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RECEIVED BY WIRE.

## TOO MUCH FAMILY

### Says Conservative Bartley for the Good of British Government.

### GANKER WORM, nepotism, IN ARMY

### Charges That African Disasters Were Due to Family Ties.

### OOM WANTS A CONFERENCE.

### Holland Will Take No Part—What the Queen Says—Towne Seated in the Senate.

London, Dec. 10, via Skagway, Dec. 17.—Bartley, Conservative, has presented an amended address to the throne in which he expresses regret that Salisbury should have recommended so many members of his own family to offices under the government. He said nearly one-fifth of the cabinet were his relatives and the same cankerworm, nepotism, has entered the army and navy. He further said it is the general opinion that many of the disasters of the African war were due to the officers' family influence. Balfour, who is a nephew of Salisbury, replied to Bartley.

But still uglier and more cutting insinuations were made by George, a Radical from Carnaven, who moved that no concern in which a member of the government is interested be allowed to compete for government contracts. Chamberlain very indignantly replied. He made a most eloquent peroration and was applauded when he closed by both sides.

### Senator Towne.

Washington, Dec. 16, via Skagway, Dec. 17.—Ex-Congressman Geo. A. Towne will take the seat in the senate made vacant by the death of Senator Davis.

### Queen Not Ready.

London, Dec. 10, via Skagway, Dec. 17.—It is said that Kruger is trying to arrange for a conference with Salisbury.

Holland has declined to intervene in the matter of the Transvaal. Queen Victoria is reported as having said: "I will show friendship when the proper time arrives, but not now."

### Strike on Santa Fe.

Chicago, Dec. 10, via Skagway, Dec. 17.—Six hundred telegraph operators on the Santa Fe system struck on the 8th and for the next 48 hours the business of the company was badly disorganized. However, all the places have been filled and the effects of the strike are practically ended.

### Frozen by Brandy.

"I remember taking a drink of brandy once thinking it would warm me up, and it froze me instead," said Commissioner Ogilvie the other day.

when the matter of alcoholic drinks was being discussed, "and since then I have been rather skeptical about the benefits derived from them when it is extremely cold.

"It was a long time ago, and I with a party of surveyors was away off here to the west of Dawson, found myself one night camped on the top of a ridge where the wind had a fair sweep at things, and the thermometer showed 50 below.

"I was tired and chilled through, and not feeling well any way, and in looking around I found a bottle of proof spirits. I thought maybe it would help me, so I pulled the cork with my teeth, having no cork-screw, and took, not merely a swallow, but a good big drink.

"My mouth and throat felt as if they had been badly burned, and it was days afterwards before I could eat anything either hot or cold without great pain. The brandy being proof would not freeze, but its temperature was the same as that of the surrounding atmosphere, and when I took it into my mouth it froze the surface everywhere.

"But under ordinary circumstances even, I don't think any alcoholic drink is of much benefit to any one who is out in extremely cold weather. If one is chilled the liquor will stimulate and help momentarily but when its effects wear off one is left in a much worse condition than previous to taking it."

## A Stag Party Illicit Distiller

At the conclusion of the hockey match Saturday evening, Mr. Fairbanks of the A. C. Co. invited the members of the hockey team to the mess house where, with the assistance of lovers of the sport, they celebrated the first victory for their team this season.

After sampling some of the finest, a famous product of Scotland, which was very much in evidence during the evening, a cold lunch consisting of a judicious selection of good things was served.

When the cigars were passed and everyone comfortably settled, then the time began.

With instrumental music, speeches, songs and story telling a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Regret was expressed at the forced absence of Mr. Mizner, who was detained on business up the creeks, as he is an ardent lover of the sport and has contributed most liberally towards it.

After the last night cap was properly placed, Mr. Fairbanks kindly admonished the boys to "remember the Maine" at the next game, and all went home voting the occasion the jolliest smoker of the season.

### Bad Piece of Road.

Teamsters between Dawson and the Forks assert that the worst 50 yards of road on the entire route is over the bridge by the upper fire hall immediately in the city of Dawson, the bridge now being nothing but a continuation of lumps and depressions which cause a sensation similar to sea sickness when ridden over in a sled.

If the portfolio of the street commissioner had not been called in, it would be the act of a public benefactor if he would have the ridges referred to lowered and the depressions filled.

### Information Wanted.

Inquiries are made for the following persons by friends and relatives on the outside. Anyone knowing anything that might lead to their location should leave their information at the town station: Dr. Earle, formerly of Columbus, O.; John McMullen, of South Tacoma, Wash.; Elisha, Trevather, Gunnsedar, N. S. W.; Australia; Ernest Mansfield, Wellington, New Zealand.

### St. Andrew's Ball.

Final reports from all the committees which had in charge the arrangements for the late St. Andrew's ball have been made. The total receipts from the ball amounted to \$2712. The total disbursements amounted to \$2759.45, leaving a deficit of \$47.45. This amount has been made up from contributions from the various members of the society.

### A Christmas Revel.

The Standard theater people are to give a novelty Christmas eve at that popular show house, which will be well worth seeing if only for the sake of curiosity. All the soubrettes are to be dressed in whitegowns and caps, the house will be illuminated with fancy colored lights and during masked

dances on the floor of the theater a large calcium light will throw colored lights on the revelers as they whirl in the dizzy mazes of the waltz. It is said the effects are startling and phantom like.

### Alaska Coal Fields.

The Corwin Coal Company, whose president, C. A. Cushing, is at present registered at the Brunswick, consider that they have solved the serious question of fuel for Alaska. They have secured a 7000 acre tract of coal land near Point Lisbon, about 300 miles north of Nome. Mr. Cushing is en route for his home in Boston, where he will endeavor to organize a company with sufficient capital to develop the field and build the necessary tramways, wharves, etc.

If this is done next summer as Mr. Cushing confidently expects, there need be no more worry over the fuel question in the north. For many years whalers have been working surface diggings in these fields, but the coal has not been looked upon with much favor owing to its poor quality. This trouble has been overcome by sinking shafts deeper than any heretofore used. In this way coal was found which is of quite a fair grade and fully able to meet all requirements.

Bunkers and a steel wharf will be built at Point Lisbon. The wharf will be something of a curiosity as it will be in sections so that it can be taken up in the winter.—Seattle Times.

## DR. GOODE IN 'FRISCO

### Is Shot At Several Times by J. W. Moore, Known as "Whify"

### WHOSE SIGHT WAS FOREVER RUINED

### By Goode Scrubbing His Eyes With Soap and Brush.

### GOODE ADMITS BEING DRUNK

### Moore's Bad Sight Causes Him to Shoot Wild—Attempted His Own Life—Goode Skips.

A letter written in San Francisco on November 14th to Tom Chisholm and received by the latter today tells of the exciting encounter in the Grand hotel of that city of two former well-known Dawsonites, J. W. Moore (Whify) and erstwhile Medical Health Officer J. W. Goode, when Moore accused Goode of putting a tooth brush in his (Moore's) eye while he was undergoing treatment at the doctor's hands while both were in Dawson. Goode denied responsibility for the act, as he said he was drunk at the time. Moore then spoke up and said: "Now I have you where I want you," and, pulling a gun, began firing at Goode, but failed to hit him owing to his (Moore) being so nearly blind. But as Goode, in his fright, slipped and fell on the floor Moore, supposing he had killed him, turned the gun on himself but succeeded in inflicting only a slight scalp wound when friends wrested the gun from his grasp. Moore was taken to the French hospital suffering with nervous prostration.

The letter states that among the many former Dawsonites now in Frisco much sympathy is expressed for Moore whom Goode has ruined for life, as owing to the action of the sympathetic nerves, Moore has almost lost the sight of his other eye and has to be led around like a child. Goode disappeared after the encounter and the letter says, has not been seen in San Francisco since.

Inquiry among the medical fraternity of Dawson substantiates the claim of Moore that Dr. Goode is responsible for the loss of his eyesight. Moore, who was troubled with something like granulated eyelids, consulted Goode who undertook their treatment. As no favorable results followed the first few days of the treatment Goode suggested to Moore that he take a room at the Good Samaritan hospital which was done. Soon thereafter Goode called on his patient at the hospital and proceeded to wash out the effected eye with an old tooth brush and laundry soap. The act ruined the eye which Moore had to have other physicians extract a few days later to relieve him from the agony he had continuously suffered since the soap was applied. The entire eyeball having been removed, the remaining eye began showing signs of weakening and it was to endeavor to save it that Moore went out last fall and on to San Francisco for treatment.

Very little sympathy would be expressed here for Dr. Goode had all Moore's bullets found a resting place in his anatomy.

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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 and Bonanza; every Saturday to Hunker, Dominion, Gold Run, Sulphur, etc.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1900.

## THE MAIL SERVICE.

There is a very well grounded impression abroad that the mail service from the outside is far inferior to the system which prevailed last winter. This impression has been given added weight by the arrival of the mail yesterday. A large portion of this last consignment consists of mail matter which has been sixty days or more en route. Letters sent from the outside in the middle of October arrived yesterday, while former consignments have brought matter which was mailed a month after that time. This certainly indicates a lack of system in transmitting the mails to which the contractors would do well to give immediate attention. Formerly when the delivery of mail in Dawson was notoriously uncertain, people did not rely upon the service for the transaction of important business. The efficient system which was maintained last winter inspired public confidence in the good faith and ability of the contractors, and it certainly is to be regretted that the splendid record made last winter is not being maintained.

As matters now stand, a far better service must be given or there will be first-class grounds for general complaint.

## THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The growth of our local public schools is very satisfactory. Our well attended schools form one of the very best evidences of permanence which could possibly be suggested. They indicate that the restless, unsettled period of former days is passed and that Dawson's population has now entered upon a settled and well established era. Instead of being here today and there tomorrow, the people of our little city for the most part have located here for a stay of an indefinite number of years and are making their plans accordingly.

While the schools are entirely inadequate to accommodate the requirement of the school population, a splendid beginning has been made toward the establishment of a first-class system, which doubtless will be improved from time to time until Dawson's public schools will rank along with those of other cities of similar size in any portion of the Dominion. In the organization of a public school in a community such as Dawson, more or less confusion is certain to ensue, and serious difficulties will arise which will be hard to overcome. It must be said, however, to the credit of those who have had in charge the work of inaugurating the local schools, that they have succeeded admirably when the various difficulties under which they have labored are taken into consideration.

There are several sides to be considered in determining the advisability of transforming Dawson into an incorporated municipality. In the abstract the Nugget is in favor of the incorporation of the town, but it will be impossible to give expression to a clear opinion until the exact terms upon which incorporation will be offered are known. The affairs of the town are well handled at the present time, and aside from natural opposition to the prevailing system of local government few people have any particular objections to offer. On the other hand, when we come face to face with the matter of taxation, which ultimately must be the case, there will be decided

opinions in favor of the election of a representative council. In any event we must make sure that in endeavoring to rid ourselves of existing ills we do not plunge into others of which we have no present knowledge.

The News in a recent issue undertakes to speak for Mr. Arthur Wilson with reference to certain matters raised by the Nugget. As we have said before we decline to recognize the unsupported statements of irresponsible parties who pretend to represent the views of other people.

Dawson may not be located in a land flowing with milk and honey, but there are few places where Mumm's extra dry gurgles forth in greater abundance.

## Winter Mails to Yukon.

Postmaster Stewart has received copies of orders from the second and third assistant postmaster generals at Washington City which put a stop to the forwarding of all mail matter to the Yukon except letters. The order in full from Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger is as follows:

"The department will not be prepared to forward mail matter other than letters in their ordinary form, hereafter and during the coming winter, addressed to the Yukon territory in Canada or to American postoffices along and north of the Yukon river in Alaska. Any mail, other than letters in the usual form, that may be received hereafter will necessarily be held at convenient points until arrangements are made for forwarding heavy mails next spring.

"It is therefore suggested that the public withhold such mail matter for those points until about May 1, 1901."

Registered mail matter is also barred owing to the following order from Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden:

"All postmasters are enjoined to inform patrons who present for registration matter other than letters in their usual and ordinary form addressed to Nome, Alaska, American postoffices along and north of the Yukon river in Alaska, or for points in the Yukon territory of Canada, that it will be impossible to dispatch such matter to its destination during the coming winter, or until further notice; and that therefore, it is advisable not to mail such matter, even in the registered mails, until arrangements can be made for dispatching heavy mails to such destinations next spring, due notice of which will appear in the Daily Bulletin of this department and in the monthly supplement to the Postal Guide."

The foregoing orders have been put into effect in Seattle and all such mail matter now in the office and which may be sent in will be held until the opening of navigation next spring.—P.-I., Nov. 10.

## Long Lease of Control.

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—A review of the political situation in Canada, even at this early date after the smoke of the electoral battle has cleared away, reveals at least one prominent fact that stands out above all other developments resulting from the elections, that Liberal administration is now destined to have a long lease of power in the Dominion. The Conservatives themselves concede this. They foresaw the certainty of it, for in the recent campaign they exerted every effort within the range of possibility, even stooping to disreputable tactics at the last moment, in order to win, but without avail. The people are now thoroughly disillusioned in regard to the preponderance of Conservative power and influence in Canada, and the curious notion which has always prevailed among Conservatives that they were the only party competent to govern in this country has been utterly dissipated. The Conservative press assiduously promoted this strange idea and encouraged the people to believe in it, usually applying the offensive term of "usurpers" when referring to the Laurier ministry. The Liberal victory has been so complete and overwhelming that Conservatives here candidly admit that the present prospect holds out no hope of success for their party in the near future.

Another important fact which the outcome of the elections has established is the necessity of a thorough reorganization of the Conservative party in Canada. Its rehabilitation as a powerful political force can only be accomplished under the leadership of new men. Already the cry is heard in Conservative circles, "We cannot expect to succeed under the leadership of the Tupper." Sir C. H. Tupper has been re-elected, but the unexpected defeat of Sir Charles Tupper, who ran in the safest constituency of his native province of Nova Scotia, is a paralyzing blow to

# A Klondiker's Christmas

Has been the subject around which startling stories of unusual hardship and privation have been woven in the past. Today the Klondiker can enjoy the festivities of the holiday season much the same as though outside—in fact he will probably eat as good a dinner and wear better clothes than if at his old home.

Of course, in talking about good clothes, we are thinking of our Tailor Made Suits and Overcoats from the Famous Wholesale Tailors, Stein-Bloch & Co., of New York.



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Conservatives, and marks a dramatic finale to the wonderful political career of that really eminent Canadian statesman. On Wednesday last he suffered his first personal defeat at the polls during the whole of his long and successful political life, which extends over a period of 47 years. His friends are apprehensive that the blow may injuriously affect the venerable baronet, who is verging on his 80th year, but he seems to bear his great reverse with philosophic fortitude, and has, even announced that he intends at once to proceed to British Columbia to assist his friends in the two elections which are to take place in the districts of Yale-Cariboo and Burrard at a later date. It will, however, prove the dying effort of the greatest political gladiator this country has yet produced, for Sir Charles Tupper will soon disappear finally from political life.

## Cattle King Goes Mad.

New York, Nov. 22.—W. F. Mellick, former president of the National Bank of Pocatello, Idaho, and "cattle king" of the Snake river, is now a raving lunatic, the result, it is thought, of being sandbagged in Chicago a week ago.

He was taken to Morristown, N. J., heavily ironed, today, and was committed as a private patient to the state hospital for the insane at Morristown Heights. The commitment was made at the instance of his father, R. W. Mellick, a wealthy farmer of New Germantown, N. J.

James La Boide, an attendant in the detention hospital at Chicago brought Mellick here. He tells the story of an assault and robbery.

Mellick had been in Chicago several days, had sold his cattle, and was preparing to return to the Snake river country. On the evening of November 17, with a large roll of bills, he started out to visit the theaters. Late that night he stopped at the hotel where he had been staying, and asked for a loan of \$2 with which to pay the cabman for bringing him home. The cabman said he had found Mellick out near Lincoln Park boulevard, wandering around in a dazed condition. His money, watch, rings and all valuables were missing. The next morning Mellick drew a check for a million dollars, and ordered a \$1000 banquet, to be served by 100 waiters, in his room. The proprietor called a physician and policeman, and Mellick, after a struggle, was taken to the detention hospital.

## Army Bill to Pass.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 22.—Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, who passed through Pittsburg today, en route to Washington, states that the bill providing for an increase in the regular army would be passed shortly after congress convened. The increase, he said, is not less than thirty or forty thousand. The ship subsidy bill would also receive favorable consideration, and it was likely some definite action would be taken on the isthmian canal measure.

## The First Dollar.

"Oh, yes, I have always kept the first dollar I ever made. It was such a bum piece of work that I couldn't spend it!" And the counterfeiter laughed heartily at the recollection.—Detroit Journal.

Large African cigars at Rochester.  
Christams presents. Pure color diamonds at Sale & Co.

Seagram, '83, at Rochester Bar.

## The Criterion Hotel.

The Criterion hotel has been remodelled and is now to be run on the family hotel plan, where, with finely appointed rooms and an excellent dining room service, the patrons of the house can be entertained. Manager J. H. Weiter has reduced the price of rooms and will make every effort to have a first-class family hotel in every respect.

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# HISTORY OF THE EVERGLADES

## Their First and Only Thorough Exploration.

### Life Led by Two Banished Seminoles Who Were Not Without Family Pride.

A few years ago the writer joined a party sent out by the New Orleans Times-Democrat for the purpose of exploring the Everglades, a feat which up to that time had never been successfully accomplished. We started from the Atlantic coast, 200 miles south of St. Augustine, and crossed to the Gulf of Mexico, a distance, on a straight line, of less than 80 miles, but by the wanderings we were forced to follow many times that distance. We started on December 10th and expected to reach the Gulf in time, by catching a convenient steamer from Key West, to reach home by way of Tampa, in time for Christmas. There were four of us, all newspaper writers, in the party besides four negroes who were taken along to do the heavy work. Before being out a week we realized that the undertaking was a much greater one than we had anticipated, and we further realized that if we gazed at the blue water of the Gulf by the first of January we would be fortunate, for way was beset by cypress swamps, marshes and lagoons to such an extent that our progress was very slow, some days not over two miles headway being made. On the 11th day out and nearly in the very center of the Everglades we came upon the remnant of that once powerful and warlike Indian tribe, the Seminoles, the village at that time consisting of about 300 souls, many of them descendants of the old warriors famed in history, Chiefs Micanopy and Billy Bowlegs. Many of the women and younger men of the tribe had never before seen a white man, but were too curiously disposed to manifest curiosity to any extent. When they found they could not sell us alligator hides, about the only article of commerce they had, they had no further use for us with the result that we soon continued our journey. For the first two days after leaving the Seminole village traveling was fairly good and we covered in that time about 25 miles, as nearly as we could estimate from the cyclometers on our wading boots.

About noon of the 24th we came to a small island perhaps half a mile across and several feet higher than the surrounding country. It was thickly grown over with palm, date, cabbage-palmetto, cocoanut and banana trees, the fruit of the last two being perfectly ripe and very abundant. Major Williams who was city editor of the Times-Democrat and whose guest I was on the expedition, suggested that, as we were not to enjoy Christmas dinner in civilization, we camp on the island until after that festive day and until the morning of the 26th. As the entire country abounded in wild turkeys I volunteered to supply one for our Christmas dinner and for that purpose shouldered a gun and left camp about the middle of the afternoon, promising to return by 6 o'clock. I left the island on which we were camped by a log which lay across a dark, deep, "inking" lagoon, thinking, of course, that I would have no trouble in finding the natural foot bridge when I wished to return. I had probably gone a mile or more when my search for a turkey was rewarded, and I brought down a fowler that, were he in Dawson today would be worth \$20.

With the trophy of the hunt swinging from the barrel of the gun on my shoulder I started to retrace my steps, expecting to reach the foot bridge in 15 minutes and the camp a half hour later. As I walked briskly along I probably spent more time in thinking of a dark-haired maiden in the north and wondering how she would appreciate some alligator jewelry I had sent her as a Christmas present than I did to following the route I had passed over in quest of the turkey I carried. My mind must have been wandering, for, after walking fully an hour without coming to the foot bridge I suddenly realized that I was lost and that in another hour the sun would have gone to rest and I would be alone in the Everglades where in the dark hours of night slimy snakes of the most poisonous varieties glide hither and thither and the heavy, malaria-laden air was resonant with the scream of the panther.

There was no time to be lost, so altering my course I rushed in another direction but in a short time to a lagoon in which alligator noses were as

numerous as stars on a clear night, and I was again forced to change my course. By this time the sun was getting very low and, as for myself, I was hopelessly lost. Still I wandered on, now wading through dark serpent infested water from two inches to two feet deep, now plunging through a cane brake and now climbing over fallen timber on higher ground. But to no avail. The more I tried to put myself right, the more hopelessly I appeared to lose myself. I fired my gun to signal anyone within hearing and several dozen owls laughed around me and a snake rattled angrily within six feet of where I stood and immediately in front of me. By this time the sun was down and, as there is but little twilight in that country, darkness was rapidly coming on. But I changed my course and got some distance away from the spot where I had heard the rattle and sat down on a log to study the situation which was made all the more perplexing by the fact that a couple of panthers, one on each side of me, hopped up on the log and joined me in my study of the situation as they complacently licked their chops and fanned the breeze with their long, striped tails. My quarters were beginning to get very uncomfortable when an approaching light gleamed through the gathering malaria. Nearer it came and I muttered a brief prayer of thanksgiving as I realized that it was a light wood torch borne by an Indian followed by his squaw, who was carrying a number of birds valuable only for their plumage.

As the light approached the panthers slinked off into the brush from whence the gleaming of their eyes, like beacon lights, could be distinctly seen. I arose from the log and made my presence known to the Indian couple and had but little difficulty in gaining their consent to take care of me for the night, the old man understanding and speaking English quite well. Telling me to follow them they proceeded and in a few minutes walk we reached their home which was an ingenious structure made from bamboo and Spanish moss.

Without going into detail regarding the surroundings of this peculiar family I will relate its rather strange history as gleaned by me from the old man while the old woman, her feet encased in rattlesnake skin moccasins, was worming some half dried fish and otherwise preparing a late supper.

Okeechobee, which was the name of the man, had, with his wife, Withlacoochee, been banished from the Seminole village half a century before owing to the belief of the chief of the tribe that Okeechobee had designs on his position. The old man's story was substantially as follows, Withlacoochee turning every few moments to give a silent nod of approval.

"For 50 years I have not visited my tribe or in any way associated with its members. The chief was not afraid of me getting his place; it was her he wanted (nodding his head towards Withlacoochee, who in turn smiled softly to herself) and when she chose me we were banished and came here and settle where we have ever since lived, going to Tampa once each year to sell plumes, the collection of which has always been our occupation. As the country abounds in game and fish we have managed to live easily and without great effort.

"The losses by death of our children have been the greatest trials of our lives. Of 18 children born to us, but two ever lived to grow up, the remaining 16 being removed by alligators while in the toddling days of young childhood. The two who grew to manhood, Chatlhassee and Okifinokee, were the pride of our lives and when Chatlhassee was taken, our pride and love all centered in Okifinokee. While engaged in his usual business, capturing snakes, which he shipped to the Smithsonian Institute, he was bitten by a cotton-mouth moccasin and ten minutes later was dead. Okifinokee was all we had left and on him we lavished all our love and affection. During two years he made the annual trading trip to Tampa and made good bargains, but it was his ruination. On his return the last time he brought with him a package of cigarettes. Two days later he took to saying "eyther" and "neyther." He was nothing more to us, and, while he slept, we placed our moccasins near his nose and he was asphyxiated.

Having finished his story the old man hove a sigh and was silent. Withlacoochee turned to tell us supper was ready and on either cheek was a clean streak by which I knew that tears had been flowing.

Next morning the old couple conducted me back to the island and to my comrades who had given me up as having gone to the better land via the alligator route. For their kindness to me I presented Okeechobee with my shotgun and Withlacoochee with my pocket knife and six-bits. To me that day was not only Christmas, but Thanksgiving as well. The turkey I had brought back, however, turned out to be a turkey-buzzard instead of the table variety.

On December 30th we reached the Gulf coast, being the first and only ex-

pedition to penetrate the Everglades from coast to coast. The following winter I returned by way of Dry Tortugas and had the pleasure of killing what I believe to be the identical pair of panthers that kept me company on the log: I preserved their skins and but for them I honestly think I would have frozen last night. E. J. W.

**Prefers Death to Cold.**  
Spokane, Nov. 22.—George Melvin, a well-known miner, lost in a snow storm and suffering from exposure, ended his suffering by placing a revolver in his mouth and sending a bullet into his brain. Melvin, with a companion named J. G. Ranson, left Republic Monday on a deer hunt. The next day they were caught in a storm, and after hours of wandering Melvin's strength gave out.

Ranson left him to search for help, found his way back to Republic and started out with a rescuing party. Melvin's corpse was found a few miles out from the town, the body still warm.

**Divorce Troubles Ended.**  
Spokane, Nov. 22.—The divorce troubles of William J. Harris, the wealthy mining man, ended today when Judge Prather approved stipulations dismissing six suits aggregating nearly \$300,000 brought against Harris by his wife, and Judge Richardson granted her a decree of divorce. Harris agrees to give her \$125,000, as provided in the original agreement, and settles \$25,000 upon her daughter Louise, besides paying the wife a large additional sum, the amount of which is kept secret.

Harris made his money in Rossland mines, being associated with Senator Turner and others in the War Eagle and Le Roi.

**Robbers Got Dough.**  
Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 22.—Reports tonight from the vicinity of last night's train robbery on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway, show that the robbers are still at large. The posse today was close to the fugitives and it was thought capture was certain. Officers are confident that the robbers are still around Gifford, where the robbery occurred, and it is suspected one or more of the gang joined the posse to throw the authorities off the clue they are working on. Accurate descriptions of the men have been secured from the train crew and several arrests are likely to be made soon.

Gov. Jones could offer no reward today, the state's reward fund having been exhausted.

A Gazette special from Hot Springs tonight says:

"The indications are that the robbers of the express car on the Iron Mountain train last night near Malvern secured a large sum of money, though it was reported that only a small sum was taken. It is known positively that a man in Hot Springs telephoned to Malvern, just before the north bound train arrived yesterday afternoon, to ascertain if the express company would have the large safe in the car en route north opened and deposit therein \$15,000, which he desired to send away. The agent at Malvern replied that the safe was to go through and would not be opened.

The money was sent and hence must have been placed in the small safe, which was blown to pieces and robbed of its contents.

**That Second Avenue Blaze.**  
Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 15.

Editor Nugget:

In your last night's issue it was stated that the A. C. Co. had a stream of water at work on the O'Neil building before the department hose arrived.

This is absolutely untrue. The fire department made the run from No. 2 hall in the quickest time on record, laid hose from the engine, stationed at the foot of Fourth street and took their stream in the alley between First and Second avenues (which was the only place from which water should have been directed, as it was a natural safety break between the two halves of the block), and had their water before the A. C. Co. had their's. Further No. 2 hose had both their regular hoses. How your correspondent obtained his information is a mystery, as I was present and saw the thing from start to finish. Yours very truly,  
A. W. H. WORLD.

**Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that a list of all placer mining claims in the Yukon territory which were sold at public auction and which have not been taken up, is being prepared for publication at once, and after the first publication thereof no grant will be issued, under such sale as aforesaid, for any claim so advertised. All purchasers are, therefore, notified to apply for their grants immediately.  
(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL,  
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**Public Notice.**  
Under ordinance No. 38, of 1900, an ordinance respecting vaccination, two public vaccinators have been appointed, namely, Dr. Macfarlane, First avenue, Dawson, for Dawson and neighborhood, and Dr. La Chapelle at Grand Forks, for Bonanza and Eldorado with their tributaries.

All residents in those districts who have not complied with the said ordinance in procuring declaration or certificates according to schedules A or B of said ordinance before the end of the year shall be dealt with according to the provisions of said ordinance.

Dated at Dawson this 13th day of December, 1900.

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#### As Shown by Stauf and Other Witnesses in the McConnell and Water Works Case.

Emil Stauf, who has been in the real estate business since the spring of '98, and who has been agent for Mrs. McConnell's Second avenue property adjoining the Melbourne during the past year and a half, was the first witness called this morning in the case against the Water Co.

He testified that the business of the proprietors of the shooting gallery had been so materially interfered with by the company's thawing house that they had discontinued business. The business was then earning a rental of \$700 per month, and since then had been offered at \$75 without securing a tenant, although he had been told that whenever the building objected to should be moved away he could get the original rental of \$700 for the place. The occupant of the furrier's establishment which is the other piece of plaintiff's property there, had complained of the building referred to as derogative to his business.

Concerning the Melbourne hotel, Mr. Stauf said that he would not care to own it at all so long as the water company's building remains in the street.

Attorney Walsh, in cross examination attempted to show that because there is a nightly performance in the Standard theater that the noises made incidental to the presence of the water company's house were not more prejudicial to the peace of the Melbourne hotel occupants.

The theater was shown to be 50 feet away, and Mr. Wade remarked, sotto voce, that the citizens' committee was not sitting at present.

Nathaniel Rhinehart, the furrier who occupies the building at the rear of the Melbourne, was called and testified that the noises emanating from the Standard theater caused him no inconvenience, in fact being a turrier, he slept as snug as a bug in a rug.

He had written a letter some time since to Mrs. McConnell telling her

that the building of the water company was a nuisance to the public in general and to himself in particular, and that unless it were moved he would have to quit paying rent. His business had been greatly damaged and he was in a fair way to be ruined.

He testified that his business had been \$2000 less in November than it was in October, and that his evening business had been ruined.

Civil Engineer Renfret, who is in the employ of the land commissioner's office, was called and produced the evidence of title to the lots in block H, as vested in Mrs. McConnell.

John Farr on being sworn testified that he was a waiter in the Melbourne Annex, and that guests in the Melbourne and the Annex can be served with meals at all hours of the day or night, through a waiting window.

Court then adjourned till 2 p. m.

#### Mortality Among Indians.

News comes from down the Yukon that at Twelvemile station, which is 18 miles below Dawson on the right side of the river where there is a small Indian village, death is stalking rampant among the natives, five bodies, two adults and three children, being held until they can be buried in the spring. There are many cases of sickness and it is feared the little camp will be almost depopulated before the winter is past. The epidemic is said to be a sort of distemper which later develops into pneumonia, carry off its victims in a short time.

#### The McDonald Estate.

Creek claim No. 48, lower Bonanza, is in a complicated situation. The claim was owned jointly by Frank

Buteau and the late Peter McDonald. At the time of the latter's death Buteau applied for the administratorship of the McDonald estate. This application has been denied by the court, Colin McDonald receiving the appointment.

Meanwhile a telegram has arrived in which it is stated that McDonald has left a will in which he made regular disposition of his property in accordance with law.

The result of this somewhat complicated state of affairs is that the claim has been shut down and creditors are clamoring for money due them.

Mr. Buteau is endeavoring to have matters arranged in such a way that work may be resumed, in which event he states there will be no difficulty in taking care of all indebtedness as the prospects for a good cleanup in the spring are very bright.

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