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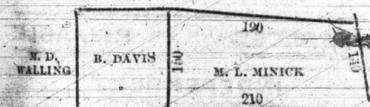
Staked and Recorded by Under Officials.

HURDMAN IS VERY KIND TO A FELLOW CLERK.

Recorded Directly Contrary to the Gold Commissioner's Orders.

Subordinates Worked Their own Sweet Will While the Ex-Gold Commissioner was Helpless—How the Clerks Combined to Disobey Orders—Nobody Outside the Official Ranks Allowed to Record Fractions—Transferred the Day After Recording, Probably for Security's Sake.

The records of the gold commissioner's office are as full of suspicion as an egg is full of meat. At \$2.50 per record one can now investigate within certain limits. A stroll on Gold Hill brought to the Nugget man's attention an odd shaped piece of ground, bearing the name of M. L. Minick. As an employee in the office was known to bear that name, and as the recording of claims by employees is a somewhat toothsome morsel, it was decided to invest the sum of \$2.50 on the matter, and find out if M. L. Minick was the same as the Mrs. M. L. Minick in the office. This turned out to be the case. To show the way things are still conducted in the gold commissioner's office it may be interesting to tell that though Mrs. Minick has left the service there is an underground communication somewhere quicker and surer than a telephone with all the Bell and Graham patents in existence. The Nugget applied for the abstract, as stated, of Mr. Fortune, and also inquired of a neighboring claim, and then proceeded about his business. Within one hour the representative of one of those persons was at our office, with a long and cloudy face protesting against publicity, and in a short time was followed by a representative of the second principal bent upon the same errand. It will be seen that the underground telephone from the office to the people with suspicious sized claims is in effective operation.



The size will show it to be larger than any two claims at the time it was either staked or recorded. The abstract was secured the day after emigrants had appeared at our office to beg for its suppression.

Mining Division of Dawson, Yukon Territory. MINING RECORDER'S OFFICE. Dawson, Jan. 24, 1899.

The following is a true and correct abstract of title to the undermentioned property, as taken from the records in this office: Being bench placer mining claim on Gold Hill opposite the left limit of numbers 3 and 4 Eldorado Creek, bounded up hill by Sechrist's claim, up stream by Davis claim, and down stream partly by Goodrich claim, in the Troandik Mining Division in the Dawson District. Recorded by Mrs. M. L. Minick on October 5, 1898; certificate number, 11,481. October 6, 1898. Mrs. M. L. Minick sold whole of this claim to N. C. Richards; certificate number, 15,168. Certified correct.

E. D. Bolton, Mining Recorder.

The abstract was read by the scribe, and seen to be worthless at a glance. "Here! This thing is no good to me. If I was buying the claim what good would an abstract be which did not show whether I was getting a square foot or a square mile? I want the size and I want the date it was staked."

Clerk Fortune became instantly intensely interested in a paper he was regarding at the table. Fortune's clerk dropped his eyes and shook his head deprecatingly. The scribe continued: "But I've got to have the sizes. Of course I know them, but I've got to find out what she applied for, even if you don't show it on the record." Fortune's clerk gently shook his head and shrugged his shoulders. "That's the orders." "What's the orders? That I shan't be given the sizes!" "It's made out as we were directed to make it out." The scribe made his way to the gold commissioner's office, and obtained a verbal order to the abstract clerks to give the dimensions and the date of staking. "Have you a written order?" asked Fortune's clerk.

He was answered in the negative, and smiled skeptically at the man of pencils. After an animated conversation he went below and verified the order and gave the information desired. The size of the claim is as given in the diagram, and the date of staking was August 27th. There was one thing elicited in the conversation of vital interest to all. The regulations require that applications shall all be made on "Form II." This is usually done in the case of outsiders, but according to Fortune's clerk, with the silent approval of Clerk Fortune, those inside the office only make verbal application for what they wanted, so that sometimes it could not be told what had been applied for, one foot or 10,000. All that was necessary was for one employe to turn round from her typewriter to another employe on a high stool, say a few words and secure a title. It would be interesting to know just how many common miners and prospectors applied for that particular piece of ground; between August 27th and October 5th, while Hurdman was holding it for his fellow employe.

How did Hurdman come to record for her a piece of ground two or three times larger than the claims given any outsider at the same time? How was it they were able to keep the figures back when wanted on an abstract? What was the object of hiding the date of staking? What's the meaning of all this secrecy? Didn't Hurdman know what sized piece of ground he was allowed to give to applicants? Was there any consideration in this recording of large pieces of the government's domain to a fellow employe without a written application? The lady on Wednesday last was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. N. C. Richards, the same gentleman to whom the claim was so hurriedly transferred the day after it was recorded. What was the occasion of the hurry to transfer when nearly two months had elapsed between the time of staking and recording? Was there any desire on anybody's part to hide anything by introducing the "innocent purchaser" into any prospective suit for recovery? How does it happen that when the abstract was asked for the person supposedly owning the ground was apparently notified nearly 24 hours before the abstract was turned over to the applicant? Was this done with any desire to give everyone time to seek cover if cover was advisable? If everything was O. K. in the staking and recording of the claim, why this alarm upon the simple asking for an abstract? What was the reason of this subterranean messenger service? The following questions and many others instantly occur to one upon hearing of the case and are respectfully submitted to the honorable governor of our territory as leading questions when the case comes up before him for investigation. He is invited to observe that a clerk in a subordinate office, on October 5th, during the incumbency of himself, Mr. Wm. Ogilvie, as Yukon commissioner, did in some manner acquire a piece of ground in size contrary to the laws then in operation or in existence at this present time. We ask him to take notice that at the date of recording, October 5th, by Gold Commissioner Thomas Fawcett's rulings there were two whole claims and a fraction in the ground recorded by Hurdman for a fellow employe. That this was in direct violation of the orders from Fawcett to his subordinates. That for such offenses as these by uncontrolled and uncontrollable clerks, Mr. Fawcett has been made to unjustly suffer the scorn and hate of an outraged people. His excellency is asked to take note of these things and when Mr. Hurdman shall appear before him to so regulate his investigation that to the public domain may be restored most of the land unjustly taken from hardy and honest prospectors by the machination of the ring.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

No. 33 above on Hunker is beginning to turn out some very good pay. Da'sy DeAvara had \$300 in gold nuggets stolen from her room a few evenings ago while she was in the theatre. An enjoyable evening was spent by a large number of ladies and gentlemen at the skating rink, which was reopened Saturday night.

The common estimate of Dawson building contractors is that not less than \$200,000 will be spent in Dawson next summer in buildings and improvements.

Mr. Russell L. Bates was the author of the poem "The Big Stampede," which appeared in a recent issue of this paper. Inadvertently Mr. Bates' name was omitted.

The success of the last "lady's evening" at the Dawson Club has decided the management to repeat the evenings every fortnight commencing with this evening.

L. M. Enright and Wm. R. McCarty, laymen on No. 33 above on Hunker, are getting as high as an ounce and a half in "it" picked up. The claim is owned by D. Sagier.

Jimmy Carroll, for Moss the lightweight who knocked out "Kid" Williams some few weeks ago, wishes to challenge the winner of the Agnew-Bracelet contest, or falling in that would like to see the color of any other light-weight's money.

The postoffice department was on the quiver to get the last batch of Canadian mail distributed and did not leave the building that night until it was all completed. On applying in the morning the crowd was astonished to find the mail ready for them.

Chas. Peterson was killed in a drift on 50 below on Bonanza one day last week by the caving in of loose dirt. It was about 3:15 in the morning and he descended the shaft before the heat of the night's fire had escaped. The covering hanging dirt had not had time to re-freeze and broke away, catching him in a stooping posture and smashing his skull.

There has been a change in the house heating apparatus of the steam fire engine. A heater was used which came with the engine and it burned coke costing about \$10 per day. A return coil, the suggestion of Mr. Stingle, now runs to the big wood heater and the engine is maintained at the boiling heat without an additional fire, saving the city some \$300 per month.

Charles A. Dunn, engaged at work on No. 26 above on Eldorado, while cutting shavings with a draw knife, preparatory to putting in his fire for the night in the drift he was working, made a slip with the knife, and cut a deep gash just below the knee cap which penetrated to the bone. The man's nerve is illustrated by his climbing a 24-foot ladder while bleeding profusely, without a murmur, and slitting on arrival at the windlass man's feet above. Temporary relief was given by bandages and applications until a surgeon was summoned from the Forks. Mr. Dunn is reported now as doing well.

Complaints are being made that men on the various creeks are taking up bogus quartz claims for the purpose of adding the timber therefor to speculation. These timber claimers are entitled to not only use the timber on their own claims for mining purposes, but also what timber may be standing on vacant government ground adjoining after their own is gone. It is supposed that the speculators expect to reap a good thing from the timber on their 15-acre claims when the placer miners shall have burned what little timber stands on their own patch. Timber inspectors have been dispatched up the Klondike to investigate the matter thoroughly and report.

The past few days has kept a Nugget representative at the gold commissioner's office rather regularly. While there a conversation was entered into with a man waiting for an opportunity to see the gold commissioner, who had been waiting in line for four days. He was becoming much distressed as he had left his boy and a partner out on a distant discovery while he came in and transacted his business. He left them there for the day's provisions expecting to have been back before they were quite out. Quizzed by the man of news it developed that his business was such as might have been transacted with a rifle had he not been afraid for his life to impart his information to them for fear he would lose all. He would transact his business, direct with Mr. Seukler or no one. It looks as if it will be with no one for the gold commissioner is simply over head and heels in engrossing cares since the developments of the last few days.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

P. Hanson, mauling and extra vociferous, \$20 and costs.

J. Hickman was ordered to pay \$22 back wages to J. Martin.

L. Severson was directed to pay \$30 to D. Labrand and \$50 to W. Bonner.

John Murray forgot he was not on his own native heath and was discovered shooting off a gun on Sunday morning. Consequence \$5 and costs.

Mrs. Vincent was sued severally by four men for wages due. Hunter was allowed \$38, Kennedy got \$38, Barnes got \$38 and Terry got an allowance of \$100.

Reeves, the man who wished to give to Martin a third interest in all claims which he secured through information secured from that same inquiry clerk was bound over to the next assize.

Martin Anderson, who was captured at White Horse while making his way out of the country with the proceeds of the sale of his partner's caches, has been held over for trial at the first assize.

G. Wolf carefully stretched his stomach over a too great measure of liquid happiness and collapsed. Not having \$20 left over he will one record over a stretch of trail three miles long. Made it in thirty-five minutes; former time was forty-five minutes. The trip was 45 miles and 15 over the mountains, a cut off. I made the whole in one hour and twenty-five minutes, heating the schick record twenty-eight minutes. The team I have now are warm numbers, and the passengers are getting in better shape, and are both pleased with the trip. I think next winter you will be safe in figuring on regular winter trips to the coast.

News from "Nugget" Team. Mr. Min brought in a letter from Mr. Watrous, from which the following extracts are taken:

LITTLE SALMON RIVER, Jan. 14, 1899. "Manager Nugget Express—Tomorrow we sleep at Big Salmon River, and four days from today we will be on Lehigh. Today I made a record over a stretch of trail three miles long. Made it in thirty-five minutes; former time was forty-five minutes. The trip was 45 miles and 15 over the mountains, a cut off. I made the whole in one hour and twenty-five minutes, heating the schick record twenty-eight minutes. The team I have now are warm numbers, and the passengers are getting in better shape, and are both pleased with the trip. I think next winter you will be safe in figuring on regular winter trips to the coast."

HELD ON A CHARGE OF PERJURY.

Kentucky Creek Suddenly Becomes the Observed of All the Observed.

The Old Method of Recording Before Staking is Objected to—Bolton Not Quite Sure Whether he Always Reads the Oath.

The celebrated perjury cases came up before Magistrate Starnes Tuesday, and when adjourned at five p. m. some cases had been disposed of, all but one being committed, and that one held up for trial in the Territorial Court, while the eleven had to apply to Judge Dugas for permission to give bail. It will be remembered that on September 29th, last year, three men appeared quietly in town, and after a few days recorded a new discovery on a stream they called Kentucky creek, emptying into Nine-mile creek, below Dawson, on the Yukon. There was, of course, a stampede, but as usual the men who went to stake came back to mourn, for the ground had been already staked in some mysterious manner by persons believed to have been in Dawson all the time. The result was a confab in the commissioner's office—afterwards all dutifully denied in the government organ, as usual. It was a long time coming to a head, and the arrest of the three discoverers was kept as profound a secret as possible. At last one of them "squeaked." Wm. Duffield made an affidavit that most of the staking had been done by either himself or a partner. At the preliminary hearing he was called onto the stand and confessed to each individual staking as it came up. E. D. Bolton, recorder, completed the evidence in most cases by testifying to swearing the prisoners that they had staked the claims in question. Corporal Richardson had been down to Kentucky creek, and had chopped slabs off the flattened trees, and had the unbroken slabs in court, bearing the handwriting and signatures purporting to be that of the prisoners.

The first case called was Fred H. Jones. He was represented by Attorney de Journal.

Wm. Duffield testified to discovering the creek with his partners. Had come to Dawson September 29th. Jones and Bolton had met the discoverers at the Fairview hotel that night, and Bolton had asked questions. Had made a map, and Bolton said, "Come around in the morning at ten minutes to nine, and I will record for you." Jones gave the money to pay for the recording. His partner's names were Dagne and Duteine. Had confessed to the authorities.

George Dutche corroborated the last witness. Recognized the envelope shown him bearing names as one passed him by Jones before returning to the creek. Yes, he identified the names.

Corporal Richards had accompanied witness Duffield to Kentucky creek, returning last Saturday. Duffield had pointed out the stakes he had written and identified the writing as his own. The corporal identified the stakes in court. Jones was committed and will have to get an order from Judge Dugas before he can be allowed out on bail.

The case of Thos. Boldman, was similar. Duffield had staked No. 5 above in his name and Bolton testified to recording it and administering the oath. Francis Downer and L. Backhold testified to seeing prisoner in Klondike City September 29th and 30th, he having recorded as staking on the 29th. Committed without bail unless ordered as before.

Francis Downer recorded on the 7th of October and Duffield testified to seeing Dagne write the filing on the stake. Identified the stakes in court.

A. H. Bowman testified to being in Klondike City on the 29th of September, the date of the supposed staking. Corporal Richardson identified the stakes.

Dr. W. M. Bruner's case was similar. Bolton testified to recording No. 8 above for him on October 10th. Bolton weakened this time and would not swear positively to remembering reading the oath to him. Acknowledged that sometimes he told parties to read. Always administered the oath afterwards. Duffield testified to staking for him. Held for trial.

A. H. Bowman was next. Bolton testified to recording No. 2 above for him and swearing as usual. Downer said Bowman was at Kentucky creek on the 29th day of the staking. Duffield identified the stakes in court as those he had put in. Richardson knew them for those he had brought from the creek. Prisoner admitted he had not staked the claim and was committed for trial.

Ernest I. Foster was committed on about the same testimony as Bowman. Said he did not know that he took an oath in recording. Committed.

Edgar B. Brown recorded No. 11 below. Bolton testified it might have been one of those cases in which he let them read the oath themselves. Duffield owned up to the writing and Corporal Richardson identified the stakes. Committed for trial.

Sam Kirk recorded No. 9 above. Bolton testified it was possible he had forgotten to administer the oath though he had no reason to think he had. The name was on the list so Duffield said he had staked for him. Kirk's bonds were continued to the superior court.

The court was adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday. No reference was made at the examination, but report has it that the administering of oaths by Mr. Bolton will be attacked.

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NOW IS YOUR TIME.

The Hon. Wm. Ogilvie, investigating commissioner in and for the Yukon territory, promises shortly to fix a date to hear all charges of malfeasance and inequity against public officials. A section of the law under which he will act provides for the compelling of witnesses to answer any and all questions under oath even should the elicited testimony incriminate the witness; but the law also goes on to state very emphatically that the evidence thus secured from a witness shall not be used against witness. In the very nature of the case it takes at least two people to eventuate a case of bribery for there must be a giver as well as a taker. Under Canadian laws both are equally guilty and equally punishable. Naturally it would be difficult in the ordinary course of the law courts to get the giver to testify against the taker. This giving of some consideration to a corrupt official to secure information regarding vacant ground or to get a claim recorded after it has been found, is not to our mind particularly culpable, for in the first place one is thoroughly entitled as a free miner to that information and also to have his claim safely placed on the records. This giving of interests to officials is purely a result of the inability to do legitimate business without such donations. This all being true the man who loses a third or a half of his claim to an official is more to be pitied than blamed, and we are glad to see that the evidence given by such an one "shall not" be used against himself. This is not optional with Mr. Ogilvie nor with anyone else, but is mandatory. Now then, the miner being secured, there is absolutely no reason why in the next few weeks this festering sore spot of corruption should not be effaced from off the earth; no reason why the men who have grown arrogantly rich at the expense of the legitimate miner and prospector should not receive his deserts; no reason why Messrs. Bolton, Craig and Hurdman should be permitted to occupy their mis-used positions for one day after the court of inquiry opens. The court can be so overwhelmed with evidence in a few short hours that if published to the world would have caused riot and bloodshed long ago. With immunity for themselves secured by law the miners should cast aside fears and misgivings for personal safety and by their testimony should at once and forever clean out this nest of interest seekers and parasites upon the honest, legitimate prospector and miner. If they don't avail themselves of this opportunity; if they, from indifference or cowardice allow the perpetuation of the wholesale jobbery of the past, then they deserve what they will get—a continuance of the intolerable conditions of the past; a refusal to record what they have secured by arduous prospecting; the collection of tribute on everything they secure; the tithing of their holdings; the insecurity of their possessions; the utter worthlessness of their free miner's rights; years of toil rendered unproductive of other results than to increase the already vast holdings of petty under officials; their claims

recorded by the ring while they are held off with lies; themselves hoodwinked and schemed out of all good the country might hold for them; themselves insulted by arrogant and bumptious cornermen of surfeited clerkdom; fruitless and exhausting trips over vast stretches of country to stake ground first reported vacant to them and then pronounced recorded; themselves encouraged by wily underlings to prospect ground by hard sinking and then the ground recorded from under their feet in case it proves worth having. All this will be, and deserves to be, the fate of our mining population if they allow this golden opportunity to pass. Whatever the personal leanings of our investigating commissioner may or may not be is of little consequence to the skeptical ones if they come forward as they must with their overwhelming testimony. The Nugget, of course, will bring forward its long array of facts, but the people themselves must not depend upon us entirely for the wholesale decapitation which we foresee for the corrupt ones of the administration.

A LOCAL OTTAWA.

The unaccountable delay in the submitting of the incorporation ordinance of the city of Dawson to the public for approval is occasioning much uneasiness among some of the signers of the note which secured the fire apparatus out of pawn and placed the department on the practical working basis of today. "As a practical business man I would rather pay my proportion of the note," said one of the signers in our hearing, "than incorporate the city under the terms offered us." The why and the wherefore of the foregoing is that it was agreed that the citizens who signed the note which secured \$12,000 from the Bank of Commerce should be repaid by the city after incorporation. Incorporation on any such terms as was contained in the ordinance drawn up by Phillip Sheridan for the council would cost the signers of that note more than if they paid their pro rata in the first place. The result is a fear of the secret putting through of an ordinance for which public approval could not be secured. It is a vitally important matter to every property holder and business man in Dawson that we should not submit to legislation which will drive business out of the incorporation limits to where there is not double taxation.

In his last interview the governor, speaking upon the subject, said that the men he called "The Citizens' Committee" would be consulted with before the passage of the ordinance; also that he knew of no law compelling him to submit the ordinance to the public. It is bad enough to have a council 4000 miles away passing unworkable and unjust laws and regulations without having our local council treading in the same footsteps and legislating law for us which would be voted down unequivocally if submitted to the people here.

CONDENSED OUTSIDE DISPATCHES.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—Francisco Quintero, a Spanish guerrilla, while walking along Geplos street, was fired at from the roof of a house and seriously wounded. During the last 24 hours one man has been killed and 12 have been wounded in affrays in different parts of the city, and 11 burglaries have been committed. The city is in a state of unrest. Three more wards of Havana were evacuated today.

La Lucha says it can see no disloyalty on the part of the Spanish residents in Cuba if they choose to hoist the American and Cuba flags, because Spain renounced the island without consulting the Spaniards.

Capt. Gen. Castellanos, after formally turning over the island to the Americans on Jan. 1, will leave for Matanzas, where he will remain a fortnight, going thence to Cienfuegos.

Today a Cuban mob threatened to attack the residence of Marquis de Montero, secretary of the treasury in the autonomist cabinet, and a member of the Spanish evacuation commission.

Some disturbances have occurred in San Lazara street, and a Spanish store

there has been sacked by the Cubans. The United States commissioners have sent a staff officer with a detachment of troops to the scene of disorder. The Eighth and Tenth regular infantry regiments are encamped near the Hotel Trocha, the headquarters of the Americans at El Vedado. The Spanish troops are evacuating the city so rapidly that it is almost impossible for the Americans to provide promptly for the preservation of the peace. The proclamation of the United States commissioners appeared in extra editions of the Spanish newspapers this morning.

The French steamer Corrientes sailed today for Spain with 1315 Spanish troops and the French steamer Aquitaine sailed for Saguntina with 1697 Spanish troops. The Carolina will sail tomorrow for Cadix with 2070 officers and men.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A censored special cable to the Tribune from Havana says:

Rioting began at Montserrat to-night. A battalion of Spanish troops hurried from the barracks on the Prado to Galiano street, the dividing line between Cuban and Spanish territory.

Order was restored, but in the firing which occurred before the troops arrived, an eight-year-old Cuban child was killed by a stray bullet.

Spanish territory in the new world is now limited to a narrow strip of land between Havana harbor and Callani street. The flags of Cuba libre and the United States are waving within two blocks of the Prado, a great boulevard which runs through the center of Havana.

Montserrat having been evacuated, the place was alive to-day with Cubans and people from the United States. The scene enacted at Cerro and Vedado last week, and at Jesus del Monte yesterday, was repeated at Montserrat. There was even a greater demonstration, for Montserrat comes almost to the city. Some of the flags leaped across the dividing line and waved on the Spanish side.

The celebration was begun on Christmas night, and today reached its height. Crowds of men and women waving Cuban and American flags and carrying branches of trees paraded the streets, shouting and singing.

Many Americans went over to see the demonstration. They could not remain long. Owing to the intense enthusiasm the populace insisted on kissing the "brave Americans" whether they wanted to be kissed or not.

Several affrays took place between the Spanish residents and the Cubans. A grocery keeper of Oquedo street refused to put out the Cuban colors, and was almost beaten to death with sticks. As evening came on the demonstration became noisier than ever, as many of the negroes parading were drunk and greatly excited. The Americans became fearful of another clash with the Spanish troops like that which ushered in Christmas day.

Francisco Quintero, a Spanish volunteer patrolling the street near the Prado, was fired at from a house top and killed. A Cuban was killed in another part of the city. Half a dozen Cubans and Spaniards were shot or stabbed in affrays about the city.

There was a fight between Cubans and Spaniards in front of the United States club at midnight. Several of the participants were badly cut with machetes.

Many American soldiers who were in town behaved so boisterously that Gen. Ludlow says he is sorry that they were permitted to come into Havana, and in future none will be permitted except on strictly military business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Administration has taken steps to safeguard American interests in the city of Iloilo, on the island of Panay, one of the Philippine archipelago, and a military and naval expedition is now on its way there from Manila.

Cable services were received here today from Gen. Otis, commanding the military forces in the Philippines, and Admiral Dewey, commanding the naval forces there, showing that they are acting in concert in the matter.

Gen. Otis reported that he had dis-

patched two regiments and a battery of artillery to Iloilo on army transports, and Admiral Dewey notified the navy department that the cruiser Baltimore had sailed from Manila for the same place.

Several days ago it was reported by way of Madrid that the Spanish forces in Iloilo had been attacked by the insurgents and had driven them back with heavy losses, but this report lacks official confirmation. The United States expedition is more in the nature of a precaution, but will take active measures for the suppression of lawlessness, in case the condition of affairs requires it.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—The steamer which has arrived here from Samar reports that the Tagalog insurgents have been in possession of Calbayon since Dec. 11. Business there is said to be entirely suspended and all the Spaniards of the vicinity have sought refuge in the house of a man named Scott, an American. The insurgents threatened to attack the refugees but refrained from doing so because it was reported that American soldiers were on their way there. One Spaniard, however, was shot and another was pluckily rescued by Scott, who rode 15 miles and demanded the man's release in face of an armed mob of Tagalogs, who have been looting the Viscayan stores and houses, the leaders of the insurgents being unable to control them. All the efforts made to induce the Viscayans to join in the revolution have been fruitless. The situation here, so far as the insurgents are concerned, is serious. The selection of a new cabinet has been entrusted to a Filipino named Mardini, a rampant irreconcilable of unknown antecedents and a bitter opponent of Aguinaldo, especially on the question of the Spanish prisoners.

It is reported that Aguinaldo refused to release the prisoners although the cabinet decided to accede to the request of Gen. Otis for their release. It is rumored that Aguinaldo fled to an inaccessible region back of Cavite, with a few followers, fearing assassination. This report, however, is denied, but his sudden change of base is not explained.

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KNOCKED OUT IN FOUR ROUNDS.

Sam Barber Proves to be no Match for Charley Gleason.

Some Dispute About the Decision—Sam Receives a Shock Which Makes Him Silly—A Left Hook on the Point of the Jaw Ends It.

The contest between Sam Barber and Charley Gleason came off on Friday night, before a packed house, at the Tivoli. Sam has been seen in Dawson before, and in former contests showed up well, as his cleverness compared favorably with his opponent; but on this occasion his every trick was seen in advance and met by his opponent, so that it became useless to dodge and duck, and he was knocked out in the fourth round by a left downward hook on the point of the jaw. There was some dispute at the finish about rules, etc., as the audience was not pleased at the shortness and one-sidedness of the contest, but Referee Donaldson could not, in fairness to Gleason, have made any other decision.

Gleason was seconded by Frank Raphael and his aides, while Curly Carr and assistants did as much for Barber. Ben Treneman was chosen official timekeeper, while Jack Boyle kept time for Gleason, and Sam Yaedi for Barber.

RIGHT BY ROUNDS.

1. The men came forward slowly, in position for immediate defense. They spar well away from each other, and Gleason led the exchanges. In sparring Gleason's ribs show sharp indentations between chest and shoulders are well developed, with muscles prettily bunched. He is evidently strong from the first exchanges. Barber is smooth with not much flesh to spare, and his thin cheeks show considerable training down. Both men weigh about 130 pounds. Gleason moves his hands up and down in front of him, and has a mighty left hook. He is exceedingly shifty, and hardly led two exchanges alike. He feinted with the left, Barber dodged and Gleason swung his left underneath and landed on the head without injury. Gleason feinted with the left, and landed a right swing on the ribs. Gleason ran into a left jab without much injury. Gleason forced the fighting, and Barber was evidently quite willing to elude while Gleason was not, and seemed disposed to strike in the break-away. Gleason landed a disconcerting left hook on jaw and finished the round. It was Gleason's round.

2. Sam stopped Charley's leads with a left jab in the face, which at last brought blood. Barber has improved, but his clever dodging is futile, and Gleason, uppercuts and gets him down twice. He was down when the gong sounded.

3. Barber is evidently nonplused at the facility of his dodging tactics, and continues on the defensive. In the first exchange he landed his right, but apparently without much force. Gleason keeps him up to the ropes and lands a right on the ribs, and then with his right shoulder forward swings his left on the neck in an odd fashion, which makes the audience laugh. Gleason feinted right and hooked strongly with his left and Sam dodged cleverly.

4. The rounds this far had been in favor of Gleason. Once in the fourth Sam took the initiative, and if he had been strong might have done damage through the opening left by Gleason. After about fifty seconds Gleason delivered a quick downward hook with the left, the blow landing on the point of the jaw, opening the mouth and glancing to the breast, Gleason then stood away. The blow was so quick that but few of the audience saw it. But the effect was instant. Sam's eyes glazed and his arms dropped, and he sank to the ground limp as a cloth. He sank in a heap, but straightened out onto his back with outstretched arms. The referee stood between him and Gleason, and commenced slowly to count him out. The unconsciousness was temporary, and as senses returned Sam slowly rose then sank to his knee again. Meanwhile Gleason had stepped out from behind the referee with the intention of closing in on Sam if the latter rose before the count of ten. At the count of seven Sam had recovered sufficiently to note the close proximity of his lusty opponent and to waive him back. Donaldson stopped counting long enough to remark quietly, "Step back, Gleason." Gleason did not step back, nor did Sam rise to his feet, and the contest was consequently awarded to the former. Instantly there arose a hubbub from those who thought Sam would have stood up if Gleason had not been too close, and after Sam had staggered weakly to his corner he came forward to the footlights, and remarked that he could not fight his man and the referee both, but would fight Gleason again in two weeks.

The dispute hinges on the Marquis of Queensbury rules which are supposed to govern such contests. It is urged, on the one side, that the rule provides that when a man is knocked down or even slips down his opponent shall retire to his corner. Admitting this to have been the unrevived rule it must also be admitted to be impracticable and always more or less ignored at the discretion of the referee. It will be seen at once that the rule would provide no protection for the prostrate man as he might fall right in his opponent's corner in which case the standing man could stay right over him and take him at a disadvantage before he had half risen. The custom seems to have been for the referee to make the standing man stand back some ten feet, or to stand between them till the fallen man has arisen. In this case, had Sam been able and willing he could have arisen with the referee between himself and his nemesis. Then the attitude of the police to such contests must be considered. Had

Sam arisen it would have been to be immediately slaughtered as his confusion was apparent to all and he was utterly defenceless. No question of the referee's impartiality can be entertained for a moment and the only matter in dispute is that possibly Barber might have staggered to his feet had Gleason been far enough away.

For Sweet Charity's Sake.

The benefit entertainment at the Monte Carlo on Sunday night, gotten up by the Committee of Public Charities, was probably the best show seen on the boards for a long time. The house was comfortably filled and the boxes sold, making a net return of about \$1,500.

The performance commenced with songs by Roy M. Pike, stories by Leroy Tozier, dance by Blanche LaMont, songs by George Noble, songs (illustrated) by Caprice, clever sketch by Maurelius and Brown, songs (illustrated) by Arthur Delmore, illuminated club swinging by Ben. Treneman, stories by Joe Boyle, and song and dance by Florence Broeze.

After a series of moving and stereoptean views, and a statement of the committee's work by Col. Davis, the event of the evening came off. Dave Evans, of Nansimo, and Frank Allen, of San Francisco, wrestled two falls. Both were clever, and everyone was interested. Evans won the first fall in two minutes and thirty seconds. Allen won the second in two minutes and thirty-one seconds.

Meo Marich, of San Francisco, and Ben Treneman wrestled two falls. The contest was pretty, and resulted in a full piece—Treneman securing a fall in three minutes, and Marich in fifty seconds.

Smith and Raphael put up a most interesting light-weight sparring contest. While taking care not to hit too hard, the activity of both showed up well. Raphael curbed his superior strength, and the audience was well pleased.

The funniest thing seen at any theatre for a long time, was the three rounds between Ramps Peterson and Fred Breen. Ramps is six feet six inches, and heavily built from the ground up, in fact is a veritable giant in well proportioned size. Fred is four feet nothing, and built like a bantam. The three rounds were provocative of the most hilarious amusement ever witnessed, and the noise of much laughter almost raised the roof. Of course the little fellow went between Ramps' outstretched legs and attacked him front and rear. It took a two foot jump to get to the height of the big man's face. Every contortion of the pair brought out fresh bursts of laughter, for Fred is a natural comedian, and his pose on the stage are always funny. The third round was brought to a fit conclusion by a bogus policeman, who stopped the contest and arrested the midget on the grounds of too much fierceness and blood thirstiness. The audience laughed so much they had no laughter left for the balance of the evening.

The most important athletic event was the four rounds between Pat Kookey and Frank P. Slavin. Slavin, the ex-champion of England and Australia, has permanently retired from the ring, but consented to the exhibition for charity's sake. Both men are clever, shifty and strong, and the rounds were applauded by all.

In From the Outside.

Mr. C. Milne, representing the Parsons Produce Co., of Vancouver, arrived in Dawson over the ice on Sunday last, having made the trip from Bennett since January 5th. Mr. Milne was accompanied by Mr. H. Avison, also of Vancouver, and the pair left Skaguay January 2nd. Some six days were lost on the trip from blizzards filling up the trail, making it impassable. Steady good weather was found on the lower river, and they mushed along until Sunday, the 29th, brought them into Dawson with the feet of the dogs raw and bleeding, and their sides collapsed from the effects of long travel. Everyone of the party was glad to reach town. Mr. Milne brought in some late papers to this office. He expects to return very shortly to the outside again.

"Cow" Miller, accompanied by Captain Syd. Barrington, of the Willie Irving, arrived in town Sunday afternoon. They bring in papers on an accompanying sled which will be here in some 15 or 20 days. Being heavily loaded, the dogs were having a slow hard time of it on the lakes through the falling and drifting snow, and so was left behind in care of two of the party who will bring it along as fast as they are able.

Gone to Ottawa.

The two representatives of the Nugget bound for Ottawa left this office on Sunday about 2 p. m., in charge of a Nugget Express team and basket sleigh. The representatives charged with the important mission of bringing the Canadian lawmakers to a realizing sense of the injuries they are inflicting upon a helpless community are Mr. George M. Allen and David W. Sempie, of the Nugget staff. They carry with them nearly fifty pounds of documents and other papers bearing upon their mission, and have letters of commendation and introduction to the most prominent men of Canada. There was a crowd gathered to witness the departure and photographing of this the fourth lot of mail, and express matter sent out by the Nugget Express this winter. It is the intention, if possible, to make this the "banner" trip to the outside. The trail is good and no unnecessary food nor camp outfit has to be carried as the numerous road houses along the river render that unnecessary.

Mr. Milne, who has just arrived in Dawson, reports meeting Jake Kline and Nugget Express No. 1 on Lake Tagish. Walter Watrous and the Nugget Express No. 2 was met between Big and Little Salmon. Mr. Copeland, in charge of Nugget Express No. 3 was met at Selwyn. Mr. G. M. Allen with Nugget Express No. 4 was met just leaving Dawson

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on Sunday afternoon. All four outfits were making excellent time and meeting with no delays. Kline and the first outfit is undoubtedly in Seattle at this time. Watrous is either at or near the lakes, while Copeland is somewhere about Big Salmon.

The confidence of the public in the Nugget Express is well indicated by the necessity of sending out four outfits already. The large amount of important express matter and mail entrusted to the company is indicative of a complete public faith and that faith will be preserved by the performance of every trust committed to it regardless of expenses.

It Will Be in the "Sweet Bye-and-Bye." His lordship, Judge Dugas, administered a smiling rebuke to Mr. Henning one day last week which vastly amused the people in the courtroom. Henning was the prosecuting witness in a case which fell through. He was asked to locate certain things he was relating: "Where did this all happen?" was asked.

"On the tramroad," Henning replied. "His lordship looked up inquiringly, 'On the tramway did you say?'" Henning looked puzzled, but replied, "Why, yes; on the tramroad."

The Judge looked hard at the witness, "I didn't know there was a tramway in the Yukon Territory."

"I mean the one running from the Klondike to the Forks," said Henning, and then hearing the titter which went round, and a whispered "I mean it will be a tramroad when they get the rails and bars!" and everyone laughed.

The "Pugs."

Billy Cooper and Sam Moore are matched to contest 20 rounds in the near future. Billy gives the following as his record: Defeated E. H. Chambers, heavy-weight of Montana, in 14 rounds, March 5, 1896. Defeated Frank Paddock, middle-weight of Minnesota, in 7 rounds, February 9, 1898. Defeated Prof. Reed, of Portland, Ore., in nine rounds, January 10, 1897. Fought a draw with Bill Phoenix, colored heavy-weight of Washington, 15 rounds, May 9, 1896. Defeated Billy Merritt, middle-weight champion of British Columbia, at Juneau, in 6 rounds, January 7, 1898. Fought to a draw of 10 rounds with Curley Carr, and afterwards lost in another match in four rounds from breaking an arm.

Sam Moore is a gymnasium teacher of the noble art, and won on points from Bert Wright in '96; from Spider Davis, of Los Angeles, in '96; from Dick Peabody, 4 rounds, in '97; from Fred Buean, 5 rounds, in '97; from N. W. Champs, in 5 rounds, in '97. A draw with Joe Mathews, of the S. A. C., Seattle, 6 rounds in '98. Won from Fred Ross, 3 rounds in '98; from young Choyinski, 6 rounds in '98, and a draw with Billy Savage, 10 rounds in '97.

He Has Fallen.

New York, Nov. 9.—The New York Sun says editorially: "The Hon. James Hamilton Lewis, of Seattle, confirms the melancholy news that he is not to succeed himself as congressman at large from Washington. Genius, eloquence, modesty, beauty, the rose of all consummate raiment could not save him. Glided satrapa of West Point snicker. Ham has fallen. The world brightening pink whiskers are rosy no more upon the awful peaks of Three Devils and of Tum Tum. Dark are the waters of Skookum Chuck and Jump-off-Joe. Dosewallips and Duckabush, Plichuck and Puyallup, Sillagumish and Nooksack, and Yatsnikoto, Ik-tetum and Six-pith-hy, Sams Foll and Satsop and Stillipoo, wail with broken voices. The light, the color, the joy have fled from Washington. The Aurora Borealis waves all its streamers and rejoices. The standards of its rival are fallen. Ham Lewis is fallen."

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HAPPENINGS UPON THE OUTSIDE.

Clippings From All Over the World and Back.

Naval Changes—Jeffreys and Smith to Fight—Funeral of the Last Slide Victims—Spain's Premier About to Die.

New York, Dec. 26th.—Capt. R. D. Evan's name is prominently mentioned as Rear Admiral Buncie's successor in the New York navy yard, now that it seems to be decided that Rear Admiral Sampson will remain as commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station and Rear Admiral Schley will be assigned to sea duty in compliance with his request.

Unless congress should pass a law authorizing him to remain on the active list, rear admiral Dewey will be placed on the retired list on December 26, 1899.

Only one other retirement will occur next year—that of Commodore H. B. Howison, now commandant of the Boston navy yard.

There is a strong sentiment in naval circles in favor of the passage of a law which will permit the retention of Admiral Dewey upon the active list for ten years, as was done in cases of heroes of the civil war.

Reports from Manila that Admiral Dewey desires to return home are not believed by department officials, their advice from him indicating that he desires to remain in the Philippines. It is not expected here that he will be detached from command of the Asiatic station until just in time to reach the United States on the eve of his retirement.

Work is being pushed by the navy department on the small cruisers and gunboats to be used for patrol service in Cuban waters. It is appreciated that in six days this government will assume control in Cuba, and it is desired that the navy shall be prepared to do its full share in preserving peace and order in the southern part of the island.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 26.—Articles of agreement have been signed here for a match for \$10,000 a side between Denver Ed Smith and Jim Jeffreys, champion heavy weight of the Pacific coast. The men will meet before the Olympic Club of San Francisco, toward the end of January.

Smith has been training hard for the past six weeks and will enter the ring in better condition than he had ever before known.

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—Funeral services will be held here tomorrow over the remains of Bert Jones and Harry Shaw, two of the victims of the Chilkoat disaster. The services will be under the auspices of a local lodge of Foresters to which the young men belonged. The bodies came here on the steamer Topeka yesterday in charge of W. F. Carpenter, of Orling. Both Jones and Shaw were from Wilkeson and both were under 21 years of age.

MADRID, Dec. 26.—The condition of Sagasta is announced this morning as more serious.

Although the latest bulletin regarding Senor Sagasta's condition, which was issued this evening, says that he has passed a quiet day and that the fever has diminished, it is feared by some members of the cabinet that he will not recover. A rumor is in circulation today that his respiration is much more difficult.

VICTORIA, Dec. 22.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt in parts of the city to-day, soon after 5 o'clock. Port Angeles, directly across the Straits from Victoria, reports a heavier shock.

PORT ANGELES, Wn., Dec. 22.—The city of Port Angeles and vicinity was treated to something uncommon this evening. At 6 o'clock a light earthquake tremor was felt, followed about 10 seconds later by the severest shock ever felt in this section of the country. The sensation experienced was very similar to that produced by a very heavy body being thrown against a structure. The vibratory wave seemed to travel from north to south, and was of sufficient violence to cause lamps to sway and to rattle crockery on the shelves.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—It was announced at the navy department today that the cruises Cincinnati would remain at Havana until after January 1, and take part in the ceremonies attending the Spanish evacuation of Cuban territory, at the conclusion of which the vessel will go to New York. Later reports indicate that the Cincinnati sustained no material damage by running aground in the harbor of Santiago several days ago.

A telegram was received saying that the collier Vigilant had arrived at Manila with her cargo on fire, but giving no details.

Other naval movements were reported as follows:

The tank steamer Arethus has arrived at Havana with a full supply of fresh water. The collier Sterling arrived at Montevideo yesterday, and the Spanish prizes Sandoval and Alvarado have arrived at Norfolk.

Word was received at the war department that the hospital ship Bay State, which arrived yesterday at Santiago de Cuba, had proceeded to Kingston. There is a board of medical officers on the ship, who are to inspect the methods adopted by the British army for the care and subsistence of troops in the tropics.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 25.—Preparations for the departure of the Seventeenth United States

infantry for the Philippines are being rushed forward at Columbus post. An estimate sent to the chief quartermaster shows that the regiment will carry 300,000 pounds of baggage. Lieut. Clay has been assigned to the regiment as captain. Lieut. French, of the Twenty-fifth regiment, at Fort Logan, will join the Seventeenth here, and other vacancies in the rosters of the officers will be filled by Lieut. Hasbrough, of the Fourteenth, and Lieut. Morse, of the Twenty-third regiment, both of whom are at Manila.

SPokane, Dec. 27.—Another of the good silver faith newspapers to leave Mr. Bryan on the expansion issue is the Spokesman-Review of Spokane. In a recent editorial of that paper such heretical phrases as the following are found: "His desire for an 'issue' has run away with his judgment;" "If President McKinley had taken the other side of the fence, Col. Bryan would now be shouting for 'imperialism!'" "Mr. Bryan seems to entertain a pretty low opinion of the spirit and courage of the subject of a man who are old enough to shoulder a rifle," and "that sounds fine, but it will not bear analysis."

Said Tappan Adley, in a Christmas number of Harper's Weekly: "I heard of another Christmas dinner, of two old-timers in the lower country. They were original old-timers; had been sixteen years in the country; came here from Cassiar; hadn't seen a railroad train for forty years; whisks a foot long—what they call 'sour-dough stiffs'—down in 'Circle. Though the biggest-hearted men, they were regular old cranks. These two old-timers were living in the same old cabin; but each had his own stove, did his own cooking, had his own outfit, and his own side of the cabin, the two households being as distinct as if they were miles apart. It was Christmas, and one of the men had found a soup-bone, so as to have something special. The other man saw the preparation, and resolved to have something extra that day, too; but he had no soup-bone, only soup vegetables; so he, too, made himself some soup. They sat down to dinner, each in his own corner. The man who had the bone tasted his soup.

"I tell you," said he, smacking his lips, "this soup tastes good," and kept on eating.

The other smacked his lips, too; never looked up but shook his head, saying, "It can't taste any better than mine." And those two old cranks kept on eating, each telling how good his own soup was; and it never occurred to either of them to offer some to the other!

I only heard this story, Alaska, is the abiding place of colossal hardships. One must believe nothing he hears, and only half of what he sees.

New York, Dec. 26.—A London correspondent says: "An ugly but typical incident still further strains the relations between England and the Transvaal. The Boer police were called upon to quell a row in front of the house of a British subject in Johannesburg, named Edgar. They called out Edgar and a policeman shot him dead. The policeman has been released on a thousand dollars bail. Tomorrow a mass meeting of foreign inhabitants of Johannesburg has been called to protest against the insecurity of life and property under the Boer rule, and to demand protection against police tyranny.

Things have been going from bad to worse in the Transvaal for some time, and sooner or later such an incident as this will bring about a crisis, out of which the Transvaal may not emerge at all. The British force in South Africa is being steadily increased in view of the eventualities. Four hundred men sailed from Southampton on Thursday; more are leaving here today; there will be another draft a week hence, altogether 1,000 men.

Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of the Cape, and Mr. Conyngham Greene, the British resident at Pretoria, are both in London, and have had several conferences at the Colonial office. To a correspondent who had written to Mr. Chamberlain about the need of protection for British subjects in the Transvaal, the Colonial Secretary curtly replies today that "British interests are thoroughly protected by Her Majesty's government, not only in the Transvaal, but every where else as well."

Resolutions of Respect. At a meeting of the Dawson City Volunteer Fire Department held on January 18th last, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That we, the members of the D. C. V. F. D., deeply feel the loss of our first honorary member, the late Father Judge. To fully express the high esteem in which he was held by us, we must need an inspiration of which we are bereft. His kindness will ever be remembered by the members of the department, for with that ever open hand of charity he was the first to come forward to the help of the D. C. V. F. D. by throwing open the door of St. Mary's hospital to any sick or disabled member while on duty, free of charge.

Resolved, That a letter be sent to St. Mary's Hospital, also a copy to the press and the resolutions be entered on the minutes of this department.

On behalf of the department, we are Respectfully yours,

B. H. MOULN, Secretary. DAVID MARSH, Asst. Secretary. JOSEPH STINGLE, Ex-Com.

From Seventy-Mile. D. L. Fell, manager of the A. C. store at Seventy-mile, a town of some 40 or 50 cabins at the mouth of Seventy-mile river, is in town on business connected with his firm, and will return immediately. He reports some 600 men on the creeks and all the goods sold from the store. Some of the men up the creek have gold but more of them are just preparing to work their ground. On the Throcksie's claim on Barney creek, there are five men at work and are averaging three ounces per day to the man. The diggings are mostly shallow summer propositions and are not covered with the usual muck to any great extent. Some quartz claims are

being taken up, though of unknown value. The river is just about as large as the Klondike and the first 30 miles shows quartz cropping out everywhere. Claims are 1250 feet long. It is only on the side streams, commencing at Fox creek, 15 miles up, that much work has been expended so far, though the main stream is just beginning to receive attention. Everyone is satisfied down there and none are returning to Dawson.

CREEK ITEMS.

Eddie Lewin had a narrow escape from death while out on his Sulphur property last week. Mr. Lewin was inspecting the drifts on five A below, and while being lowered reached out to knock a piece of loose muck from the side of the shaft. He was supported by a cross stick above the bucket, but lost his hold and fell head first into the bucket, which fortunately caught and held him. A foot either way would have meant a fall of thirty feet.

Ated Bros. have one of the most complete mining plants on fourteen above on Hunker, to be found in the country. They have a steam thumping machine, also a steam hoist derrick, pump and circular saw, all in operation. They can sink eight to ten feet in twenty-four hours. They employ twelve men, and are taking out good pay.

On fifty-four below on Hunker, a large mastodon skeleton was recently unearthed. It was found forty feet down, in the edge of the gravel. It measures two feet in length, two feet in circumference at the ends, and fifteen inches in the center.

The Summit Road House, at the head of Hunker, has changed hands, Mr. Hall having sold out to Messrs. Gibson and Munroe.

Geo. H. Walton and Jack Flower, just returned from Eureka Creek, report affairs in a promising condition in that locality. On No. 12, Left Fork, they saw a \$3 pan washed out, it being very pretty gold and seemingly of a high grade. On No. 2, Left Fork, they have from 10 cents to \$10 running through seven feet of gravel. No. 0 also being equally as good. No. 3 has six feet of good pay. Good prospects are reported from No. 12, on eighteen pps. Left Fork, and good pay on No. 18, Right Fork. Below the Forks, on No. 14, fraction, they have just struck 25 cents in the gravel.

Status of the Relief Committee.

Col. O. V. Davis, at the benefit entertainment given at the Monte Carlo on Sunday night, made a few statements of what the committee had done and was doing. Starting with the birth of the committee and the first subscription of \$1,721 taken up by it he showed how its first hospital bill was \$1783. Other charity left them with a balance the first of the month of \$223 while the last bill rendered them by the hospitals was \$4,150 due St. Mary's and about \$250 due the Salvation Army shelter.

The colonel, in summing up the situation pointed out the immense necessity of charity in these parts owing to the prevalence of destitution and scurvy. The funds raised by the entertainment would not nearly pay off the indebtedness of the committee so that it would be necessary to circulate a subscription. He wound up with a strong plea for the distressed and sick and hoped the subscription would be a liberal one.

Official Temperatures.

The temperatures for the week ending Wednesday, January 25th, show rather unusual variation.

Table with 4 columns: Day, Lowest, Highest, Winds Miles per hour. Thursday: -29.8, -21.8, 0.1. Friday: -42.5, -1.55, 3.1. Saturday: -50, 2.0, 3.5. Sunday: -26.5, -21.0, 0.5. Monday: -30.7, -20.7, 0.5. Tuesday: -31.7, -20.6, 0.4. Wednesday: -44.6, -26.0, 0.0.

Back From the States.

Messrs. Sid. Barrington and C. J. (Cow) Miller, who went to the outside, last fall, arrived in Dawson on Sunday after an exceptionally good trip. The first named, it will be remembered, left Dawson in September with the remains of his brother, Captain Barrington, of the steamer Willie Irving, which he tenderly consigned to a last resting place at Oak Harbor, Wash., a point three miles from the birthplace of the deceased. Returning, Mr. Barrington left Skaguay on Jan. 6, and a few days later he was overtaken and joined by Mr. Miller and party, the whole traveling together until Little Salmon was reached, when the two gentlemen decided on a sprint down the river to Dawson, leaving the balance of the party to follow at their leisure. That they covered the 320 miles in good time—in fact made an exceptionally good trip from the seaboard in—is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Miller only left Skaguay on the 10th, or 19 days prior to their arrival here, and that they passed 18 dog teams also en route in, besides when they were obliged to break a trail over all the lakes but Bennett, and lay up a day and a half on account of a strong north wind. Another bad place was the Thirty-Mile river, where Mr. Miller went through the ice and narrowly escaped drowning. The trail was then very good until McCormick's post was reached, when it became fine and so continued for the balance of the distance.

Capt. Barrington, who was seen by a representative of this paper, reports Uhoie, Sam as enjoying a revival of seeming prosperity since the close of the Cuban war, and that the report is untrue that Denver Ed Smith had been fatally shot at Wichita, Kan. He made the assertion that not to exceed 500 persons will come to Dawson by the lake route next spring, and cites as a fact that, out of a passenger list of

390 on the City of Seattle, which arrived at Skaguay while he was there, only five were bound for the Klondike, the others being headed for the Atlin country, which has been extensively boomed on the outside. Some of the private road houses on the trail were severely scored for their dirty and neglected condition.

Mr. Miller, it is understood, only came in this time to settle up his business affairs and expects to leave again for the outside in a few weeks by dog team. His friend Barrington expects to see him fracture the record and say he'll back him for \$1000 against all comers.

Mail.

The regular mail starts out for the coast Wednesday morning, February 1st.

The second mail arrived in Dawson by dog team at 7:30 Monday night. It came through by relays, Constable Cameron, bringing it from Indian river only. There are nine bags and considerable of the matter is registered which will be ready for delivery Friday.

Ski Club Notice.

The second run of the Arctic Ski Club on Sunday afternoon drew out a large gathering of spectators, who were much entertained by the exploits of the daring runners, of whom there were nearly a dozen. The hill has been fitted with a "jump" about 100 feet from the top, and the runners fairly fly as they leave it with lightning-like speed. The banner jumps were made by Messrs. Lee, Haugen and Mosheim, while H. M. Henning, president of the club, carried off the palm for general good work. The next regular meeting of the club occurs on Saturday evening at the parlors of the Aurora.

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Y. O. O. P.

All members of Y. O. O. P. are requested to attend the regular meeting to be held February 2, 1899, as business of importance is to be transacted. E. J. JENSEN, Sec'y.

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LOST AND FOUND

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LOST—Monday afternoon, small pocket portfolio containing papers valuable to owner only. Finder please leave at Nugget office, A. HARBINSON.

WANTED

WANTED—Man stenographer; state salary expected and previous experience; address in own handwriting, A. B. C., care of this office.

CHURCH NOTICES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: Regular services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 2 p. m. R. G. BOWEN, Pastor.

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