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END MAY COME AT ANY TIME.

Entire Royal Family Present — Fast Steamer Awaiting Sad Message — Wales Is Regent.

Osborne, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22, via Skagway, Jan. 26.—Great secrecy is still maintained regarding the queen's actual condition. The whole country is anxiously watching the newspaper bulletin boards, and the general impression is that the case is more critical than stated by the doctors in their official reports.

Nearly the whole royal family is now assembled at Osborne, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They fill the galleries and reception rooms of Osborne castle in a room of the southeast corner of which the greatest and most popular ruler of modern times lies dying.

In the offing off the Isle of Wight lies the fastest gun boat in the government service. It is not even anchored, but ready the moment a signal is given from the closely watched southeast window to carry the dismal news now believed to be imminent.

The Prince of Wales has been appointed regent and will act so far as the law permits, but it is not believed there will be a meeting of parliament until there is a change, which change it now seems certain will be the death of the sovereign lady.

Emperor William, wife and suite, have arrived.

The Duke of Cambridge is hourly expected from Paris.

The Prince of Wales left today for London to act as regent so far as the law will permit.

Wants to Enlist.
Editor Nugget:
Will you kindly inform me through your paper what the chances are for enlisting here in the Baden Powell constabulary, and what the terms are; also length of service. Yours, etc.,
A SUBSCRIBER.

(The chances for enlisting in Dawson are not so bright as they would be were Dawson nearer to the military headquarters, still it may be possible to effect such a thing as the enlistment desired, by applying to Dr. Hurdman at the barracks for medical examina-

tion, which it passed successfully will entitle the applicant to a certificate. This, however, carries no guarantee that the holder will be accepted. Further particulars, including the terms of enlistment and the length of service can be obtained by applying to Dr. Hurdman at the barracks.

Sommerville in Limbo.
W. V. Sommerville, who was arrested sometime ago at Whitehorse on the charge of misappropriating \$497, the complaint being sworn to by Ross Rumball, was brought back by Constable Henderson and is now in jail here. He was up for preliminary hearing before the police court this morning when the case was remanded until Monday at 10 a. m. A capias was also sent to Whitehorse for service on Sommerville at the instance of Thos. O'Brien, but as he showed no signs of preparations to leave the country, it was not served.

Mail Coming.
Two sacks of mail, one from Eagle City and the other from Ft. Cudahy, were received at the local postoffice yesterday afternoon. A consignment of way mail passed Ogilvie this morning at 11 o'clock. The through mail left Whitehorse yesterday morning and will be rushed through as fast as possible, traveling night and day and is expected to arrive in Dawson some time Tuesday or Wednesday.

Police News

Not for half a year has there been such a full house as greeted Magistrate Searth this morning on the opening of his court, the occasion being the debut in court of a half dozen South Dawson females who allege to sell cigars, lemonade and other mild beverages, tell fortunes and hold aside the curtains which separate the present from the misty future. They were a motly looking crowd, some of whom are past the heyday of youth and well along in the afternoon of life. Among them was a gingerbread-hued daughter of Ham. These women were charged with keeping houses of prostitution, it being alleged that their signs of various other business pursuits are but guises. A large part of the Dawson bar was present for the defense, while the majority of the male population of South Dawson was present in the capacity of witnesses. Mrs. Watson, a woman of much averdupois, was first called to the prisoner's box where she pleaded not guilty to the above mentioned charge and wept quite copiously in a handkerchief with a small red border. A number of witnesses were called, but none of them appeared to know anything definite about the life and habits of the accused further than that on the door of her domicile are the signs "Fortunes Told" and "Lemonade." As the evidence was not such as to warrant conviction, the case was dismissed after a couple of witnesses had been threatened with punishment for contempt for evading questions. As the other cases depended for conviction on the same class of evidence already adduced, Constable Jealous who had charge of the prosecution, withdrew the charges and, after being warned of its being a long lane without an end, or words to that effect, the delegation of small dealers filed out of court and back to their various abodes.

Pugilists Contest.
A series of athletic events were pulled off last night at the Club gymnasium before a well-filled-house. The main event was a ten two-minute round go between a couple of youngsters, Delfel and Gardner, which ended in a draw. Agee Brothers, Sinclair and Devine, Smith and Lamb all put up some rattling good ones.

Sale on the Fly
J. L. Sale, who, with F. H. Griffith, left here for the outside last Sunday morning, telegraphed from Selkirk yesterday that they had reached that place in the forenoon and would make Minto, 200 miles from Dawson, last night, which is an average of 40 miles for every day traveled.

Mining Inspector Weldy Young, who accompanied Sale and Griffith as far as Stewart, sent back word that they reached that place at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

No Caribou Customs House.
D. Menzies, Canadian customs inspector at Whitehorse, arrived yesterday, and says there is to be no customs house at Caribou this winter, as it is not believed there will be enough travel to Atlin by the lakes to warrant one. The Canadian Development company will carry the mails and express over

the Fan Tail trail, which will insure it being kept in good condition for travel, and as it is less than half the distance to Atlin by this route than by way of the lakes, no doubt all the travel will be by the Fan Tail this winter. Therefor customs will be collected at the summit. But next summer there will probably be a customs house at Caribou, for the convenience of Atlin traffic.

Valuable Bones.
Messrs. Valentine, Duffield and Melins, of 26 Righty Pup gulch, on the 20th inst. took from their mine at a depth of 70 feet, the head and tusks of a mastodon of gigantic proportions, and intact. The specimen is perhaps the best yet discovered in this country where such things abound, and the owners have already refused a \$750 offer for their find.

Dimensions are not given, but from the weight of two detached teeth—weighing 14 pounds each—it is surmised that the brute was no spring production when he yielded up the ghost.

J. S. Levy Ill.
J. S. Levy, well known as the poet of the Ames Mercantile Co.'s establishment, has been confined to his bed for a number of days past by an attack of erysipelas. Mr. Levy's condition is not considered at all alarming by his friends, but it is such as to require that he remain in bed and be attended upon.

Bettinger Reported

Capt. Starnes, officer in command at the barracks, this morning received a telegram from Inspector McDonell who is now at Selkirk, and who three weeks ago went up the river on a searching trip for information relative to the supposed disappearance from the trail near Ogilvie of Dr. Joseph Bettinger, to the effect that he has obtained definite news of the missing man in that he (Bettinger) ate dinner at Patterson's roadhouse near Selkirk on December 14th when he was in good health and form for traveling. The roadhouse people are confident that they are not mistaken as they readily recognized a picture of their guest shown them by Inspector McDonell.

As Bettinger left here sometime about the 5th of December, he would, considering the condition of the trail at that time, be due at or near Selkirk about the time he was seen.

The receipt of the telegram confirms the belief of the police and others that Bettinger passed safely out incog for some reason best known to himself.

The Weather.
During the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning the minimum temperature was 9 below, the maximum 3 degrees above zero. Today has been as bright and lovely as could be expected of a winter day in any country.

Candies for the Millions.
I have enough candies, nuts, and toys to supply the whole population of the Yukon country. My stock is complete. Plenty of Lowney's chocolate and Gunther's bon bons in any quantity; cigars by the box. Bring your friends and as I am a Missourian, I will show you the finest store in the Yukon territory.
GANDOLFO,
Third st., opp. A. C. C.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

Mrs. A. Viasot has opened a first-class dining room in the log cabin back of the Orpheum theater where she is serving the best home cooked meal in town.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

Mumm's, Pomeroy or Perinet champagnes \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

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WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN CONVENED

Which Indicates That the Queen's Condition Is Not Serious.

CASSIAR CENTRAL RY. CO.

Will Ask to be Made Government Work—Sensational New Jersey Murder Trial Ended.

London, Jan. 19, via Skagway, Jan. 26.—As an evidence that it is not believed the queen is fatally ill, no steps have been taken to summons parliament, and as the Prince of Wales can not act for the queen without authority from parliament, it is believed that the queen is not yet so ill but that she can sign absolutely imperative documents, although the Prince of Wales will relieve her of the usual routine affairs pertaining to the regency.

Cassiar Railroad.
Ottawa, Jan. 19, via Skagway, Jan. 26.—The Cassiar Central Railway Co. will apply at the next session of parliament to be made a government work and for power to run over other lines of road.

New Jersey Murder.
Paterson, N. J., Jan. 19, via Skagway, Jan. 26.—The most sensational murder trial in the history of New Jersey has just ended here. Walter C. McAllister, Andrew J. Campbell and William A. Death were charged with administering knock-out drops to a mill employee named Jennie Bonchleter and then feloniously assaulting her. They were found guilty of murder in the second degree for which the maximum penalty in this state is 30 years in the penitentiary. The jury was out five hours.

Name of Bank Changed.
Skagway, Jan. 26.—The name of the corporation formerly known as the Merchants' Bank of Halifax has been changed to Royal Bank of Canada.

Trains Again Running.
Skagway, Jan. 26.—There was no train out Wednesday, but one arrived with 50 passengers from Whitehorse. Trains ran both ways yesterday and today and from now on it is expected that regular schedule time will be made. The snow plows, of which there are three rotaries, will be kept at work on the line so long as needed.

Good stock, large eggs. See Meeker.

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LETTERS
And Small Packages can be sent to the Creeks by our carriers on the following days: Every Wednesday and Saturday to Eldorado, Bonanza, Hunter, Dominion, Gold Run, Sulphur, Quartz and Canyon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1901.

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION.

The probabilities are that railroad construction through from Valdes to Eagle will be very well advanced during the next twelve months. A road along the proposed route will have a wonderful influence in opening up the lower country. The Copper river country is again attracting widespread attention, while the various mining districts contiguous to the Tanana will be given a decided impetus when railroad transportation to the coast is provided.

In respect to the Tanana country it is a well established fact that placer diggings have been discovered already which would pay remarkably well, were it not for the fact that such great cost and so many hardships are involved in transporting freight to the diggings.

The completion of a railroad from Valdes to Eagle will obviate this difficulty immediately and admit of freight being landed at the various camps at comparatively little cost. The other districts up and down the Yukon would also feel the effect of such an improvement in transportation facilities. The general result would be a decrease in the cost of commodities at all points along the Alaskan Yukon—a most important item in the development of any country which produces no food stuffs. With the White Pass Route contemplating further extension into the interior and definite assurance given that an American line from the coast to the Yukon will soon be under construction, it must be said that the future looks very bright with promise not only for the Canadian Yukon country but as well for our big neighbor on the north end west.

Grief over the knowledge that Queen Victoria lies in a critical condition will not be confined to British soil. Throughout the length and breadth of Christendom there will be a spontaneous outpouring of sorrow. Wherever true womanhood is valued at its real worth, there will be found a wave of sympathy for Great Britain in the hour of threatening affliction. In every sphere of woman's influence, England's sovereign, through three score years has stood a bright and shining example. Her life has been an open book from which her people and the world have been able to read that noblest of lessons—the lesson of a life well spent. Monarchs such as Britain's queen are indeed a rarity. That there is imminent danger of her death is just cause for mourning among untold millions.

Dawson is a remarkable town for rumors. There is scarcely a day passes but rumor becomes responsible for all manner of wonderful things from the removal of the royalty down to a general war among all the nations of the earth. A newspaper could be filled each day in Dawson with rumors, which investigation would prove had no foundation in fact.

The business men of Seattle have acted very wisely in taking up the matter of the amount of criminality which has of late taken place in that city. Seattle as the gateway to Alaska, has naturally attracted a large element of

undesirable characters, but there is no reason why the police force of the city should admit itself powerless to handle them. Unless a guarantee of better protection to life and property is soon forthcoming, the traveler from the north who is possessed of any considerable wealth will soon begin to give the Queen City a wide berth.

If the limits of every claim in the district were defined by some absolute measurement, as suggested in the council's recent memorial to Ottawa half the litigation before the gold commissioner would be prevented. The present indefinite system of determining claim boundaries is a natural breeder of disputes.

How Dawson ever managed to get along without telegraphic communication with the outside is a mystery.

Business picks up as the days display a lengthening tendency.

A Curious Pet.

G. S. Stearns, whose cabin is on the hill just above town, has a curious pet in his cabin which puts one in mind of the stories told from time to time of prisoners who have centered their affections on mice, rats, and even upon flowers, during periods of solitary confinement.

Mr. Stearns is not a prisoner, of course, neither is he compelled to resort to strange pets for company, and that he does so is partly from choice and partly out of curiosity. His pet is perhaps one of the most curious that could well be imagined. It is a large blue bottle fly.

The fly was the last of his kind in the cabin last fall when the ice began freezing in the water bucket at night, and Mr. Stearns was always careful not to disturb him or allow him to be hurt. The insect soon settled down to a regular roosting place on the roof logs near the stove pipe, where he remained during the winter until the recent cold weather set in when he disappeared one day, leaving the man who had grown to take an interest in him to suppose that he had gone the way of all flies and was no longer among things living.

He was pleasantly surprised the first day that the mercury came up within speaking distance, to note that his pet had again returned to his accustomed place.

Government Road.

Anent the statement made a short time since by Superintendent of Public Roads Tache, the Skagway-Alaskan has the following:

The government road to the Whitehorse mines, Customs Inspector Menzies, of Whitehorse said last night, was to be completed yesterday. It runs from Main street, Whitehorse city, to near the Pueblo mine, a distance of from six to seven miles, and is intended as a trunk road from which roads to the mines can be built from either side. This road was made by the government upon the earnest representations of mine owners who desired to ship ore out this winter. It is only a winter road now, but next spring it will be rock and made a permanent highway. It is now in a condition for ore to be shipped over it at any time and it is believed that next week ore shipments will begin. There are six or seven miners all ready and desirous of immediately taking advantage of the railroad's terms for the shipment of ores to this port. There is now on the dump about 5000 tons, and now that the road is completed, it is believed that it will stimulate much development work during the winter and lead to many cargoes from the new mines being sent out for smelter tests.

Big Dinner Tomorrow.

The Hoffman grill will open in their new location next door to the Savoy with a specially fine dinner tomorrow. To celebrate the event a turkey and chicken dinner will be served which will surpass any similar meal ever offered to the Dawson public. Messrs. Baelze and Charles Wubbenhorst, the proprietors of the Hoffman grill, have made that place a popular eating house by serving exceptionally well cooked meals which the public has evidenced their appreciation of by a liberal patronage. The new dining room is finely fitted up, well lighted and commodious.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN.

There are many happenings in Dawson of which the ordinary citizen has no knowledge and which come to the surface usually by mere accident. In other words, one half the population of Dawson possesses but little knowledge as to the other half's mode of life, and but for a lapsus linguae in the presence of the Stroller a few days ago a funny happening in local lower five-dom would have been lost to the world, perhaps forever.

Last fall a well known gambler had a run of hard luck; his system needed fixing and everything with him went wrong. Stack after stack of blues went back to the house and the once successful sport found himself on bedrock off the pay streak. Being flat, he still had a certain standing in financial circles with the result that he was enabled to raise \$200 on a simple I. O. U. at the office of a well-known money lender.

The curtain went down and the orchestra played for two months.

Ten days ago the two months expired and the money lender called on the sport to redeem his pledge. The latter was in his cabin and was nurturing a dark brown taste, had a ringing in the ears, dizziness and an inclination to destroy bird's nests.

"I vant mine monish!" said the man who had made the advance two months previous.

"Get away and quit bothering me!" said the man who had been accommodated.

"But I vant my monish!" insisted the lender. "It ish due today unt I vant it!"

"Have you that I. O. U. with you?" demanded the gambler.

"Here it ish," said Abraham, producing the paper.

"Then eat it!" yelled the exasperated sport drawing a revolver and leveling it on his tormenter who at once complied with the order and ardently chewed and swallowed the last vestige of the paper.

"Now, get out of this," continued the fellow and having no I. O. U. to collect the outwitted money lender stood not upon the order of his going.

Two days later the gambler called on the money lender and planked down the \$200 like a man. The act touched a tender spot in Abraham's bosom and he exclaimed: "You ish von honest man! You make me eat der note unt then I haf noddings to show dot you owes me, you come upp like a man unt pays me mine monish. Now, venever you wants any more monish, come to me unt ged him, for you ish von honest man."

Monday of this week the gambler again needed \$200 and called on the money lender.

"Zertainly, mine fren! Here is der monish," said he as he counted the bills out on the counter.

"And here is your note for it," said the gambler as he handed an I. O. U. written on a piece of heavy note paper.

The other looked ruefully at the piece of paper for a moment and then said:

"Please write it on a ginger schnapp."

The Standard theater people are thawing out a sewer in front of their place and have used for that purpose a three-inch hose which, connecting with their steam heating pipes, is stretched across the sidewalk on the hard packed snow. As the steam passed through the pipe it gradually sank in the ice and when removed left a snaky trail some 14 feet long and several inches in depth. An inebriated roysterer upon observing the same this morning created no little excitement by yelling at the top of his voice, "Snakes!" "I've got them!" etc., but was quited by the Stroller who explained the case by telling him it was but the uncovered abiding place of one of the famous cold weather ice worms.

Had the Last Word.

One of these old ladies lives on Woodward avenue and the other on Jefferson, and the latter has much more than an average share of this world's goods. Mrs. Woodward is being visited by a grand-daughter, whom she called into the sitting room while the rest of the family were away, saying to her after the old fashioned manner:

"Call up Mrs. Jefferson, present her with my compliments and say that I would esteem it a great favor if she would send her carriage for me. I want the pleasure of a short call upon her."

The protest against grandma's venturing out, for she has been a semi-invalid for several years, met with a wave of the hand and a "please do as I bid you."

The carriage came, grandma was safely placed inside, and in less than two hours she again occupied her easy chair.

"There," with a sigh of relief, "that is done. It has worried me every day and almost every night for 50 years. Think of it being that long since we quarreled. We have spoken for the first time in all that period."

"Very funny that you should apply to the enemy for transportation and get it, grandma. In these days we would call that 'nerve.'"

"It was this way, dearie," disregarding the interruption. "We both received the attentions of the same young man. He married her. She told me first of the engagement. I wished her joy, but added that I would never marry if I had to throw myself right at the head of a man. She sneered that I was jealous and said we had better meet as strangers thereafter. I started to reply, and we were interrupted."

"Oh, grandma, I'm so glad that you went down to make your peace!"

"Make my peace, indeed! I went to have that last word I was cheated out of and tell her that I had jilted him twice before he ever turned to her for consolation. I did it, we had some tea, and she sent me home again. My, but she'll give her husband a bad half hour!"—Ex

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Between Cook's Candy Store and A. E. Co.'s Store, via Fourth Street from Second to First Avenue, a gray pocket-book about 5 inches long. Finder please return to Nugget Office.

FOUND—A black-and-tan sporting dog. If not claimed in 14 days will be sold. The Laundry, Caribou, Dominion Creek.

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All Is Quiet Along Society Lines in Dawson.

People Not Yet Recovered From Effects of Cold Weather—Surprise Parties the Order.

Society seems to be taking a prolonged rest for some reason not entirely apparent, as instead of the many social events which were said to have been planned and interrupted by the cold weather, and which were supposed to take place immediately after the icing withdrew to a respectable distance, we have a state of positive stagnation as regards social happenings of greater magnitude than informal card parties and family dinner parties. During the past two weeks there have been two or three surprise parties, in at least two of which the recipients have been gentlemen who gave rise to the affairs by incautiously allowing it to be known that on a certain day they would pass another milestone on life's journey, and the descent upon their homes made by their friends under cover of the darkness was a complete success.

The S.-Y. T. Co., and a large circle of friends will miss the cool head and genial presence of F. W. Arnold presently, as he recently departed for the outside world which lies beyond White Pass. In view of that fact last Tuesday evening Mr. Arnold's co-workers tendered him, as a token of their esteem and in testimony of the fact that they knew before hand that they would miss him when he's gone, a farewell dinner.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Te Roller, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mutch, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Howe, Mrs. W. A. Purdy, of Gold Hill, Miss Gussie Arnold, Miss Jay, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Axe, Capt. W. P. Edwards, John Frank, J. C. Short, Frank Cavan, J. J. Putraw, of Eldorado, Capt. E. Spencer, of Gold Hill, E. F. Christie of Grand Forks, A. B. Hardwick, C. E. Hughes, W. P. Wilson and Wilber Lan'ison. H. Te Roller, on behalf of the employees of the company, presented Mr. Arnold with a very beautiful gift. Making at the same time a very neat and well turned presentation speech, which was replied to by the recipient in the best way he could, as he was much affected by Mr. Te Roller's words and the gift.

Mrs. Te Roller was assisted in entertaining the assemblage by Mrs. W. A. Purdy, who, after the well spread tables had received the attention they so well merited, added greatly to the evening's entertainment by some choice readings, being ably seconded by Mr. Frank who rendered a selection from Bobby Burns in a way which showed him to have been to the major born.

About midnight the guests departed, having spent a most delightful evening and left a bright spot in the Dawson experiences of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold long to be remembered.

Last Friday evening the Travelers' Home roadhouse was the scene of a very pleasant gathering, the occasion being a surprise on Miss Berkimer.

About a dozen couples participated and all enjoyed themselves immensely, the young lady surprised not less than the others. There was dancing and music, song and story, and a general good time till a late hour, when the party broke up every one going home glad that they had been there.

Surprise parties seem to be very much in favor here this winter, judging by the number that have taken place, and while that form of social gathering is very old, dating back to the time of Noah, it seems to loose none of its attractiveness by reason of antiquity. Last week the birthdays of two well known Dawsonites were celebrated in this way, and it is said the end is not yet, as more are to follow.

Much sympathy has been expressed for Mrs. L. R. Fulda in her recent misfortune which necessitated the postponement of numerous calls and visits already decided upon.

A Skin Game. "Some of these hunters just about know their business, I'm here to tell you," remarked a man who has seen the ice go out, a day or two ago, "and anyone thinks they don't know how to skin a fish of the right sort as well as they do a moose, let him try doing a little business with them." "Wasn't the meat good?" asked the man whose ear had been borrowed.

"The meat was all right. I've got no kick coming about that, but I do dislike having the abnormal 'con' extended to me in the way that hunter did it, and that ain't the worst of it either. He made me think I had a good thing, and being generous to a fault I went to a friend and convinced him that it would be a good thing for both families for us to buy a hind quarter of moose between us."

"My friend is not very bright, anyway, and so said, all right, to get the meat, which I did. I bought the quarter from the hunter, and after he hung it in the cache for me I took him in and gave him a drink out of my private bottle. It makes me sore every time I think of it."

"There was one thing that bothered me about that moose meat; it had the hide on it, and had to be divided, and as I am not very good at that kind of work, and have got sense enough to know that much, at least, I finally persuaded that hunter to accept a five dollar bill and do the work for me."

"Well, the hide was removed and the division made, and everything was lovely till I met another neighbor and told him about the good buy I had made. I thought he didn't enthuse much, and when I told him what I had paid per pound for my meat he grinned like a fiend."

"How much did the hide weigh?" he asked, and I remembered that I hadn't weighed it or thought of it."

"Well, to make a long story short, I found that the hunter had charged me five or six dollars more than what I could have bought it at the shop for, besides making me pay for that hide which weighed 15 pounds, and I hired him to take it off."

"The friend I divided my bargain with thinks I am in with the hunter, and the other 'gieser' laughs sarcastically every time he sees me."

Ups and Downs. "Really your face is very familiar, sir, but you seem to have the advantage of me in names."

And she looked at the distinguished stranger with a puzzled air. "I fancied," he said, "that you would know me. My name is Bangs, and four years ago I had the honor to be your coachman."

The face of the lady blazed. "Sir!" she fairly snarled.

"But a remarkably lucky series of stock investments," he went on, "has enabled me to become your next door neighbor."

The lady's face softened. "So pleased to renew our acquaintance, Mr. Bangs," she smilingly said. —Ex.

Vastness of St. Peter's. During a recent ceremony in St. Peter's, Rome, one of the crystal chandeliers suspended from the ceiling began to creak ominously, and the people beneath it hastily scattered. In a moment the mass fell and was dashed into a thousand pieces on the floor below.

In St. Peter's a few days before when the workmen were suspending these chandeliers they were taking them out of piles of numbered boxes, for St. Peter's, like a theater, has many "properties" and is decked in a different manner for its different ceremonials. Cords run over pulleys fastened far up aloft, and with these the chandeliers were hoisted to their places. St. Peter's is so enormous that the eye there is continually deceived. The chubby cherubs at the holy water font look to be the size of ordinary babies, yet they are nearly seven feet tall, and a man standing beside them looks like a dwarf. When the workmen were hoisting these chandeliers from the floor, a traveler noted with amazement that the masses of crystal were over eight feet high. Yet when hoisted to their places far up in the dim heights they looked about the size of a man's head.

Workmen in St. Peter's are called "sanpietrini." They take their name from the basilica "San Pietro"—"sanpietrino," plural "sanpietrini." They have a set of lofty scaffolds mounted on rollers. These they move from place to place about the vast church. They are not unlike our fire departments' water towers. Ladder after ladder runs up the scaffolding, and by their aid they reach places from 100 to 150 feet above the floor. Other ingenious scaffoldings are used for work on the inside of the dome. Seen up there the "sanpietrini" look like flies crawling on the ceiling. The top of the dome is about 700 feet above the floor.—Ex.

Hay and grain at Meeker's. The fire never touched us. We are doing more business than ever. Murphy Bros., butchers. Fine fresh meats at Murphy Bros., Third street. Hay and oats to cents, job lots that must be sold. Brien & Clements, Second avenue. Flashlight powder at Goetzman's.

CREEK NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of 43 above Bonanza have been visiting friends in Dawson during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison, of 38 Eldorado, were in town last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Fairchild, of Chechako Hill, was in town on business Saturday.

Mr. Garvie, of Grand Forks, came to town on his byke yesterday morning.

Mr. Martin X. Johnson, of 25 Eldorado, has been suffering with a severe attack of neuralgia for the past week.

Mrs. J. D. Barnes, of Monte Cristo Hill, is very low with pneumonia, two physicians being almost constantly in attendance.

Mr. O. H. Perkins, night engineer on 40 Eldorado, fell down a 75 foot shaft last Thursday night. His rubber boots slipped when he attempted to go down the ladder, and sent him to the bottom landing on his feet. He sustained no further injuries than a badly sprained ankle.

Mr. Chas. Worden, of 25 Eldorado, received a telegram from Phoenix, Arizona conveying the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, M. Worden, who died at that place last week of consumption. The deceased was an old timer in this country, although but 23 years old, and the original staker of one of the group of claims now owned by Stanley & Worden.

The Forks four hundred was all out last night to a dance given in the town hall. The music was of a superior quality and the affair was one of the big events of the social season.

Not the Strenuous Life. "I have always envied those men who sit in front of livery stables," said a citizen who admits that he is constitutionally lazy.

"That seems to me a beautiful life. It must be one long, sweet song, as the poet puts it. I have never known any of them personally," he continued, sighing, "but I have watched them all my life, and they fill me with a yearning to be a livery stable man. When I was a boy, I had to pass a large livery stable on my way to school. It had an immense double door, which was never closed, and inside was a cool, dim vista of stalls and buggies in rows. Four men were always seated at the threshold, tilted back in cane bottomed chairs. They were large, well fed, contented looking men, and what impressed me particularly was their air of placid abstraction. They never said anything to one another, but sat there calmly gazing into space and chewing straws. I remember distinctly that the sight of them always filled me with rebellion against work and made my school tasks seem all the more abhorrent. I had an almost irresistible inclination to chuck my books into the gutter, seize a cane bottomed chair and a straw and become a livery stable man myself."

"I have never got rid of that feeling," the lazy citizen went on, lighting his pipe, "and the strange part about it is this: In all the years that have gone by that group at the big door has never changed, and moreover, it isn't peculiar to any one stable; it is common to them all. Go where you will, whenever you encounter a livery stable you will invariably find four large, well fed, contented looking men tilted back in cane bottomed chairs at the entrance, chewing straws and gazing into space. They always look exactly alike and never get any older or any younger. It is my private belief that they are immortal, and I have never asked any questions because I don't want to run the risk of shattering a beautiful ideal. What is it that Bret Harte says about San Francisco—

"Serene, immutable as fate, Thou sittest at the western gate. That describes them exactly, and I am certain the poem must have been inspired by a California livery stable. Wars may rage, and thrones may decay, and Mac may snuff the Filipinos or tell them to go to thunder, but nothing will ever disturb the grand serenity of that group at the front door. I think it very unkind of fate that I should have become a hardworking professional man. I would have made a superb ornament for one of those cane bottomed chairs."—Ex.

Crowned King of Prussia. Berlin, Jan. 1.—Emperor William was crowned king of Prussia today at Koenigsberg. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught represented Great Britain at the ceremony. All the monarchies in Europe were represented. The ceremonies were very elaborate. The crowning will be celebrated by fetes lasting for many days, and the entire German empire will be given over to festivity.

Out of His Line. Crawford—Say, if you see all fired good at problems, tell me how far off thunder is when you hear the first roll. Calculator—I can't do that, sir. Crawford—Vegu kain't? Calculator—No, I'm the lightning calculator.—Ex.

Arsenic Law Takes Effect. Boston, Jan. 1.—The arsenic law went into effect today. It will be enforced

by the state board of health. Its passage was a complete surprise to many manufacturers and dealers. It is practically prohibitory to some classes of goods. No woven fabric, paper, or article of dress or of household use containing arsenic in any form can be sold under severe penalties. The state board of health worked 14 years to secure this law.

\$25 reward for one black malamute dog, with white tips; name Jack. Return to Sam Means, No. 20 above Bonanza.

For Rent. Office room in McLennan-McFeeley building. Heated with hot air. Apply McLennan-McFeeley store.

Goetzman makes the crack photos of dog teams.

Linens and official envelopes at Zaccarelli's Bank Cafe corner.

Imported Turkish cigarettes, at Zaccarelli's Bank Cafe corner.

Sweet potatoes at Meeker's.

Chewing tobacco's all brands, at Zaccarelli's, 75c per pound up, Bank Cafe corner.

Steel marten traps, just in—0, 1 and 4 1/2. Shindler's.

Brewitt makes clothes fit.

All watch repairing guaranteed by C. A. Cochran, the expert watchmaker, opposite Bank B. N. A., Second street.

Turkeys - Ducks - Poultry Fresh Meats Bay City Market

Electric Light Dawson Electric Light & Power Co. Ltd.

Wines, Liquors & Cigars CHISHOLM'S SALOON.

ARCTIC SAWMILL

"HIGH GRADE GOODS" When the Weather Moderates PUT IN A SUPPLY OF FRESH PROVISIONS GIVE US A SAMPLE ORDER S-Y. T. CO., SECOND AVENUE.

"White Pass and Yukon Route." A Daily Train Each Way Between Whitehorse and Skagway. COMFORTABLE UPHOLSTERED COACHES NORTH—Leave Skagway daily, except Sundays, 8:30 a. m., Bennett 12:15 a. m. Arrive at Whitehorse, 5:15 p. m. SOUTH—Leave Whitehorse daily, except Sundays, 8:00 a. m., Bennett 1:25 p. m. Arrive at Skagway, 4:40 p. m.

Special to the Family Trade Wine, Beer and Liquors Will be sold by the bottle or gallon at satisfactory prices. These goods are bought direct from the best vintages, breweries and distilleries in the world thus insuring quality. A. E. Co.

Here We Have "the Drayman" If you were engaged in the Freight Business this illustration would look well on your cards or letterheads. We make all kinds of engravings appropriate for all kinds of business. THE NUGGET

WE HAVE Steam Hose, Points, Ejectors, Injectors, Valves, Pipe, Fittings, Lubricating Oil and a Full Supply of MINER'S HARDWARE... The DAWSON HARDWARE CO. PHONE 38 SECOND AVE.

ABOUT VALDES

And the Copper Deposits in the Vicinity of Copper River's Source.

WHY THEY ARE OF SMALL VALUE

And Not in any way Likely to Prove Detrimental To

DAWSON AND IT'S INTERESTS.

Harry Edwards Tells About Valdes and the Probable Route to be Followed by the R. R.

Of late there has been considerable talk about fabulous riches having been unearthed at some point just a little vaguely referred to as "below the boundary line," which present indications seem to point out as somewhere in the vicinity of Mt. Wrangel, where there seems to be no good reason for denying the fact that some immense copper bodies have been discovered and that the ore found there is of surprising richness, but when all this is admitted, there yet remains other things to be considered which will be shown to be equally worthy of the attention of intended stampedees.

No matter what the richness or extent of these deposits are, it can be successfully shown that they are at present of little value.

The present average price of copper is 19 cents, and when it is considered that the present discoveries are some 200 miles from tide water, that the great distance even after this point has been reached which the product would still have to be transported before the scene of manufacture could be reached, that the rate of wages which would have to be paid to miners would have to be higher than what is paid by any of the larger copper mines, such as the Hecla, the Anaconda or the Arizona mines, that the ore or mats if smelters were erected on the site of mining, would have to be handled several times before reaching a market, it will be seen that the cost of production may reasonably be expected to so nearly equal the market value that it could not be hoped or expected that there would be any balance left in favor of the mine owner.

That is looking at the matter in the most favorable light, leaving out another phase which would very soon have to be considered.

There is a combine in the copper industry which holds the price to its present high grade by limiting the output of the mines.

Let another large producer enter the field independently, however, and it follows that there will be a slump in the price of copper from 19 to about 9 cents, which would instantly wreck and ruin every house interested in its production except the very strongest financial concerns known, and the handicap already on the shoulders of the Alaskan copper miner would soon put him out of business.

Concerning gold mining in the section named, there have been various reports of a vague nature in circulation, mostly the result of letters which have purported to come from some point, interior from Valdes, but these, so far, have never shown anything valid enough to cause any level headed business man to sacrifice business interests in a place like Dawson to investigate.

Regarding the town of Valdes, something definite may be said as the situation and surroundings are well known here.

In 1898 Harry Edwards landed at Valdes, and crossed the country from there to Eagle, after remaining for a time at the point of landing, he began his trip, but before doing so platted the present townsite of Valdes, which he describes as follows:

"To begin with the inlet or as it should almost be termed the inland sea of Valdes, is a splendid harbor, running inland as it does 18 miles, and being eight miles in width, with an entrance only about a 130 yards wide.

This harbor can only be entered by shipping at flood tide because of its shallowness, but at flood tide little motive power is required as the tide makes a very strong current. You can imagine what it is like when the tide runs out there, when it is known that the June tide is a little matter of 17 feet. Take the volume of water confined in a space 8x18 miles and pour it through an outlet 130 yards wide, and its force will be found to be terrific.

"The townsite of Valdes is on the right hand side or rather between two small streams emptying into the inlet on the left and is about three-quarters of a mile square.

"These streams between which the town lies, come down from Valdes glacier, which lies six miles back from tide water. They have brought down in their course great quantities of gravel which have effectually killed all vegetation between them so that the present site is a barren waste; on each side of this, however, there are clumps of cotton wood, and some little soil. The government reserve forms the base line of the townsite on the left.

"The way I came from Valdes was by traveling along the great Valdes glacier which extends from a point six miles back of town, for a distance of 28 miles inland.

"This route is, of course, impracticable for a railroad, which is now being talked of considerably. To my mind the only practical route for a railroad would be to follow the Lowe river, whose junction with the inlet is the most inland point reached by salt water, to its junction with the great Copper river, thence to the vicinity of Mt. Wrangel near which head all the principal streams whose courses lie in opposite directions.

"The divide could be crossed here over to the head water of the Tanana and thence the course would lie down this valley to a point parallel to Eagle City which would be the natural terminus of the road, being easy of access for both upper and lower river points, and its line easily tapped farther back by branch lines from adjacent districts.

"From what I have seen of the country I believe the line would be not only feasible, but a paying proposition and it would certainly be a good thing for Dawson—one of the best things that could happen to it—as it would give us a competing transportation line, and the good results to be expected from such a consummation are too numerous to be detailed."

Jim Hill Was Fooled.
An amusing story is told of an incident of railroad construction in the west in which Jim Hill the present railroad magnate and a Norwegian are the principal actors.

The Norwegian had been dissatisfied for some time with his job on the railroad, but did not like to quit because the company had a fashion of making hands who quit between paydays wait till the end of the month for their money.

The Norwegian hit on a plan to get himself fired before the month was up so as to get his money upon the issuing of his time check. In pursuance of this plan he began a systematic soldering. He put in a large part of the time leaning on his shovel handle and the balance tying up his shoes.

Jim Hill was a boss on the job at the time and was not slow to notice the delinquency, and remonstrated accordingly. This did no good, so the soldier was bounced and conducted to the pay car where he got his time check cashed at once.

In remonstrating with him Hill had repeatedly referred to him as a Swede, to which no reply was made, but after he had his money securely laid away in his pocket, he commenced to laugh, and said:

"Mr. Hill, I ben fool you, You tank I was a Swede, and I ben a Norwegian all my life."

Looking Backward.
"By George," said the big man with the heavy, dark mustache, who had just got back from Australia, "how time flies. Just think! I used to be the smart kid who tried to scare you out when you came to see my sister. What a little runt I was in those days."

"Yes," wearily replied the one he addressed, "you were a little runt, indeed. If you had only been big and strong like you are now!" —Rx.

Salinas Valley potatoes for sale at Lancaster & Calderhead's

The Pacific Cold Storage Company paid the collector of customs in Dawson \$10,000 duty on the cargo of fine meats they are now offering to the trade.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Goods sold on commission at Meeker's Eastern oysters at the Postoffice market.

When in want of laundry work call up 'phone 52. Cascade Laundry.

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After these goods are disposed of we will be prepared to handle our Spring Shipments now on the way in over the ice.

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All Wool Dress Goods, fancy mixtures.....	41 in. wide.....	Reduced from \$1.75 to \$.75
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All Wool Dress Goods, fancy mixtures.....	42 in. wide.....	Reduced from 3.00 to 1.50
All Wool California Flannels, fancy mixtures.....	30 in. wide.....	Reduced from 1.25 to .75
All Wool California Flannels, fancy mixtures.....	30 in. wide.....	Reduced from 1.50 to 1.00
All Silk Striped Shirting Flannels.....	30 in. wide.....	Reduced from .50 to .25
All Wool Eiderdown Flannels.....	45 in. wide.....	Reduced from 2.50 to 1.50
Outing Flannels, assorted colors.....	30 in. wide.....	Reduced from .25 to .15
Dark Mixtures Cycle Cloth.....	30 in. wide.....	Reduced from .35 to .15

Ladies' Underwear

Ladies' Silk Night Gowns and Chemise.....	Reduced from \$12.50 to \$ 5.00
Ladies' Muslin Night Gowns and Chemise.....	Reduced from 8.00 to 4.00
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Ladies' Suits and Jackets

Ladies' Tailor Made Suits.....	ONE THIRD OFF
Ladies' Jackets.....	ONE THIRD OFF
Ladies' Fur Coats.....	Reduced from \$40.00 to \$20.00

Ladies' Boots and Shoes

Ladies' Felt Shoes.....	Reduced from \$6 to \$4.00
Ladies' Black Oxfords, kid lined.....	Reduced from 5 to 3.50
Ladies' Tan Oxfords.....	Reduced from 6 to 3.50
Ladies' High Button Shoes.....	Reduced from 8 to 4.50
Ladies' Black Kid Shoes.....	Reduced from 8 to 4.50

Clothing, Furnishings, Etc.

Men's Corduroy Suits, light and dark colors.....	Reduced from 30 to \$17.50
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Men's Short Fur Coats.....	Reduced from 30 to 15.00
Men's Fancy Vests, all sizes, new, neat patterns.....	Reduced from 12 to 7.50
Men's Heavy Gray All Wool Underwear.....	Reduced from 5 to 2.50
Men's Heavy Gray Undershirts [only].....	Reduced from 3 to 1.50
Men's Heavy Gray All Wool Socks.....	Reduced from 50c to .25
Men's Moosehide Moccasins, sizes 7 to 10.....	Reduced from 4 to 1.00

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