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WILL HAVE A BUILDING AT ONCE.

The Miners' Association Will Soon Be Comfortably Housed.

An Important Meeting of the Standing Committee. The Miners Are Asked to Help Secure Incorporation.

On Monday evening the standing committee of the miners' association held an important session in the parlors of the Hotel Werden. The members present were: Messrs. Armstrong, Biddle, McMen, Clappin, Ritchie, Allen, McGregor, Peltier, Langley, and Courtney.

The special business before the meeting was

the consideration of tenders for the construction of the miners' association building.

According to the specifications the building is to be 18x24 feet, the 24 feet being frontage in order

that additions from the rear may be erected at any time desired.

It is to be a story and a half in height, floored with tongued and grooved

flooring, and lighted by large windows. The logs are to be sawed on three sides.

Nine bids were submitted to the committee all of which were opened and considered. The estimates ranged from \$175 the lowest, to \$400. After considering each bid in detail the committee awarded the contract to Messrs. Ballantine & Kerssen, whose bid of \$175 was determined to be the lowest and best.

The building committee, consisting of Messrs. McMen, McGregor, and Clappin, were instructed to inform the successful bidders of the result, and to award them the contract upon their furnishing a good and satisfactory bond for the completion of the work in accordance with the terms of the specifications. The matter of employing a paid permanent secretary was brought up and a general discussion of the matter took place. While it seemed to be the general opinion that such an officer is required, the committee deemed it advisable to postpone action for some time yet.

During the progress of the meeting a deputation from the committee in charge of securing incorporation for Dawson appeared and requested a joint meeting between the two committees. The incorporation committee desired to lay its plans before the miners and if possible secure their co-operation in obtaining local government for Dawson.

In accordance with the request, after the miners' association committee had adjourned the two committees met in joint session at the National Bank of Commerce. Representing the incorporation committee were present Messrs. Wills, Radcliffe, Clute, and Davis.

Mr. Clute in a brief speech laid the plans of his committee before the meeting and was followed by Messrs. Wills and Radcliffe. It was stated that Mr. Ogilvie possessed all the necessary authority to incorporate the city of Dawson under a charter similar to those granted to cities of equal size in different parts of the Dominion. He had also expressed his willingness to grant incorporation to the town provided a sufficient number of signers to a petition could be secured. Petitions were now being circulated and signed very freely, but the incorporation committee felt that if their work should receive the endorsement and hearty cooperation of the miners' organization the matter could be brought to a successful issue much more rapidly than otherwise.

The necessity for incorporation was forcibly set forth. Public questions such as light, water, fuel, and sewerage were discussed and it was shown that the only body competent to deal with these matters is a legally organized municipal corporation. After several hours discussion the meeting adjourned, it being decided that the plans for incorporating Dawson should be laid before the next general meeting of the miners' association which will be called as soon as the committee can effect the necessary arrangements.

The members of the committee are under many obligations to Messrs. Werden & Werden, proprietors of the Hotel Werden. These gentlemen have kindly tendered to the committee free of charge, the use of the hotel parlors for meetings until such time as the association building is ready for occupancy.

�rew à Paddle.

The Canadian steamed into Dawson Sunday evening after a successful trip to White Horse and back. To illustrate the power of the boat it may be mentioned that she climbed five finger rapids without throwing out a line. In doing so, however, her engines had to work hard under a full pressure of 253 pounds of steam. This caused her to throw a piece of paddle blade clean over the boat, and it struck the pilot house with sufficient force to fracture the boards.

Adios Dunleavy.

Mr. Frank E. Dunleavy has left Dawson for the United States and Canada and his leaving has created a void which his many friends feel distinctly. Mr. Dunleavy is a miner and a South African colonist and almost from his advent in our midst has taken a prominent and distinguished stand against official ring mongers. He has left us after a summer of hard work without having acquired property or one dollar for his services as organizer of the now pretty started Miners' Association.

Dunleavy is one of these incendiary souls who knows no scruples of "sandilling" the jeweler. The police found it a hard man to find in their possession a single diamond pin

it heart and soul and, as far as temporizing with villainy, he was utterly incapable of it. People of less transparent natures sometimes, sometimes, showed a cloven hoof in their innocence of any complicity in the thieving and dollar theft was pretty well established by their subsequent actions. They pronounced the diamond cheap paste and took the pin to the jeweler to be tested for brass. The jewelry establishment they chose for the investigation was that of Frank himself, and they almost fell dead when they were informed they had a \$70 diamond in their hands.

The inevitable conclusion is that on the night of the robbery the perpetrators took a small boat for the American side. Collector of Customs Ivey will probably guarantee them immunity for a slice of the haul.

DROWNED IN THE KLONDIKE.

The Turning Over of a Boat Causes the Loss of at Least Two Unknown Men.

About 12:30 Tuesday afternoon a large boat laden with people attempted to shoot across the Klondike river above the bridge the boat was overturned and some of the men who had been in it failed to reappear. No specific count was made of the men who were in the boat as the boat is one used by everyone who wishes to avoid paying the bridge toll. All day long the crowded boat shoots from shore to shore laden oftentimes with entire strangers who wish to cross. The general opinion of those who were rescued and those on the banks is that eight men were in the boat, only six were rescued. There were several in the boat who had packs and it is supposed that that is the reason they failed to reappear upon the surface of that treacherous stream. The names of the men who were drowned will be learned later when friends and neighbors find they have disappeared from their camps.

Dawson Club.

The above-named club is about to establish quarters for itself at the corner of Second street and Second avenue. McLean & McFeeley are putting up a 50x50 foot building and the club, through Captain Gadpin and P. R. Rife, have secured the second door. A door space of 50x10 feet will afford room for several compartments which will be fitted up with all the luxuries which a Klondiker could desire. The club will meet Saturday night at the Klondike Hotel after which time we understand there will be no more charter members taken.

No Love for Kruger.

That part of our population hailing from South African gold fields are not very badly disposed to hear of the probably fatal illness of President Kruger, of the Transvaal republic. It appears that gold has been discovered in other sections of the country than around Johannesburg, which is not available until new gold fields are proclaimed by the chief executive of the country. Kruger's unpopularity is due to his undying hatred of "Boomers" or "outsiders." He has made things very interesting for the Britishers within his gates and at one time made use of regulations now in vogue in the Klondike country as a whip to scourge them with. He proposed to impose a tax per cent royal that went up gradually even into St. Stephens, so that he was unable to enforce it.

Doctors' Cases Dismissed.

The animus of the medical prosecution was never more clearly shown than when Dr. McNamee Pourre commenced to prosecute two Canadian doctors, Messrs. Hepworth and Hurdman for the same offense for which American doctors had been prosecuted, viz., practicing without being duly registered. The medical association which had supported him in the first cases refused to do so against the gentlemen arraigned Monday. Dr. Lindsay, summoned as witness for the prosecution, caused the dismissal of the case by testifying that he was duly authorized to examine and register physicians and that the gentlemen in court were properly registered. Cross-examined by the prosecuting witness Dr. Lindsay would not say that he had not told him (Dr. McNamee Bourke) that he had cited the two gentlemen on trial to appear before him for examination on the coming Wednesday. As the case had taken on an aspect of discrimination Dr. McNamee Bourke refused to prosecute Dr. Blaett, an American physician who was up on the same charge.

Wanted to Pay Up.

John Biermann came in from his claim Tuesday to take steamer for the outside to spend the winter. In Dawson he found himself between the horns of a dilemma. He had 135 ozs. of gold which he had dug outside of his \$200 exemption. Where to pay it he did not know, for the gold commissioner had no details of his mining and therefore did not know how much to collect. The G. C. referred him to the mining inspector stationed at the Forks, but Biermann knew that gentleman to be away on official duties. The would be payer of royalty knew he could not go away without paying his 10 per cent, unless he was willing to forfeit his claim. He wanted to make a deposit in the bank but by the Miner's advice when last heard from was closeted with Mr. Ogilvie.

Farewell Dinner.

Miss and Mrs. John J. Healy stayed with invited friends a dinner on Wednesday evening the occasion being the eve of their departure for the outside on the steamer Cariboo.

THE CLARA'S PASSENGERS INDIGNANT.

The Barge Carrying Outfits Was Abandoned at Fort Yukon.

How a Shrewd Money-Lender Took Advantage of a Technicality to Get Possession of the Boat.

The passengers who came to Dawson on the steamer Clara have an exceedingly long tale of woe to tell regarding the treatment they have received since leaving San Francisco. The chief blame for all the trouble according to the story told the Norther by a member of the company owning the boat, rests upon the shoulders of P. Haasler, the manager.

It seems that he left San Francisco on June 8th, in charge of three members of the company, Messrs. Haasler, Konciori and James. Before leaving the company extorted from Haasler a mortgage upon the boat in consideration of \$300 advanced by him in fitting up the steamer. They brought along a barge loaded with freight destined for Dawson. At Fort Yukon the barge was abandoned, leaving those of the passengers whose freight was aboard it and others who were in Dawson awaiting their goods in destitute circumstances.

After leaving Fort Yukon, Haasler announced that he had foreclosed his mortgage and took possession of the steamer. The passengers were induced to cut wood for the steamer under promise of receiving better fare at the table, but the "better fare" is said never to have been forthcoming. Since reaching Dawson claims have been presented by the crew for wages but thus far none have been paid. The American Consul has appealed to and will do all he can to secure justice to the men, some of whom are said to be in actual want.

Haasler refused to take the steamer down the river to bring up the barge and has advertised the Clara for a trip up to White Horse rapids. The passengers say it would not be safe for Haasler to go down onto the other side for the reason that at various points along the river he disposed of liquor contrary to the customs laws.

A statement has been drawn up and signed by the passengers in which is set forth the fact that Haasler himself instigated the abandoning of the barge at Fort Yukon. Almost immediately thereafter he took possession of the boat under the claim that the boat and barge, being separated, his investment was endangered. The mortgage did not fall due until December, but was in the form of a bottomery bond which allowed the mortgagor to foreclose at any time he thought best.

\$750 IN FINES IN ONE DAY.

Dawson's Police Court Makes a Record Hard to Beat Invited to Help Pay Taxes.

There has been a vague feeling of uneasiness among the knights of the green cloth for the past week occasioned by the taking of their names by the police. The blow fell Monday night when the fraternity was cited to appear before Justice Stevens Tuesday morning. Sixty-five men were fined \$50 and \$6 costs. Two were let off with \$25 and costs. About half of the men were evidently not considered in the fight of ordinary policehead manipulators for they were invited to, in future, make themselves conspicuous by long absence from these parts.

Tuesday afternoon, by special invitation, 60 of the demi-monde presented themselves in court and a fine of \$50 and \$6 costs and departed in peace.

There were also several who during the day paid from \$6 to \$10 for drunkenness so that altogether Tuesday was a big day in the police court, so far as finances were concerned.

Notes on the River.

Mr. A. R. Flanders is an observing gentleman who came in on the M. & W. He says Rampart City is quite flourishing, there being at least 10 substantial buildings already up besides a host of tents and a large store containing a large stock of goods put in by Captain Simmons of Bay City, Mich.

Fort Yukon is in danger of being left completely away from the river by one of her sudden changes in channels. Small steamers can get there from one direction only and then most needs back out again the same way they got in and then pass around through another channel. Previous to this summer the main channel has been by the town and all the river boats passed there.

Circle City is decidedly "on the bum." For rent signs are stuck up in scores of substantial buildings and a air of desolation pervades the place. Supply cabins are abundant and caretakers enough to go round cannot be secured.

Eagle City has erected this summer over 20 substantial cabins and there are numerous tents dotted around the townsite. A bustling air of activity pervades the place and a flaunting sign "Steamboat Landing" tempts the checker to say to her she is young and not over satisfactory shares.

Mr. Flanders says that all the river men agree that the river has been higher this year than for many years past. Rain at favorable intervals has kept the river nearer an equilibrium than any summer within the recollection of most of them.

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IS THERE DISCRIMINATION?

With its usual disregard of truth, the Seattle *P.-I.*, of August 17th, editorially comments upon the discrimination shewn by Dawson officials against Americans and in favor of Canadians. The *P.-I.* says: "The grievances pointed out by the correspondent of the *Post-Intelligencer* at Dawson would properly come before the commission (international) because Americans have been made the principal sufferers." And again that paper says: "The discrimination in favor of Canadians and against Americans is as much within the scope of the international commission, etc."

If there is one thing of which the citizens of the Klondike are more sure than another it is that there is no absolutely—no discrimination of the kind referred to. In the matter of official vandalism the Canadian element of our population has suffered equally with Americans. Here in Dawson the question of discrimination is never raised for the simple reason that there is not a peg to hang such a statement onto. With delictual impartiality we are all taxed as oppressed together—as one gentleman elegantly expresses it "we are all in the same soup tureen." The nearest approach to discrimination is in the prosecution of American physicians for practicing without being duly registered; but even that matter has been robbed of its apparent international aspect by the recent summoning of two Canadian physicians on the same charge, the complaint being laid by the same medical gentleman who prosecuted the Americans.

Outside of the ring it is as costly for a Canadian as an American to obtain information of vacant ground from the recorder's office. It is just as tiresome to a Canadian as to an American to have to wait in line in all kinds of weather for a week at the postoffice. The mining laws make no discrimination nor do the administrators of the laws make any that we have ever heard of. It seems impossible that there should be any discrimination such as is referred to by the *P.-I.*, and no one in Dawson ever hear of it. That paper is particularly unfortunate in its choice of correspondents, and would be wise in future to avoid basing its editorials on the information from that source. We have gigantic evils enough to complain of but national discrimination against American miners! Never.

ABOUT THE WATER FRONTAGE.

Some of the property holders on the water front were jumping sideways on Saturday after the appearance of the Nugget. The occasion was a small local item of news recounting the fact that the powers of crown's lands agent had fallen from the shoulders of Mr. Fred Wade and descended upon the shoulders of Mr. Willison, timber agent for the government. It was also pointed out that it was the evident intention of the perjurers that the Dominion laws that 60 feet on each side of a river should remain the property of the government side hard swears. It would make for the use of river travellers, and that wholesome precedent if the miners asso-

the intention of the law might be carried out. The Yukon river frontage, from the police reserve to the bluffs at the lower end of town, is not one inch longer than is required for the safe landing of steam-boats, ferryboats, sawmills and wood yards doing business with Dawson. If this is true now, how much more so will it be when Dawson becomes a city of from 30,000 to 40,000 as a great many people think it eventually will do?

So many of the occupants of the water front are recent arrivals that it will be news to them to hear that the lease to Messrs. McDonald and Morrison, from whom they all hold merely a sub-lease, expressly stipulates that they shall clear the water front at any time upon receiving ten day's notice. To protect themselves the sub-lease was drawn up in the same way. A canvas of the water front has shown the Nugget that a large number of the occupants are ignorant of the frailty of their tenure, having gotten an idea from somewhere that they could not be moved until the first of next May, no matter which way the cat jumped.

On the strength of that belief several substantial buildings have been erected, and a hardship would be worked upon their owners by ordering them torn down. The future welfare of Dawson requires that easy access to the river should be maintained. The building up of a solid row of unsightly buildings from the sand bar to the steamboat piers, unbroken save for two narrow streets blocked completely with boats and rafts, has been a great menace from fire all summer. The intention of the retiring crown's lands agent, as expressed to the Nugget before leaving was "to knock a lot of holes through those buildings to the river at once for fire protection purposes." Not anticipating his being appointed to the dual position of crown's land and timber agent Mr. Willison's private opinion of the shutting out of Dawson from the Yukon River for a petty \$30,000 per annum is not altogether unknown, and it will be interesting to note whether official power is to a man's convictions what colored spectacles would be to his eyes. In this connection it may be mentioned that Second street property took a big leap in values Saturday.

COULD BE REMEDIED EASILY.

There is an evil which is growing daily and which can be remedied so easily that there is no possible excuse for its continuance. We refer to the adulteration of our Klondike currency and the incorrectness of the weights and scales in common use. That anyone going around town and making a number of purchases will come out several dollars short in every twenty he spends, is such a well-known truth as not to need demonstration. Rough and unfinished weights—some of them of home manufacture—are in common use, to the loss of the man whose gold goes in or out over them. The appointment of an inspector of weights would do much to abolish the evil from the face of the earth.

Then there is the use of adulterants in gold. There being no official inspector of the currency the amount of black sand left in the gold sometimes amounts to as much as twenty or twenty-five per cent of the whole. A complaint was laid last week against a mine-owner by a miner who had just been paid off. An official analysis showed over \$15 in every \$100 in the whole sack to be sand. The payee had protested to the payer at the time he received settlement—but their being no official inspector the aforesaid mine owner ignored the protest.

PROTECT YOURSELVES.

There is one thing which should be done and done at once to stop this dreadful avalanche of perjury which is taking place at the mining recorder's office. As many as six and eight people will go there and swear that they were the first to stake a certain claim after midnight of August 31. If a dozen or two of these perjurers should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law it would have a deterrent and salutary effect upon those who main the property of the government side hard swears. It would make for the use of river travellers, and that wholesome precedent if the miners asso-

ciation would make an example by prosecuting some particularly flagrant case.

There are undoubtedly a few instances where people have staked simultaneously without being aware of each other's presence, but we have in mind a particular instance where six people, two of them women, swear to being the very first to stake at a specified hour and minute, and undoubtedly five of them die hats. That rightful owners of claims can be drawn into endless and expensive litigation by simply a little hard swearing on the part of some irresponsible personage, and that individual escape with simply the loss of his recording fee is a sarcasm on nineteenth century enlightenment. A law firm encouraging and bringing about such a condition should be ridden out of the district upon a rail.

There would not be nearly so much of this outrageous perjury if the gentleman administering the oath at the recorder's office would clearly and plainly go over the oath to which the applicant was subscribing. Some men's consciences are sufficiently elastic they are always willing to subscribe to something which sounds very like: "And you solemnly swear gabbie tabble tabble imbile." Make it plain and note the improvement and if that does not do put some of them behind the bars.

NO NEED FOR SO MUCH TAX.

With a tax collected from this district of \$2,000,000 and over, and with a total expenditure at the very outside of \$800,000, it does strike the average citizen of the Klondike forcibly that we ought to have better trails and streets. The income to the government in the future will probably increase for they will soon have claims to sell; but it is certain that the government expenses must decrease when over two-thirds of the population of the district are within the self-governing city of Dawson. While it is hardly possible the metropolitan police of the coming city of Dawson will be an improvement on the N. W. M. P., of whom nearly all entertain the highest opinion, yet it should lessen the need of so large a force of the semi-military gentlemen, and as far as we can see does away entirely with any need of soldiers being quartered at Selkirk at our expense.

Removal.

After Saturday, August 27th, the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be found in the new premises, between the Barracks and the Gold Commissioners office. A down-town branch will be opened for the accommodation of the bank's customers, shortly. H. T. White, Manager.

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THEY JUMPED CLAIMS TWO YEARS AGO

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An "Inner Circle" Then and an "Inside Ring" Now. There Has Been no Purification Since He Left the Country.

On page 598 of "Wyman's Land and Mining Laws," a pamphlet containing Surveyor Ogilvie's report on this section, the following momentous sentence:

"It appears a great deal of staking for absences has been done, some of whom have turned up and some have not. This has caused confusion and leads to a good deal of what might be called fraud, for it is easy for a few in the inner circle to know what claims have been recorded in accordance with the law and what have not. They can then for themselves directly or through the intervention of a friend have the latter staked for their whole or partial interest. It appears this has been done in several instances."

If this was true at the latter end of 1896 and it undoubtedly was, how much more true is the conditions of today. Right under the nose of Commissioner Ogilvie is the "inner circle" profiting by the knowledge officially gained. Take, for instance, the recent rulings of Mr. Ogilvie regarding the whole of the unrepresented claim being open to prospectors. Under Mr. Fawcett's ruling all stakers of the 250 feet farthest away from discovery were refused permission to record. Lists were made of these vacant pieces of ground and were strongly in evidence Saturday night during the stampede which followed hard upon Mr. Ogilvie's ruling.

There is but one place where such lists could have been made out, and that is the office where is kept all the records. Men were out on the creeks who confessed to friends that "a half of what they got would have to go to the inside," which, we presume, stands for the "inner circle" mentioned by Mr. Ogilvie, when he was surveyor.

The "inner circle" of Surveyor Ogilvie's report to his government in 1896 has, in 1898, simply become the "inside," and men who have ignored it and refused to divide up have found to their sorrow that the honest prospector in Klondike is at a great disadvantage, to say the least. Even should he find a piece of ground vacant and with indications that it contained gold in paying quantities, the flat of the recorder might be that "to all intents it was recorded" and the secrecy maintained over the records would prevent the unfortunate prospector displaying what he might be fully convinced was false.

The people of the Klondike endorse Surveyor Ogilvie's statements in 1896 and in 1898 beg to assure Commissioner Ogilvie that during his absence things have gone from bad to worse.

Some Trenchant Figures.

The question is often raised whether the Yukon territory would be on a self-supporting basis if royalty on the output of the mines was to be abolished. The AUGUST has long been in search of information which it believed if obtained would show this section of the Dominion to be altogether the most profitable piece of territory the Dominion possesses. The investigation may be small but the returns in taxes and royalties aggregate enormous sums. The financial returns to the government from this territory is information which the government, for reasons of its own, allows to reach the public in homeopathic doses. The figures given below are not culled from the government budget and many of the items are merely estimates made by officials whose duties bring them close to the information desired.

A handsome income is first secured by the issue of miners' licenses at \$10. A license is necessary to own or even work on a claim so that it is safe to assume that out of a population of 25,000 people at least 10,000 have a miners' license in their pockets. The income from that source would for one year be \$300,000. It costs \$10 to record or renew each claim, and there are between 10,000 and 12,000 claims. At the lower number the amount received by the government would be \$10,000. The sale of government lands last year netted \$28,800. The royalty to date is something over \$200,000. The fees at the recording office for filing transfers are not obtainable - kept sub rosa, like other information wanted there. Figures secured from Major Walsh before he left show that from December 1st to July 1st, the amount, was \$4,436. The year's returns will undoubtedly be more than treble that amount, but for the sake of being well within the limits the AUGUST supply shows it at \$10,872. The whisky coming into the country is charged \$2 per gallon for the necessary permits. That being so, \$400,000 is more too high an estimate of the revenue from that source. For retailer's permits there has been paid the sum of \$30,000. The sale of concealed liquors is a somewhat uncertain quantity, but will easily net over \$5,000. Court fines and fees for a half year were, \$1,800. Double that for one year would be \$3,600. Water front rent for one year \$30,000. Sale of townsite at \$10 per acre, \$1,600. The returns from the sale of postage stamps, etc., have been variously estimated \$10,000 for mail matter going in and out. Vast tracts of timber have been sold and royalty collected on as much more. Mr. Willison has been asked for the figures but considered them too incomplete for publication. However, it is not too high to place it at 100 square miles, a sum which would net \$2,000. For gold miners, it is necessary to collect on the "last amount" of their claim. It is figured at one per cent, the amount of \$15,000. A financial writer in the New York *Herald* has given to the word "gold" as the sum for the sale of government land first, \$10,000, and for dredging

permits, \$700,000 customs and other exactions on the summits and by ways of the river.

The grand total of the foregoing is \$2,399,872. There are a number of items which from uncertainty have had to be omitted. Nearly two and a half millions exacted from a country whose total output and production last year was but \$7,000,000. Allowing for possible overstatements the exactions for the past year have been at least \$2,000,000, wrung from a population of 55,000 people. With the exceptions of the royalty and a few small items every dollar of it has been extorted from poor men. None have been spared and nationality never considered.

To offset the tax exactions there was an estimate made at the commencement of the fiscal year for the cost of the police and judiciary. The estimate was based upon the cost last year when the police came in over the passes and paid the highest going price for transportation for their goods, and then lost a part of them afterwards. The estimate was nearly \$400,000 but is altogether too high, seeing that where they paid it is bound for packing last year, the cost this year has been less than 10¢ per pound. Another estimate of a nearly equal amount was made for the maintenance of the soldiers now stationed at Fort Selkirk. For similar reasons the estimate for them also is much too high. However, allowing them the figures claimed, how insincere appears the claim that royalty is exacted simply because without it there would not be sufficient revenue to pay running expenses.

That the total production of the Yukon Territory last year was only seven millions and that so large a sum as two millions was wrung from it would tend to show that the well defined policy of the government is to bleed the poorest of her provinces for the benefit of her richest. No other explanation can be offered.

Sums at Hootalinqua.

They always bring word down the river of the sinking of the steamer Anglian at the junction of Thirty Mile and Hootalinqua rivers.

Before sinking she was run onto the shelving bank as far as possible so that her decks are still above water. The Anglian left Dawson

some weeks ago with passengers for White Horse. From there she dropped down the river to Hootalinqua with the intention of going up that stream to Lake Teslin for the balance of the soldiers belonging to Col. Evans' command, together with their supplies. The river was found to be low and the trip had to be abandoned when within 3 miles of the lake.

On the way down some 40 miles from the mouth of the river a rock was struck which stove in two planks. She was beached and temporary repairs made with a plank and blankets. The party shifted with results as above stated.

There are 60 soldiers yet to come down from Lake Teslin, together with some 600 tons of military supplies. There are also 500 sheep and three scow-loads of cattle reported coming down the Hootalinqua.

The First Snow of the Season.

The first Dawson snow fall of the season occurred on Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock.

"Is that snow?" was being asked by pedestrians and could not be answered because of the warm group meeting it as fast as it fell. The landing of the Susie, with her scardelight on in full

power revealed the air full of the featherly couriers of Father Frost. The warm sunshine of the day made the arrival of the white warning of the coming white winter a great surprise to many who found themselves out in the chilly wind with nothing on but the lightest of summer clothing. Mugglucks, moccasins, mitts and masks will soon be the style and it behoves us all to overhaul our "dunage bags."

A Handsome Craft.

The Susie arrived Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock.

As on her last trip she came in after dark with her white painted sides brilliantly illuminated with hundreds of electric lights and her powerful search light in full swing.

Crowds gathered to see and admire the paint A. C. boat which reveals so many performances on closer inspection.

The wind was blowing strongly on shore and the handsome craft had to be handled very skillfully to avoid damage to herself on the fleet of steamers and river boats piled up at Dawson's limited waterfront.

Her passenger list was light, but she adds to the A. C. Co.'s stock something like 60 tons of supplies. She susisted up to the bank every night, but was only 10 days from St. Michaels.

The Miners' Institute Building.

Specification for a Miners' Institute building have been placed in Mr. Lide's law office and sealed tenders are invited for.

From the specifications we learn that the building committee has decided upon a building of logs sawn on three sides, the building to be 18x21 feet and a story and a half high. The lower story is to be nine feet from floor to ceiling and the upper floor seven feet from floor to rafters. The lower

floor is to be underlaid with sawdust and the roof to be double and laid with building paper. Doors are to be double and in every respect the building is going to be a quadruplex for miners in an arctic region. The building committee consists of Messrs. McNeil, Col. McGregor and Capt. Falpin.

Hundreds of Applicants.

Outside records of the AUGUST will corroborate that a single notice that a few men were

wanted to go up the river to build camps for some of the police posts posted at 10 o'clock on Monday last brought hundreds of applicants to the tracks as early as 6 o'clock the same day.

The demand for labor in and about Dawson is not at all equal to the supply and every enterprising Klondiker should be told to bring his

values Yukon or Seattle.

WAR SMOKE HAS BLOWN AWAY OPENED!

How the Evacuation of Cuba Will be Accomplished.

THE COSY NEW.

The Commission is Now on Its Way and in a Short Time the Final Arrangements Will be Made.

BOSTON, Aug. 27th.

Arrangements have been made for the speedy departure of the commissioners charged with the supervision of the evacuation of the Spanish forces from Cuba and Porto Rico. The Cuban commission, consisting of Gen. Wade, Admiral Sampson and Gen. Butler will sail on September 3rd, on the auxiliary cruiser, Resolute. The Porto Rican commission, consisting of Geo. Brooke, Gen. Gordon and Admiral Schley will sail from New York on the transports between. Admiral Schley will transfer his flag to the New Orleans, which will remain in port during the progress of the commission.

BOSTON, Aug. 27th.

Senator Frye, of Maine, a member of the peace commission, passed through Boston on his way from Washington to Maine to day. In an interview Senator Frye stated that he was reluctant to accept the position.

"President McKinley did me the honor to

say that he particularly wanted me to serve on the commission," said the senator. "What his

reasons are, though, I must decline to tell you. Neither can I say what will be the terms of the

United States that will be offered by the United States commissioner to those of Spain when the commissioners meet in Paris. I hold every-

thing that transpired between myself and the

president confidential. The commissioners of

the nations will arrange the terms and draw up a treaty; but that treaty must pass the

Senate of the United States. The Senate will meet in

December, and while there is no telling when

the commissioners will conclude its labors, I hope

that the treaty will be ready to lay before the

Senate during its session. It is expected that

arrangements can be made for the accommoda-

tions, the commission will sail from New

York, September 17th. That is, as far as we

know at present."

Senator Frye declined to state his position re-

garding expansion, and stated that it was impos-

sible to tell what the commissioners would

decide on.

"Porto Rico, of course, will go to the United

States," he said, "and the Ladrones islands. So

much was settled by the protocol. Beyond

that nothing can be said just now."

In discussing the question as to whether or

not the United States will be likely to demand

more than Manila and the Island of Luzon,

Senator Frye said: "There are other islands in

the Philippines that are valuable. The com-

missioners, you understand, can exact what

ever trade benefits they wish. Outside the con-

quered territory it cannot now be told what

will be demanded."

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yesterday."

"But what do you use them for?"

"It's a trick of the family," grinned the lad.

"Hooverick!"

"I'd just as lief not," continued the boy, as he spat on his hands to regain hold on the barrow. "We are going to have some relishings come in from the country. We may not have much to eat, but if they're these cans and bottles and boxes they'll think we've had

steaks, champagne, figs, and nuts till we've got

tired of em an' are living on bread and water

for a healthy change."

The officer scratched his ear like a man who

had received a new idea.

Evidences of High Living.

A member of a metropolitan police force came

across a boy the other day who was wheeling

home a load of oyster cans and bottles, and

enough to know what use the lad could put

them to he made direct inquiry.

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DEDICATION OF THE FRATERNITY HALL.

Secret Societies Turn Out en Masse to Attend the Ceremonies.

An Appropriate Programme With Many Interesting Speeches—Lodge Meets Now Have a Home.

Great interest was shown Sunday in the formal dedication of Fraternity hall, to the different societies which are building it and which are to use it. A procession formed at the Mining Exchange about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; and was led in double file by Commissioner Ogilvie and U. S. Consul McCook to the Fraternity Hall building, near the Presbyterian church. There were about 1500 people in the procession and the incomplete building would only hold a portion; the balance stood around and looked through doors and windows.

Chairman Col. W. T. Perkins stated the objects of the gathering which were to formally dedicate the hall to the use of the societies engaged in fraternal work in Dawson.

The Goodwin brothers gave a specimen of their splendid vocal powers in quizzette singing. It is rarely such a perfect blending of voices is heard even in the cultivated East and to say their singing gave perfect satisfaction to all present but fully represents the appreciation of everybody.

After prayer by the Rev. Herrington the chairman formally dedicated the hall to the use of the A. F. & A. M. Dr. Thomson, in behalf of the Masons responded aptly.

Dr. Snyder responded for the Odd Fellows and Dr. Merryman for the Knights of Pythias.

Captain Starnes, in responding for the A. O. U. W. thought the objects of the fraternities in erecting the building were most commendable. It was even possible in case of emergency the building might have to be used temporarily for the care of the sick.

Mr. Ellis responded for the Woodmen of the World and afterwards speeches were made by Attorney Lise, Commissioner Ogilvie, Col. McCook, Thomas Fawcett and treasurer McFaron.

The building is not yet roofed in and a liberal subscription was taken up at the close of ceremonies.

Yukon Signal Code.

D. C. Basey, master of the Standard Oil Company's steamer O. I. City, has compiled a code of signs for St. Michaels and Yukon river boats. Considering the fact that the Yukon is very wide and boats may naturally be some distance apart, the necessity of a code of signals will be apparent, and undoubtedly masters and pilots will gladly adopt the code here presented:

"Have mail," 3 short blasts. Answer, 3 short blasts and stop.

"All well on board," 1 long, 2 short; if same to answer give same signals; 1 long, 2 short.

"Deck on board," 1 long, 1 short, 1 long.

"Want assistance," 5 short blasts.

"Want pilot or guide," 3 short, 2 long.

"Want engine," 3 long, 1 short.

"Want fuel," 1 long, 3 short, 1 long.

"Want grub," 1 short, 3 long, 1 short.

"Will come to rescue," 5 short blasts.

"Is possible to assist," 2 short, 1 long, 2 short.

"I am sailing above!" 1 long, 1 short, 3 long, 2 short.

"N. S." 3 short.

"How much water on Yukon Flats?" 3 long, 3 short.

Answer, 3 feet, 3 short, 3/4 feet, 3 short.

1 long; 3 feet, 4 short; 5 feet, 5 short.

"Repeat signal," 1 long, 1 short, 1 long, 2 short.

Prices Enhancing.

Wood has raised in price to \$30 per cord for log lengths, and \$40 for four-foot lengths. W. H. Smith & Co. have strained every nerve to bring down sufficient wood to supply the approximate demand for the coming winter and have something like 500 cords on hand now. Working night and day they purpose having 15,000 cords on hand by the freeze-up, though their river men occasionally bring about a serious loss, like that of Sunday and Monday nights. Sunday night a raft valued at \$1,500 failed to make a landing owing to the blockade of the water-front and went on down the Yukon river to Circle City or some other place. Monday night the same way except that whenever the "snubbing" of the raft was attempted by taking a turn round another raft, which resulted in tearing the second raft apart and letting all down the river together.

"A Hell of a Time."

Lightning, swift and powerful, went by Dawson on Tuesday but struck Klondike City above. The steamboat is well named according to those who own other steamers kept her company on the way up, said the gentle manly owner of another boat: "just you ought to see the lightning! She's speedy, but damned eccentric, and runs just like lightning. Guess she'll be all right when she learns the river."

Police Post Extension.

Traveling out by way of dog teams over the ice is not going to be the dangerous and uncertain experiment the coming winter as it has been in the past. Captain Frank Harper left Tuesday on the steamer Canadian for up river posts where he goes to establish a detachment first at Indian river. Then comes Atlin and Stewart (there is already a detachment) and Captain Harper will merely have to overlook the quarters and leave supplies. That may be

between Stewart and Selwyn rivers will be established another post. At Selwyn river and Huchineque will be more posts, these being already a detachment at the intermediate point of Fort Selkirk. The foregoing posts come under the head of the Dawson division, while beyond that is the Tagish division. Tantalus Butte, in the latter division, will be the last post established from this direction. The captain takes a number of mechanics and wood choppers up the river, to be distributed along at the various points mentioned to prepare or extend the quarters for the police.

Major Steele, the commandant of the North West police, is not saying much, but is going right in to police the district to the best possible advantage. Captain Harper is expected to be gone not less than ten or twelve days.

Royalty at Forty-mile.

Mr. McFarlane, timber inspector under Mr. Wilson, leaves for Forty-mile to see to the collection of royalties on timber and fuel used at that place. The town of Forty-mile is built up and it has been decided that a miners' license does not give timber and fuel privileges there any more than in Dawson. Mr. McFarlane will probably soon to the collecting of arrears and then deputized sergeant Bates, the gentleman in charge of the N. W. M. P. at that point, to see to the enforcement of the regulations.

Miners' Association Meeting.

No notice is hereby given that a special meeting of members of the Miners' Association will be held at Pioneer hall on Friday evening, Sept. 13, to consider steps taken in the matter of building an Institute and also the request for co-operation made by the town committee for Incorporating the city.

GEO. J. E. ARMSTRONG, President.

Nearly Finished.

The large government building, north of the slough and near the police barracks, is approaching completion, to the intense satisfaction of all concerned. The Yukon commissioner will have his offices on the lower floor and the upper one will be fitted up into bedrooms and parlor for the use of the heads of departments.

"Jack the Ripper."

The Combination theatre this week is coming out with a sensational drama entitled "Jack the Ripper." The mysterious Jack has to impersonate a number of characters in order to avoid police detection and the opportunity for the display of his peculiar talents is not lost. John Mulligan, Aspinwall pickpocket, Mairi's is delightful while everybody will be delighted with "Casey" Moran's impersonation of the sociable "con." The ladies' attire is not backward in adding the best of their talents to the characters taken and their work goes with a gusto and swing showing a genuine appreciation of the advances made by "Jack the Ripper" over the usual farce.

The projectoscope has new pictures this week.

PERSONALS.

Myrtle Smith is leaving for the outside. Judge Clary, of Wisconsin, left for his home on the steamer Monarch.

Mr. Landriani has been added to the electrical force in the gold commissioner's office.

Col. Evans, in charge of the soldiers at Fort Selkirk, has been in Dawson for several days.

Mrs. Hetchcock and Miss Edith VanBuren are leaving for the outside, intending to winter in California.

Mr. Thomas Bourdy, an old time painter and newspaper man left on the Monarch, Monday, for the outside.

Mr. Charles Hall, the A. G. agent at Forty-mile, came in on the Susitna on Saturday, on business for the company.

Dr. T. W. Lambert leaves today on the Onday for Victoria, and will probably return to Dawson in the spring.

John Conisidine, well known in Seattle and Spokane as a theatrical manager, is due to arrive in Dawson and will probably locate here.

E. J. Luther, of Duluth, Minnesota, who has been operating in the Forty-mile district this summer, was an out bound passenger on the steamer.

Homer Bean, employed in the Williams mill, injured his hand Saturday by getting his thumb under a dog on the log carriage. A few days rest will put him again on his feet or rather on his hands, so to speak.

Mr. E. Peacock, a member of the Northwest Coast, is again tramping going outside shortly. He is the gentleman who so successfully brought down a herd of cattle last fall and a big flock of sheep over the Skagway trail this summer.

A. N. Smith, from the Indian river country, has been in town several days to consult Dr. Good, the eye and ear specialist about his failing vision. Smith first noticed the defect after a protracted case of snow blindness this spring from which he thinks he has not fully recovered.

Mr. Fred Snell arrived in Dawson Sunday direct from Seattle. He informs us that a number of scows are coming down the river loaded with provisions, etc., which have been started for Pine river. That boat having finished one the fellows without outfitts have gone back to Skagway and Dyke and those with stores stills are coming down the river.

Mrs. John Manning arrived on the Columbia last week from her home in Montana. Mrs. Manning had heard that her husband was sick, and immediately started for Dawson. She has no complaints for the lack of pleasure on her part and the delight of the faithful wife who found her husband in the best of health. Mrs. Manning will remain in during the winter.

Elizabeth Archard Connor, a lawyer and statistician, writer for the American Press Association, leaves for California before the freeze-up. Her stay in Dawson has been short, but having been up the creeks and cays secured good ground, she has won more of the country than many a person who has stayed longer. Dr. Mary Lathorn, a sister, will soon be party the lady of the pencil to the outside, intending to return over the ice in the spring.

Bustle, business, activity, are represented about the dock-land and warehouses of the Alaska Exploration Co. Their warehouses are full of new goods and rapidly assuming an enormous appearance. Mr. Mathies, the manager, leaves Saturday San Francisco to forward his supplies, while Mr. Field, the agent, stays to keep the wheels moving in and around Dawson.

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A Midnight Hold-up.

At just about 11 o'clock, on Tuesday night as Jake Kline was outside his cabin, just north of St. Mary's hospital, an attempt was made to hold him up by some one in a long hood of gummy sack. Jake had just gotten home and was out with a lantern tying up his dog, when he saw the man with a long 44 Colt. Jake dropped the lantern and on the instant received a stunning blow from the revolver over the left temple. Somewhat dazed he yet had sufficient presence of mind to close with his assailant and yell. However, the cries brought no immediate assistance, and the footpad broke away and jumped into the darkness. Jake had a .38 in his pocket and hastily pulled it and took three shots at his assailant but apparently without effect. Asst. Justice arriving, a rough lantern was extemporized from an oyster can and candle, and a hasty search revealed the robber's hood and revolver on the ground. Kline's wounds were attended to at the hospital and the police communicated with the Newt representative says Kline within a few minutes of the attempted hold-up and Jake's torn hands and attire showed he had been giving a good account of himself. It is a pity one of his shots had not taken effect.

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