, the accountant his desk, the blacksmith his forge, the printer his case, the "keeper" his case, the little ball took a much needed rest, 7 and 11 suspended, the Crummy Kid forgot to cash in two white checks, all joining in the mad rush. Nor was Dawson's male population alone on the water front. The meek looking housekeeper, the cook in her gingham apron, the dressmaker with forbidding looking pins protruding from all over her waist, the dance hall female who looks best at night, and the darker the night the better she looks, all were out and like the men, looking out upon the moving field of ice. But it didn't move far. Before the A. C. Co. flag, the staff of which still stood erect with the red emblem of the company flapping saucily in the wind, reached a point opposite the Sisters' hospital the moving mass of ice and trash of all kinds and varieties came to a standstill as quietly and silently as it had started, the lower end of the moving body having come in contact with the bluff north of the city; but the ice had moved and everybody including Hershberg paid their bets. A detailed list of the bets on the ice would fill a Sunday issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The body of moving ice extended from up the river only to opposite the mouth of the Klondike. At the hour of going to press the congestion opposite the lower part of the city had not been broken, neither had the ice above the mouth of the Klondike shown any symptoms of moving.

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Tobacco.

Numerous observations prove that the use of tobacco is a potent cause of disease of the eye. Total blindness from degeneration of the optic nerve has been traced to this cause. Recent observations point to tobacco and alcohol as the great causes of color blindness, and this accounts for the fact that it is much more common in men than in women.—Health Culture.

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TRAINING WATCHDOGS.

The Method That Is Used by a German Instructor.

Although it is generally believed that watchdogs are "to the manner born," it seems that a certain amount of training helps very much to turn out a really good one. This system of training has developed into a regular business in Berlin, where one Herr Straus has an academy from which watchdogs are turned out by the hundred every year.

His system is educational and is applied to almost every kind of dog. He first teaches the animal obedience by training it to perform certain "tricks" at command and then trains it to distinguish between a visitor and a burglar and what part of a man's body should be attacked to render the man helpless.

Outside of the gate the trainer places a dummy representing the burglar, and to the latch is attached a string. By means of the string the gate is opened slowly, until the head of the dummy becomes visible, when the dog is taught to fly at its throat. Herr Straus is very particular about this. He makes his dogs attack the throat or the upper part of the body always. Sometimes a real man well padded takes the place of the dummy, and of course he is well paid for his services.

All dogs, it seems, may be made good watchdogs, but the St. Bernards and the Russian wolfhounds are the best where property of great value is to be guarded. For dogs not so fierce as they are a different system of training is used. They soon learn to guard anything committed to their care, but are not so quick to attack an intruder as the fiercer dogs are.—Philadelphia Times.

Indian Compositions.

New "composition" stories are furnished by two young Indians whose efforts in this difficult line are reported by The Southern Workman.

The subject assigned to the first boy was the life of General Armstrong. Referring to the general's boyhood among the idolatrous, ancestor-worshipping natives of the Hawaiian Islands, he wrote as follows:

"The people of the Sandwich Islands worshipped the idols of their adults' sisters." The second boy, a member of the same class, writing upon a different phase of the same subject, got the city of Washington confused with the man for whom the city was named. Referring to the retirement of General Armstrong from the service after the war, he said:

"When General Armstrong finished the war, he wrote to Washington and asked him if there was anything more he could do for him."

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