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BEFORE HYMENS'S SACRED SHARINE.

Marriage of Mr. Ely E. Weare and Miss Mary E. Fellows Tuesday.

Company of Distinguished Friends Present—The Affair One of Elegance in Vivid Contrast to These Regions.

A social event of importance to Dawson's most exclusive circles transpired on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Ely E. Weare, acting president of the North American Transportation & Trading Co., was united in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Fellows. The event was characterized by an elegance of appointment which would have made it brilliant under more favored conditions than are possible in this far off country, and while it was in no wise ostentatious, the event will be recorded both for its appointments and the distinguished personnel of the company present, as the swiftest of the kind which ever transpired here. The marriage took place at 8:30 o'clock at the pretty cottage of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hammel, which was beautifully and ingeniously decorated in honor of the event, green and white, the colors of the N. A. T. & T. Co., predominating. The Union Jack and Dominion ensign were draped from the folding doors between the parlors, while a beautiful canopy, fashioned of a light white material caught here and there with green ribbon and surmounted by the Stars and Stripes, fashioned into the form of a butterfly bow at the center, occupied one corner of the front parlor. Beneath this was spread a rich white fur rug upon which the bride and groom stood, their backs to the company of friends, during the service. The beautiful Church of England rite was used, the Rev. Bowen officiating, and the strains of Lohengrin's famous wedding march, played softly on the piano, formed a most harmonious accompaniment to the impressive words. The bride looked exceedingly attractive in a costume of rich silk in the latest gray colorings, with ornaments except a nuptial brooch at the throat and the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s pin on the bodice of the gown.

At the conclusion of the service, the friends showered congratulations upon the wedded pair and at 9:30 o'clock all repaired to the Regina Club Cafe across the way, where a sumptuous supper was served from the following menu:

- MENU.**
- Mobile Plants Raw.**
- Mescalilli Sweet Midgets
 - Pickled Walnuts Green Olives
 - Consomme Imperial en Jasse
 - Lobster Salad a la Mayonnaise
 - Aspic Trout, Sauce Tartare.
- CLARET.**
- Supreme of Charent a la Financiere
 - Pommes Julienne Petits Pots
 - Farced Fillet of Beef aux Champignons
 - Puree of Sweet Potatoes Asparagus
 - Mamma's Extra Dry.
 - Sliced Naval Oranges a la Princesse.
 - Strawberry Sherbet
- Macaroons Kisses**
- Angel Cake Fruit Cake
 - Bovis Water Crackers
 - Fromage de Roqueforte

The repast was the most pretentious which ever graced a festal board in the Yukon basin, and Manager Healy, as well as his chef, Mr. Joe Finch, were the recipients of unbounded praise for the success attending their efforts. With the introduction of champagne, Colonel Ward proposed a series of toasts in his happy style, which were all appropriately responded to and the health of the bride and groom, together with that of his excellency, Commissioner Ogilvie and other guests, were drunk. At intervals, too, music was rendered by a company of musicians seated in the private dining-room of the cafe and a number of songs were sung that elicited the heartiest applause. It was 1:30 o'clock when the company finally and reluctantly arose to take their leave, all joining in wishing the newly wedded pair long life and happiness.

Those constituting the company were: Mr. and Mrs. Ely E. Weare, Rev. and Mrs. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hammel, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Healy, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rutledge, Commissioner William Ogilvie, Colonel Steele, Dr. Wells, Mrs. King, Miss Grace Merry, Miss Cora Burke, Miss Fenlon, Colonel Ward, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Compson, Mr. Rooge, Mr. Delaney and Mr. Jackson. Mr. Weare, besides his responsible connection with the N. A. T. & T. Co., has other business interests of importance which make him one of the most prominent and influential men on the Yukon. His bride is a most charming and amiable young lady who has long held a responsible position as cashier for the N. A. T. & T. Co., and the many friends of each will wish them the utmost happiness in their new relations. They will occupy apartments in the N. A. T. & T. building for the time being.

A Suggestion to Mr. Ogilvie.

There is great rejoicing over the success of the Nugget in the suit of the NUGGET vs. the tramless tramway. For some reason a great many of our minor friends had conceived the idea that in the Yukon Territory it was useless to struggle against wrong and oppression—a waste of time and money, as the people would not be considered in the matter. The public rejoicing over the success of the Nugget is largely the result of a feeling that, after all the

rights of the people were to be permanent, as they should be. Congratulations have flowed in upon the NUGGET from every direction.

The *Mining Sun's* weekly plea for pity for Mr. O'Brien seems to us to be founded on a willful misstatement that Mr. O'Brien is out \$45,000. In the first place the road did not cost half that much, and in the second place the cost of the road must have been more than collected in illegal tolls before the decision of the judge stopped the collection.

If Governor Ogilvie wishes to do the right thing let him now pay Mr. O'Brien the difference between the actual cost of the road and the money which he has illegally collected as tolls; then take the road in behalf of the government for the people and maintain it and extend it for the benefit of the taxpaying public.

Mr. O'Brien has appealed his case to Ottawa, though probably not with any hopes of being again given the privilege of collecting toll upon a trail, but in order to obtain tramway privileges, the right of laying down rails and operating trams over the present roadway.

Ordered to Give Up the Mail.

United States Consul McCook is reported to have taken strong measures to end this farce of pretended mail carrying by P. C. Richardson and his myrmidons. Upon being notified by the police that the contractor was refusing to turn over to the police the mail now in his possession, Col. McCook notified him to either bring in that mail at once with no more delay or to turn it over to the police on demand. At the same time the consul is reported to have notified the home government of the positive hindrance to the carrying of the mail which this P. C. Richardson has proved to be, and also that the people of this section whose mail he has so outrageously delayed are becoming much exercised thereby. If Mr. Richardson appears in person upon the streets of Dawson before his perjury is forgotten he would be showing very ordinary prudence in securing a bodyguard of police.

The Dog Made a Round Trip.

The case of Chas. G. Feihl vs. W. M. Royden, was a unique contest for a dog. During the early winter Feihl lost his dog, and reported it at the barracks as stolen. Some days ago Feihl started out and, arriving at Stewart, met an incoming team in which he at once recognized his lost canine. Royden refused to deliver up the dog, claiming to have bought him at Skaguay. Feihl came back with him from Stewart and laid claim for the canine. The description he had left at the barracks tallied exactly and the dog was decided to be his. Royden had bought him in Skaguay in good faith, but he had evidently been stolen by whoever took him out. In awarding the dog to Feihl, Justice Flanper took occasion to warn those bound eastward against taking up dogs in Dawson and pressing them into service.

After the Royalty Already.

Another notice has just been issued from the office of the Yukon Commissioner, evidently designed to warn miners against any attempt to avoid that obnoxious royalty, as is generally believed was done extensively last year. The attention of the reader is first called to section 37 of the criminal code which makes the offense indictable, and then to clause 31 of the regulations which makes the penalty to be the forfeiture of the claim. The most objectionable feature of this wholly objectionable regulation is found in the concluding words: "In respect to the facts as to the fraud or false statements or non-payment of royalty the decision of the gold commissioner shall be final." Over his own signature the governor advises the public that "these provisions will be strictly enforced," etc.

Territorial Court Business.

Territorial court was occupied this week with a number of important criminal cases, some of which were tried by jury.

Peter Iversen was given an opportunity to "get back" at B. M. Svenson and Halidan Grottschier, whom he charged with slander and malicious prosecution, in that they had on divers occasions claimed that he had stolen firewood and caused his arrest by the police on a fictitious charge of theft, for which indignities, loss of time and expense he asked the sum of \$5,464; judgment was reserved.

M. Sweetman and Ida Butt "had a kick comin'" from A. E. Pretty and A. M. Ross, proprietors of the Seattle restaurant, having been induced to invest the comfortable sum of \$1,200 in the business on representations which, they claim, proved to be untrue. As a temporary shift in the untangling of the web, they asked that the restaurant be placed in the hands of a receiver and as the defendants readily concurred in the proposition, Charles S. Walker was appointed by the court.

George Leon is the brewer at West Dawson and a gentleman who lately increased his reputation by refusing to take the usual oath prescribed in court. But the latter incident, as Poo-Bah says in the Mikado, "has nothing to do with the case." Mr. Leon had furnished six

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dozen bottles of his brown neotar to Joseph Schwartz and sought to recover compensation therefor at the rate of \$10 per dozen. Judgment was reserved.

Thomas O'Brien and H. M. Manning, two gentlemen who lately sprung into fame by constructing and operating—for a time—a tramway without a tram, were under inquiry as to why they did not pay the wages of George James, who served for a time as their engineer and walking boss. James put the amount of his claim at \$1,900, which is at the rate of \$50 per day. Judgment was reserved.

Joe Schwartz was also afforded a long delayed opportunity to answer to the charge that "he did cause Thomas Adair to execute certain valuable security, to-wit: evidencing the payment of \$27.50 with interest thereby then and there to defraud and figure said Thomas Adair" which, divested of legal verbosity, means that he had attempted to fraudulently exchange gold dust impregnated with brass filings. The court room was crowded with interested friends of the accused. Argument Saturday.

The case of Frank Peel vs. S. L. Morford et al. an action to recover a quantity of lumber was referred to an accountant.

Worship in a Dance Hall.

On Sunday evening next, at 7:30 o'clock, the Salvation Army will hold a special musical service at the place formerly known as the Outley Sisters dance hall, which has kindly been lent for the occasion by Mr. Levy. The services will be in the care of Adjutant Morris, assisted by several officers and soldiers. There will be no admission fee charged and everybody is invited to attend.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

It's a tramway without a tollman.
A load of American mail is expected at any minute.

Jan Johnson, of British guinea, is confined to the Anglo-American hospital by illness.

"Go to Klondike" is the latest substitute for the old expression of disgust in the states, it is said by late arrivals.

A dispatch from Ottawa dated December 26, 1898, to the Victoria *Colonist* states that the government will hold a special Klondike exhibition at the Paris exposition.

J. L. Thomas, who left for the outside in December, is expected to arrive in Dawson within a few days. Jack Carer is also believed to be within a few miles of the city.

Messrs Dan Campbell, William McGow, C. W. Jackson, J. A. Baltgren, James and Arthur Campbell arrived in this afternoon from the outside. All but the last two named are old timers here.

The work of removing the ruins of the late fire and rebuilding the structures destroyed was commenced the day after the fire, Kelly & Co. and Mr. Barry leading it. Naturally the new buildings will be of a more substantial nature than the old.

The Dawson Dancing Club gave its first dance last Saturday night, to an extensive gathering of members. Dancing was indulged in until a little after midnight, and from the expressions of satisfaction it is easily seen that the club has a successful future ahead.

Getting about town today was two to one that the *Sun-Miner*, within a fortnight, will pull down one of its signs and do business in the future without the dishonest assistance of being two distinct concerns. In other words, that the two papers will be amalgamated.

The reading of the last issue of the *Nugget* up the creeks was attended in many instances with great enthusiasm. On one plain it was read from a stump to a crowd of assembled miners, and as the discomfiture of the fraudulent tramroad was unfolded to them cheer after cheer for the *Nugget* rent the air.

The American miner out no insignificant amount in the late fire, it seems. After the engineers had driven vainly to raise a head of steam with wood and coal they filled the firebox of the engine with bacon sprinkled with kerosene. As the fire players put it, "they got plenty of action for their money" then.

Mr. George J. Fish claims that very much of an injustice was done him in the reports of the fire, that he did not get down town until four minutes before his store was burning, so that it was impossible for him to have refused to allow his goods to be carried to a safe place.

Upon his arrival he took a hasty survey of the situation and asked a couple of hurried questions and then ordered everything removed if possible.

Charles Phillips arrived from the outside Tuesday with a team belonging to Charles W. Schultz. The two left Seattle at the same time, but Mr. Schultz came on ahead, arriving here Sunday. This gentleman left for the outside on November 21 last, which entitles him to the distinction of having made the first round trip of the winter. Mr. Schultz leaves for the outside again on the 24th.

The entertainment given in the Presbyterian church by the congregation on Tuesday evening last was a very enjoyable affair. The object was a social one. No admission fee was charged, and during the evening refreshments were served under the direction of Dr. Fugate, whilst Mr. Chisholm had charge of the musical part of the program. The vocalists were Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Burk, Dr. McDonald, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Rosier and Miss Ross responded to repeated calls for recitales.

Official Temperatures.

The temperatures have showed more variation for the week ending, Wednesday, February 16th, than at any time this winter. The wind on Tuesday blew uniformly for 24 hours at a 12-mile gale.

	Lowest	Highest	Wind, Miles per hour.
Thursday	-32.6	-19.0	7.4
Friday	-22.6	7.0	5.1
Saturday	-7.6	7.0	0.0
Sunday	-4.7	7.0	2.1
Monday	-0.7	7.4	9.6
Tuesday	-9.9	6.0	12.6
Wednesday	-3.2	6.0	7.8

Don't forget the grand family entertainment at the Monte Carlo theatre, Sunday night. New faces, new specialties, entire change of program. Good time guaranteed.

Claims Bought and Sold
By Louis Courtois, North West House, two miles above mouth of Klondike.

STRANGE HIROGLYPHICS ON MOUNDS

Which Five Finlanders Say Are the Old Russian Boundary Line.

In Which Case the Klondike is in Alaska—Mounds at the Head of McQueston—A Remarkable Find by Prospectors.

The office of the American consul, Colonel McCook, was made the repository on Tuesday of a story, which, if found to be true, will have an important bearing on the question involving the boundary between the British and American possessions in the northwest and including the world-famous Klondike. A story has several times found currency beneath the Klondike district had been conceded to be an American soil; but it carried its own contradiction and was each time found to be a canard launched, probably, by some "tail hat" or wag from the outside.

In the present instance, however, a tale is told that is no wise like the other, and which cannot fail to excite the liveliest interest, especially if it is found, upon official investigation, to be true.

On Tuesday last, Consul McCook was visited at his office by a Finlander who gave his name as Charles Waisner. He represented a party of four fellow-countrymen of his who had just arrived in this city from the McQueston river, where they had been since last summer on a prospecting tour. While there he said they came across a series of mounds constructed of loose stones upon which appeared a number of regularly engraved hieroglyphics, these, however, had been more or less obliterated by the action of the elements and could be but partially deciphered. The mounds were arranged in regular order, running due north and south and the Finlanders say they are identical in all ways with the stone mounds employed by the Russian government in making land boundaries.

Their belief is that the mounds were built there by the Russian government to indicate the eastern boundary of their old-time Alaskan possessions, and it was because of that they placed their information in the hands of Consul McCook.

The latter secured from the Finlander a promise to return to him with further and more definite data, if possible, after which he will likely communicate with the government of the United States on the subject.

Yukon Council.
The council met on February 16th, with the members all present except Judge Piquet, who was detained in court.

In considering the budget of expenditures for the next fiscal year it was decided and so ordered that an appropriation be set aside for hospitals.

The account of Dr. McCourt, from the Forks, again came up. The doctor was directed by the officials to render medical assistance to a certain man on the creeks, and he took the medical man four days to pay one visit. His bill was for \$25 and the council thought \$50 per day or a total of \$200 would be ample compensation and directed the comptroller to pay on that basis.

A letter from the comptroller advised the council that there were a number of applications for assistance to leave the country by ship over the ice. No action was taken.

A bill for \$1,886 from the hospital at the Forks for the care of the indigent was presented and the council agreed to pay it.

A letter was read from the 20 citizens who signed the note which obtained the \$12,000 from the Bank of Commerce, and liberated the fire apparatus from pawn. The letter asked the council to assume the indebtedness and thus release them from their obligations. The council set aside \$8,000 for this purpose, but before ordering it paid directed the comptroller to find out the particulars of who backed the note and what interest they have to the apparatus. Inquiry is also to be directed to the bank as to what terms can be secured in case of renewal of the loan.

The partnership ordinance of the North West Territory was changed to suit local conditions and adopted, the ordinance going into effect at once. By its provisions all mining, manufacturing and trading partnerships must be registered with the register, Mr. Girouard.

Discrimination Against Americans.

Messrs Dick Butler and C. C. Burns arrived in last night from the outside, having left Seattle on the 23d ult. The latter named brought in a large supply of papers of elite date which he will place on the market. They report a good deal all the way in. Mr. Butler informed a *Nugget* man that the legislature of British Columbia has passed the so-called anti-alien mining law which, among other things, excludes aliens from enjoying the old mining privileges. He also reports that at the time the last Seattle the English money market was in an utterly demoralized condition as a result of the long continued and threatening troubles with France.

Every Wednesday and Saturday the *Nugget* is delivered to subscribers, \$2.00 per month.

A nice line of stationery, time, pass and memo books, tablets, paper and envelopes at Pioneer drug store.

The best meals served in the city are at the Regina Club Hotel.

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DON'T SAY "GRAFT."

During the week of the tramway trial Judge Dugas twice took occasion to censure the press in general and the Nugget in particular for what he called the contempt shown the court. On the last occasion it seemed to those present that the cause of it all was the introduction of the word "graft" as applied to the tramroad which was at that time in court, charged with being illegal. The word was in the headlines over an article purporting to be a review of the tramway trial of the day before. No objection was found to the body of the article nor yet to the rest of the headlines, but that one word "graft" in the black face letters, his lordship seemed to think was not only a contempt of the court capable of interfering with the justice in the case in hand, but he also intimated that upon a recurrence of the offense there was a place awaiting us where we believe they don't publish newspapers nor write editorials.

Now, we have often listened to Judge Dugas's homilies from the bench and have frequently been impressed with their wisdom, but in this case we beg to register a most emphatic dissent. The word "graft" is a good old English word meaning the implanting of one living body upon another, as in the case of bad burns where the cuticle is destroyed and pieces of skin are taken from one man and made to grow upon the raw surfaces of the other. Of course the tramroad is no skin on anybody's carcass, yet it was in a true sense one living body, a corporation, engrafted upon another, the social body, and was as truly calculated to draw its sustenance from the latter as a Blenheim bud would draw its sustenance from a wild crab-apple stock which it was grafted upon. In our humble opinion the tramroad was a "graft" of the "graftiest" kind.

But his lordship thought the use of the word might have a tendency to influence justice in the case. Now as to that, we were altogether predisposed to consider our supreme judge as much too wide and brainy for the small word "graft" to upset his judgment.

But joking aside, we are much inclined to think the word was somewhat misunderstood. There is always something mysteriously insulting in vaguely understood terms, phrases, idioms or syllables. It is related of the eminent English scholar, Sydney Smith, that he once upon a time engaged in a wordy altercation with the Billingsgate fish-wives. It was altogether good natured on both sides, with the women using the choice language which has made Billingsgate infamous. At last the scholar laughingly declared the women to be parallel-grams—the veriest parallelipedons he had ever seen. Instantly there was a storm of indignation and Sydney Smith barely escaped with a whole skin by the aid of a squad of policemen. They simply mistook words they did not understand for direct insults. We will hereafter publish a definition with each

unusual word we use and trust the balance of this paragraph is self-explanatory, as the absolute unity of the antithesis in the notion constitutes its external being, it shows in its manifestation and intervention in externality the contradiction of its ultimate determinateness.

TWO TIMBER AGENTS.

An interesting little drama has just been played among our officials. When Mr. Senkler arrived last fall with word that at a point up the river was a gentleman coming in later with credentials as crown lands and timber agent for this territory, the news dropped in official circles like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. The incumbent of that office, Mr. W. S. Willison, and the governor himself—as was learned from Mr. Gosselin who brought in his own commission—had been given no advice of the impending change, so that the news was in the nature of a complete surprise to them. So far as is known, Mr. Willison's conduct of his office has been most satisfactory, he having severely nipped the attempt last fall at a fuel monopoly for the winter. So drastic were his remedies that both the monopolizing concessionaires went into bankruptcy after a fitful existence of two months. It cannot be said that the gentleman is in anywise responsible for the obnoxious timber regulations which it was his duty to enforce, so that taking it altogether it was a surprise to all when Mr. Gosselin put in an appearance with a commission for the office, direct from Ottawa. The arrival of the new official was duly announced in these columns, and everyone, himself included, expected to see him take his office within a week or two. But as the month rolled round it became more and more evident that a snag had been struck somewhere. The interested parties were very non-committal, Mr. Gosselin saying that he was in no hurry to assume his arduous duties, and Mr. Willison replying to his interviewer that "Yes, Mr. Ogilvie can remove me," "No, I shall not resign voluntarily," and "Certainly my commission is from Ottawa and I cannot be removed but for cause."

Mr. Ogilvie was seen and disclaimed any intention of removing Mr. Willison for cause so that by commission from Ottawa there are now two crown timber agents in the territory with equal powers as far as can be seen. However, from Mr. Ogilvie we learn that what appears to be a compromise has been effected, for Mr. Willison still retains his position of crown's timber agent while Mr. Gosselin has consented to take the position of crown lands agent, a division of the office in the interests of quietness; and now the dove of peace broods over official circles once more and no man's hand is against his brother. The lion and the lamb will lie down together without the lamb being inside the lion, for lo! both will be lions in their particular sphere.

A. REBUKE.

A number of our readers are comparatively new comers and have not been familiar with the early issues of this paper which has encouraged Mr. Fawcett to the following misstatement: "So long as these people confined themselves to generalities I ignored them, but now they have become specific I know the duty, etc., etc."

The inference is plainly that when the Nugget filed its list of six charges with the investigating commissioner that was the first time we had made specific charges against the administration of the ex-gold commissioner. How untrue this is our files will show. With the exception of charge No. 4 each charge has been made at least once in our columns besides being elaborated upon and much evidence of their truth furnished. No less than eight columns of our paper have been devoted to charge No. 1, Charge No. 2 has been published in three distinct issues. The case of Zorn and Nelson, as per charge No. 3, was handled in detail in two issues of the Nugget. Charge No. 4 has been reprinted from our columns into all the

conservative papers of Canada, and occupied nearly two columns of nonpareil. No. 5 was given in but one issue.

Our reason for never giving the case involved in charge No. 4 to the printer was simply that we had passed out word not to do so, and though every particular has long been in our possession, until the evidence is brought out in the trial we feel bound not to publish it, having failed to get the consent of the interested parties. Their reasons for not wishing their story made public was not given in confidence so we now give it. The possession of two valuable claims depended upon Mr. Fawcett's decision, and the parties had good grounds to fear that to anger the retiring autocrat of the recording office was to lose their claims for sure, notwithstanding their rights.

We had not proposed to discuss Mr. Fawcett in these columns any more until the trial, but the untruthful inference that he has never before been the object of specific charges cannot be allowed to pass unrebuked.

INDIANS IN JAIL.

The death of Frank Nantuck, the youthful Indian under sentence of life imprisonment for murder, and the immediate falling sick of another Indian, Joe Nantuck, under sentence of death for the same crime, brings forcibly to mind the popular theory that civilization is death to the red men. When the Russians, a century ago, swarmed to the newly discovered land which is now Alaska and British Columbia, their advent was at once the undoing of the populous native races which then thrived in these regions. Miner Bruce, who made a ten years' personal study of these natives, says that along the coasts and main waterways there are now but a scattering of Indians who are not in some measure tainted with Russian infirmities, the Russians imparting little to the hitherto healthy stock than their multitudinous diseases. Since then the Indians have been dying off like a flock of sheep with the rot, and the race is destined to extermination.

For centuries, the law of the survival of the fittest has been carrying off those of the white race who did not contain within themselves the vitality to withstand the encroachment of disease, with the result that today the vast majority of our kind can with impunity expose themselves to the germs of consumption and its thousand and one kindred diseases. Not so with the native Alaskans. At the time of the invasion of Alaska by the Russians it is stated by historians that there was absolutely no disease amongst the natives but blindness and a few simple complaints, and they were in no way fitted for the conflict which was to come with scurvy, scrofula, consumption and syphilis. There are probably not a score of Indians within a hundred miles of Dawson could live much over a year if confined in our jail closely, notwithstanding its uniform warmth, its ventilation and its regular and wholesome diet.

THAT WATER FAILURE.

The momentous failure of the water supply at the recent fire cost several of our citizens their property which would have otherwise been saved. The fire commissioners realized the gravity of the situation and investigated the matter as well as they were able and we are assured by the department that there is little likelihood of its occurring again. The engineer's report was that the delay in raising steam in the first place was occasioned by the washing out of the boiler of the engine earlier in the day after its use in fighting the fire in that Second avenue cabin. The water was nearly cold when the engine was run out of the house. The loss of steam after some fifteen minutes use of the engine, he reports to be the result of the mixing of the coal in a recent purchase from a local firm. It had been taken for granted that the coal in each sack was the same, an error which cannot happen again as each separate sack will be examined. Nevertheless the fact remains that there was culpable carelessness somewhere. If the mixing of the coal now can be remedied, it certainly could have been

done before the fire. If sacks can be opened and examined now, so it could and should have been done beforehand.

The Nugget wishes to thank the Dawson volunteer fire department for their promptness in answering a still alarm from this office and suppressing what otherwise might have been a serious blaze. That the work was done with a Miller extinguisher and without damaging one dollar's worth of our valuable paper stock but adds more value to the service. That it was in the dead of night, when the boys might be expected to be more or less scattered or wrapped in slumber is another evidence of the alertness of the boys. We thank you, gentlemen.

Proverbs, xxvii:22.

A fool there was, and he staked a claim—
[Even as you and I]
On a creek he knows—as he wrote his name—
He thought of wealth, and he thought of fame;
But he little thought of a little game—
[Even as you and I]
And he tramped at times, and he tramped at times—
And the work of his head, and hand,
Belonged to another, and he did not know—
And now we know that he never will know—
And never will understand.

A fool there was, and his cash he spent—
[Even as you and I]
Laboring for weeks, with a good intent—
And he borrowed his money at ten per cent—
For a fool must follow his natural bent—
[Even as you and I]
Oh! the toll he did and the toll he did,
And the laudable things he planned,
Belonged to another, and he never knew why—
And now we know he will never know why—
And never will understand.

A fool there was, with his heart aflame—
[Even as you and I]
He found the wealth and he found the fame,
And he "mashed" to record his little claim;
And was told it stood in another's name—
[Even as you and I]
Oh! the breath of hope, and the death of hope!
Oh! the laudable things he planned,
Belonged to another, and he never knew why—
And now we know he will never know why,
And never will understand.

A fool was shorn of his little claim—
[Even as you and I]
And he might have seen that he wasn't a blame;
But he little thought of a little game—
And he couldn't record it just the same—
[Even as you and I]
And it isn't the shame, but the little game
That stings like a white-hot brand;
And it's coming to know, that he never knew
Why,
And seeing at last that he'll never know why,
And never will understand.

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WHAT HAGERTY

The Reporter
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WHAT HAGERTY SAYS OF FAWCETT.

The Reporter of the "Government Organ" Tells What He Knows.

How a Woman Managed to Get Inside Information From the Gold Commissioner's Office—An Order Relative to Saving Claims for the Crown that Never Went into Effect.

In a recent issue the Seattle P. J. says: The official corruption of Dawson, the jobbery in recording mining claims, is described by J. M. Hagerty who was employed upon the Midnight Sun, as being more audacious and greater than has yet been told.

"I had such things occurred in the United States or even on the American side, in Alaska," said Mr. Hagerty, "there would have been several lynching bees. In early days in Montana and California it required much less than has been done at Dawson to cause the formation of vigilance committees which dealt quick and sure justice."

"There is an instance of how miners are being swindled at Dawson and how the Canadian officials are making money. On September 21st many reverted claims upon Dominion, Sulphur, Eldorado and Bonanza creeks were to be thrown open for relocation. These claims had reverted to the government because of the failure of the original locators to do the necessary amount of work."

"I met a variety actress, Lu Keller, and her sister, Flora, during the latter part of August, who had started out with a party to get all the best claims on these creeks before others could reach the ground to stake them."

"But you'll have to give up half of the claims you stake," said she. "She had secured this list from the gold commissioner's office in advance of anyone else and was on the ground with her party ready to stake before others could reach there."

"There was a few days later another illustration of the gold commissioner's methods. It was given out his office at that after September 21st, only one-half of a claim could be recorded—the half nearer discovery claim."

"As soon as I heard of it I went to Fawcett to get a statement from him and he outlined this new policy. It seemed to me to be such a stupendous fraud and outrage that I wanted to have indisputable evidence. I wrote down the statement and had him sign it. Then I refused to Gov. Ogilvie for a statement, but he insisted to discuss the matter; he would not be quoted."

"He contented himself with a declaration that Fawcett was the most honorable man in the Klondike region. However, when I showed a 'proof' copy of his remarks and he saw that statement in cold type, he considered it a little too strong. It then described Mr. Fawcett as being one of the honest men of the Klondike."

"Well, this statement of Mr. Fawcett and that of Gov. Ogilvie were never published; the two officials held a consultation during the afternoon and as a result they re-considered the order. Now then, here is the point: Fawcett claimed in his signed statement that he had instructions from Ottawa to permit the record of only one-half a claim. How then could these two gentlemen rescind the orders from the capital? Is it not sufficient proof that there were no such orders from Ottawa at all?"

"It was simply intended to hold open one-half of each claim in order to await developments. Wherever the original locator had a rich claim, the remaining unrecorded one-half of it would have been secured by a friend or a dummy of the government ring."

"Had this policy been followed it would have given the gang at Dawson a one-half interest in all the future discoveries of the Klondike. But the officials were thoroughly frightened by the newspapers and the storm which it was seen they would arouse."

"You could not get a claim recorded at Dawson for less than \$10 or \$20 without waiting in line for several days. Then if you did remain in line until your turn came you might be put off for several days till the ring sent out a man to learn if your claim was valuable. If it were, they told you that it had already been recorded. In fact the only way to do business was to go in the back door which cost from \$10 to \$20. I know one man who paid \$250 to record his claim."

"I don't agree with many of those persons who believe that Fawcett was merely incompetent and not dishonest. I know that most of the rascality has been blamed upon his chief clerk, Bolton. But in my opinion Fawcett is dishonest and he stood in with all these deals."

"There were several syndicates in Dawson which handled the business for the government officials. These syndicates secured claims, which real locators were robbed of and they worked them. I suppose that they had con-

tracts with the officials making a proper 'divvy' of the profits. Alex. McDonald was at the head of one of these syndicates and that is the manner in which many of the Kings of the Klondike made their money."

"I never saw any official corruption to equal that at Dawson except the operations of the whiskey ring at Skagway and Dyea."

Wonderful Times in the United States.

The year of 1898 has been the most unparalleled year of financial success the United States has ever had, as is shown by the review of the business situation by Dun and Bradstreet on the last day of the year. Dun says:

"The year 1898 has not only been one of victory, of important increase in territory, and of incalculable expansion of the influence of the United States among other nations, but has surpassed all other years in financial and industrial results. The center of financial power has crossed the ocean."

"After paying debts of several hundred millions abroad and conducting a war to an honorable end, the country is lending so many millions in Europe that for the first time banks abroad look to New York to dictate the rate of exchange."

"Exports have been about \$1,250,000,000, and the excess over imports about \$617,000,000 against \$577,000,000 in 1897, and in only two previous years has the balance risen to \$300,000,000. In no past calendar year have net imports of gold reached \$75,000,000, but this year they have been about \$149,000,000. November passed all previous months in value, produce exports over imports, but December has gone much beyond November."

"Power in the world's markets comes with a demand for breadstuffs and other necessities never before equaled. Exports of cotton have been over 7,700,000 bales, about 2,300,000,000 pounds, and in previous years as much as 7,000,000 bales, or 2,300,000,000 pounds. Exports of breadstuffs have been in value \$283,938,294, in eleven months, and have never been as large in any other year. Exports of wheat for the year, lacking a day or two, have been 218,594,686 bushels, four included, slightly exceeded only by 225,660,812, in 1892, and of corn 200,979,477 bushels, only approached by 189,127,570 in 1897. The heaviest exports of both grains and flour in any previous year were 59,000,000 bushels smaller, only 200,220,513 in 1897."

"The triumph in finance has been largely due to industrial progress. The output of pig iron has been about 11,615,000 tons, the greatest yet reached in any year by 2,600,000 tons, and greater than Great Britain ever reached by 2,600,000 tons. Yet the consumption in manufacture has been still larger in spite of net exports of pig iron ten months 163,089 tons, for un-sold stocks were reduced in eleven months 380,000 tons. Exports of iron manufactures in ten months were about \$67,641,536 in value, against imports of \$13,497,817. Prices shown for the year in the table of comparisons have been unusually steady, varying not 5 per cent for pig iron from the lowest to the highest, and for finished products not 6 per cent."

"Failures in the United States for the week were 252, and in Canada 23, total 271, against 299 last week, 292 the preceding week, and 410 the corresponding week last year, of which 295 were in the United States and 21 in Canada. Of failures in the United States 74 have liabilities exceeding \$5,000, and 178 liabilities less than \$5,000. For four weeks of December total liabilities of firms failing were \$11,097,605, against \$10,366,580 last year."

The Yukon Charges.

What the Colonist says: "We frankly admit that we do not care to make anonymous charges against public officials; yet in regard to the Yukon it is almost impossible to get persons to allow their names to be used. Three classes of reasons are given. One is that the complainants regard knowledge of the existence of scandal as an advantage to them in dealing with the officials; another is that they have paid for privileges and it would be foolish to lose the advantage thus gained; a third is that the complainants will have business to do with officials in Dawson next year, and do not wish to handicap themselves. To some people these will seem like very insufficient reasons, but when men make specific allegations, and give one or the other of these grounds for being unwilling to have their names used in connection with them, it is impossible not to be impressed by them. The Colonist has seen scores of people from Dawson, who were outspoken in private as to the wrongful acts of officials, persons of excellent repute, Englishmen, Canadians, Australians and Americans, but they all seemed influenced by the idea that it would not be safe to allow their names to be connected with anything publicly. One of the most unfortunate things in connection with the Yukon scandals is the existence of the feeling that it is not safe to speak out plainly, that the government is determined upon protecting the officials, and that the man who prefers charges will be black-listed. This is a most melancholy feature of the case. It ought not to be in any part of Canada that a man should be afraid to expose wrong-doing."

Old Mail Coming In.

The thousands of people who have been disappointed by the non-receipt of letters which they know have long been on the way to them from the states, will be interested in learning that the accumulated mails of September, October, November and December—or at least a considerable portion of it—has at last been gotten under way and is now en route to Dawson. It was first seen by T. Snow being worked down Lake Bennett on or about January 21, and a day or so later it was overtaken at Cariboo Crossing, the foot of Bennett, by a gentleman who arrived late on Monday.

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day with official mail for Commissioner Ogilvie. This gentleman says the mail is in charge of Mr. Sigel, who left here with mail for the outside during the early winter, and P. C. Richardson, who has a mail contract, and that it was being "mushed" by five horses and a large number of dogs, about 40, at the rate of four or five miles a day. Later in the journey, when the use of horses would not be advantageous, the men in charge of the mail resorted to using dogs only. The receipt of this mail will be looked forward to with the greatest interest and solicitude.

The Atlin Diggings.

The British Columbia Review of December 10 has this to say of the Atlin gold fields, which are experiencing such a boom just now: On Birch creek three of us, in removing the runnings, took out \$90 in thirteen hours. One bench claim on Pine creek, a quarter of a mile above discovery, has produced \$1500. The adjoining claim at one side has yielded \$900. Across the creek one man packed dirt down to the stream in a sack, washed it out alone, and got \$400. On discovery, Wright creek, one man has taken out \$1000 with a rocker. Three nuggets from the same claim were worth \$80. The largest fan \$29. Pine, Spruce, Birch, Wright, Dixie's, Bear, Muskat, and Ruby creeks comprise the principal mining country so far discovered. All of these creeks prospect well. Wherever a man has put in a sluice-box or rocker a claim has paid from \$10 to \$150 a day. We call it a poor man's country because it is easy of access, easy to work, and you do not have to pay royalties, or get permits. You can contract now for the delivery of freight from Skagway at six cents a pound. Already between 4000 and 5000 claims have been located. Those which have been worked have shown up well. Two men can go there with grub for the summer and their whipsaws and in a week can be taking money out of the ground. In five days two of my companions and myself made our sluice-boxes, carried them three quarters of a mile, and were sluicing. There will be a big rush in the spring. Operations for the winter have ceased. I presume that there will not be more than 150 men winter there. The man who goes in in the spring will simply have to take his chances with the crowd. The country is large and there is no telling what will be discovered. A friend of mine sent a prospector across country to the headwaters of the Hootalinqua river. He returned with the news that he discovered twelve creeks in the country traversed and that they prospected well. The country as a whole is rolling, gravelly, and spotted with groves. One can ride through it with a horse. There is plenty of grass, and if one takes the trouble to cut it he can keep a horse all winter without much extra expense. Indians say that it is a dry climate. I judge that they have about 3 ft. of snow in winter."

When You're Away From Home.

When you're feelin' blue or indigo—when you're a way from home, En faces ain't familiar on the new streets that you roam. You'll find them all a-leadin' on they'll disappear from view. When you run across a feller from the same ol' town ez you.

If you ain't been the best o' friends, it softens up your heart. You feel a warnin' to him that'll kinder give a start. To a long on lastin' friendship that you'll allus care for.

With a good word for the feller from the same ol' town ez you. You'll find his voice sou'n's sweeter, ez he mentions some o' Bism. Then it nater when you'd meet him s'rlly mornin' in the mornin'.

En, when you say good-bye, en part—ez some how folks must do. You hate to leave the feller from the same ol' town ez you.

Where Is He?

The following is an inquiry addressed to the N. W. M. P.: Miss Lillian Estelle Beckley, Flat H., 4247 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, Ill., requests news of her brother, to whom she thinks some accident has occurred. His description is as follows: Age 34, on September 17th; height 5-foot-10; long, oval face; fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, reddish-brown beard and moustache; quick and alert in movements, with military carriage. Name, Eldon L. Beckley.

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REEVES SENTENCED TO PRISON.

A Good Citizen Becomes the Victim of Hateful Circumstances.

Tried to Acquire Property After a Fashion Successfully Employed by Others But Comes to Grief.

M. M. Reeves was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$100, by his lordship, Judge Dugas, on Thursday morning, on a charge of having tried to bribe H. M. Martin, the inquiry clerk at the gold commissioner's office. The story, as brought out in the evidence was a very common one. The prisoner found he was making but poor progress in the matter of securing a piece of placer ground for himself and as the popular belief was that the best way to do it was to divide with the officials he approached the accusing witness, H. M. Martin, with an offer to deed him a fourth of whatever ground he secured through the information furnished by said accusing witness. That the prisoner consented and did actually put his offer into writing, but goes to show the innocent tenor of the man's mind. His counsel argued for him that this giving of interests for information was known by everyone present in the courtroom to be an actual, everyday occurrence. The prisoner had only done what every man knew to be the usual way in which claims have hitherto been secured.

His lordship took occasion to remark that if this was true, then indeed was it a great evil and the gold commissioner's office had been grossly mismanaged. However, the jury found the man guilty and his lordship imposed a fine of \$100, with one month's imprisonment, with the option of serving another ten days in place of the fine.

The foregoing case is undoubtedly one of great hardship upon a man whom we understand to be a very good citizen. He merely availed himself of what everyone on the Klondike believes to have been the custom of the country during the incumbency of the retired gold commissioner, and tried to purchase information which every man and woman here knows has constantly been on sale at that office.

While the Nugget never has and never will approve of officials selling the information at their disposal to friends or foes, we have nothing but sympathy for the man who, falling legitimately to secure what he came here to get, falls into the manner of the country, and a while in Rome does as Rome does. It seems to us monstrous that Reeves should go to jail while the men who have brought about this unwholesome condition of affairs and have reaped immense rewards, should have never once been disturbed in their evil doings. The fate of Reeves is but the result of failure, for he did not succeed either in getting any information or any land. It is crime enough of itself to fail and to be poor—the man with miles of illegitimate claims, secured by collusion with partners whose names do not appear upon the records, are destined to be left to enjoy their wealth in peace and honor, while poor Reeves, the unfortunate victim of circumstances, will leave Dawson branded as a jailbird.

Meeting of the Fire Department.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the fire department was held at the engine house on Wednesday night. Nine new members were elected and sundry bills debated and ordered paid.

The offer of \$50 by Messrs. Hope and Jourdan, as a complimentary token of their appreciation of the work of the department at the corner fire, was refused and a vote of thanks tendered the would-be donors.

The chief delivered a very complimentary message from the fire commissioners. Fireman Botts tendered his resignation, as he was going outside shortly. Accepted with regrets and by motion he was made an honorary member and allowed to retain his badge. Captain Jack Crawford was made an honorary member for his frequent services to the department and other generous services.

On motion a committee of three Irishmen was appointed by the chair to get up a ball on March 17th, "St. Patrick's day in the morning." The committee consists of Messrs. Duff, McCarthy and Moran.

On motion it was resolved that the department should enjoy itself in a social way on next Tuesday evening. Canvas is to be laid over the floor and refreshments and music provided for the dancers.

Fireman George brought up the matter of the failure of the water supply at the recent fire and insisted that the meeting had a right to get an explanation from the persons whom the public was claiming were to blame. A long explanation was at once forthcoming, the engineer claiming the fault lay in some mixed sacks of coal. Captain Dundan, of the chemical company, claimed to know of the mixing of the Wellington coal with sacks of blacksmith's coal and of coke. In picking out coal for the department it was impossible to guarantee what each sack contained. The chief told of the doings of the fire commissioners who had already investigated the matter, and while censuring the delinquent ones had ended by broadening his own powers, so that in future he would be the one responsible, if anyone was found wanting in the performance of his duties.

Odd Fellows Organize.

The Odd Fellows Mutual Aid Association was organized on Tuesday night, at a largely attended meeting in Holme & Co.'s store. The purpose of the association is to afford aid and

protection to the members. Officers were elected as follows: chairman, R. C. Shannon; vice chairman, J. A. Greene; secretary, H. Douglas; treasurer, L. Scholborn; trustees, W. A. Kolb, H. Douglas, G. H. McPherran. The next meeting will be held Tuesday at the former Oakley Sisters' hall; after that, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. All Odd Fellows are invited.

The Death Roll.

William Mitchem died on the 15th at St. Mary's hospital from the effects of consumption and general debility, and burial occurred Wednesday from the establishment of Jenkins & Barker. Mitchem was a colored man, aged 45 years, and came from Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fischer mourn the loss of their infant son, which occurred Monday. Burial took place Tuesday from the establishment of Jenkins & Barker.

Passing of the "Colonel."

S. A. Banks, a character well known about the Dominion saloon by the sobriquet of "the Colonel," died suddenly at 1 a. m., on the 16th, at the Seattle bunk house. He had complained during the day of feeling ill and went to the bunk house at 10 o'clock. At 1 o'clock he had a sinking spell, during which he passed away. Captain Harper, as coroner, was summoned, and as it developed that death had been due to heart trouble, he concluded that an inquest would be unnecessary.

The colonel had lost a sum of money at the faro table on the night preceding his death and the excitement it occasioned him is believed by some to have been the indirect cause of his demise. He came here from Australia, where he leaves a wife and family and was about 50 years of age. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the undertaking establishment of J. A. Greene.

Ready for the Fight.

The training of an athlete for public contests is ever a source of interest, as showing to what a high state of perfection the human organism can be trained. Sparring is probably the one athletic sport which, more than any other, calls into play every muscle of the body, and to an untrained man, three minutes of this violent sport is the limit of endurance. Sparring contests have often been drawn out into hundreds of rounds because of the imperfect training of life combatants which left them too weak to be effective after the first burst of strength. That this is not destined to be so in the coming contest between Frank Raphael and Dick Agnew is evidenced by the arduous work both are performing at their different training quarters, and also by the present physical perfection of both men. Neither one is leaving the success of the contest to chance, and that each considers his opponent worthy of his steel is evidenced by the careful preparation going on.

On Wednesday last a Nugget representative visited the training quarters of Frank Raphael, who, in his last contest won the championship of the Pacific coast. Agnew had been seen here in a number of contests and his meritorious work is well known. Frank Raphael was found at his upper ferry quarters and his afternoon's work had just begun. In the forenoon a three-mile trot and an extended six-mile "spin" had been his allotted share of exercise. When stripped and weighed he was found to be 130 pounds—a lower weight than that which he will try to enter the ring. For one hour of three-minute rounds he punched the bag as it is seldom seen punched, for his movements are quick as a cat and yet there is a terrific punch always at command from either arm. After some "shoving around" with his burley trainers, to put him in practice for keeping his feet in a mix-up, and after a short spell with chest weights he was rubbed down in the usual fashion and dressed. That he could go through all this violent exercise without losing his wind, shows the past month of training to have been put to the best of use.

Frank is a well-built young fellow, put up in bunches, with a massive pair of shoulders for so small a man. His arms are like a blacksmith's and would be considered respectable on a 100 pound man. It is evident that in talking on Frank Raphael, Dick Agnew is taking on a better man than he has yet faced in Dawson. The contest is attracting much attention and when it comes off at the Tivoli it will undoubtedly be to a packed house.

Mr. Joe Boyle, who is managing Raphael, is to be commended upon the conscientious manner in which he is preparing his man.

The Tivoli.

The Tivoli theatre is to be reopened on Monday night by Joe Cooper & Co. with a brand new bill in which we notice prominently the Dick Maurettus Spectacular Burlesque and the Oakley Sisters Big Specialty Company. That Joe Cooper has had the necessary experience in this business is evidenced by the fact that in '91, with the assistance of Billy Lloyd, he whipsawed the lumber and built the first saloon in the territory, which immediately became a most popular resort and never lost its hold upon the public.

The Investigation.

Wednesday, February 22d, has been fixed upon as the day for hearing the charges against officials, preferred by Dr. Percy McDougal and George J. Armstrong, president of the Miners' Association. Among the charges are some pretty "warm numbers"—to use the vernacular. Naturally, the court house is going to be inadequate to contain the crowds who will wish to be present during the investigation. There are a large number of witnesses being subpoenaed to give evidence and hugely interesting developments are expected.

On Friday, the 24th, the Nugget's oft repeated charges against Mr. Fawcett are to be heard.

Witnesses have been summoned from the various creeks and an interesting session is expected. The outside Canadian press is protesting against the appointment of Governor Ogilvie as investigation commissioner upon the grounds that to investigate Sifton's methods and men there should be at least a commission of three who should be entirely independent of Mr. Sifton for their appointment or removal. Be this as it may, the fact remains that Mr. Ogilvie has opened wide the door of investigation and as far as is known, has done everything a fair and uninfluenced man could do further an impartial investigation. The Nugget is always as ready to commend as to censure when commendation is due.

Witnesses who are finding themselves served with summons to appear need not be alarmed as many of them seem to be. The truth has got to come out, and frankness and not secrecy is now becoming a saving virtue. The time has arrived when there is personal danger in equivocation and concealment, and safety only in outspokenness.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Jeffrey Gordon became non exuberant under the influence of an over load of obnoxious while at the forks, and was given his choice of a fine of \$25 or 30 days in jail.

J. L. Bates was up to answer to a charge of receiving stolen property, as a sequel of the sensational arrest of pugilist Moss on a charge of theft, but the action was dismissed for want of evidence. The other charge against him, that of the fine for trial at the territorial court.

G. M. Dyer was caused to appear before his worship on complaint of H. McPherran, who charged him with obtaining goods by false pretenses. The gentleman was unable to show an alibi and will be given an opportunity to have one prepared by the time he is arraigned in the territorial court for trial.

Lee Martin was a trusted employe of proprietor Armstrong, of the Pullman cafe, in its palmy days, but an estrangement came up for some cause or other and Armstrong visited his wrath upon the other by having him arrested on a criminal charge, specifying that Martin had collected two bills due to Armstrong and neglected to discharge. The court failed to see anything criminal in the case, and Martin was released.

Mike Nider is a sensitive man and took umbrage at Barney Simon for having struck him slightly on the features with his (Barney's) "bunch of five." Actuated by a sense of wrong he caused a warrant for the arrest of his insulter to be issued, but upon the case being called for trial on Thursday he failed to put his abused features in evidence at court and Mr. Simon was triumphantly discharged.

G. F. Deitsch is a gentleman of long-headed, cautious ways. He was a cabin partner of Eugene and Duffell, the two men who did the wholesale staking of kentucky creek, but he was proof against the golden-bued inducements which misled his two companions and declined to become a member of the conspiracy. This proved his salvation, for, like happened to poor dog Tray, he was arrested on the same charge and committed Dagne and Duffell for trial because of the company he was in; but the charge against him was dismissed upon the facts becoming known to the court.

Mr. J. R. Armstrong, of the Pullman cafe, was defendant in a suit brought by D. K. Howard to recover wages to the amount of \$300 and was allowed ten days by the court in which to "dig up." This action was under the operation of a law which, practically, allows a man to be imprisoned for debt, and cannot fail to be of interest to our American citizens, who do not enjoy the privilege of living under the protection of such benign measures. Fred N. Tracy, late manager of the Tivoli, was also made to feel the weight of the same law this week. Emma Zorrest, an actress, W. W. Draper, a musician, and Jake Backes, a carpenter, bringing actions for the recovery of wages against him. Judgment was awarded in full to each and Mr. Tracy was allowed 15 days in which to liquidate.

Thomas Greaves is an accomplished gentleman in many ways, but his education in the many art of wood sawing was woefully neglected. As a consequence, he was impelled one night to the saw to help himself to a sackful of nice dry spruce from an inviting looking pile at St. Mary's hospital and complaint of his conduct having been lodged with Captain Harper, he was adjudged guilty of having committed a theft. The court thereupon ordered that the prisoner should become a guest of the police and that he should forthwith be of the neglected art at the government's expense with daily lessons for a period of two months. Thomas A. Ross, who lived with Greaves, was arrested on a similar charge, but was discharged for lack of sufficient evidence to convict.

A bluish-gray, bob-tailed malamute pup was a lone contention in police court this week. Said canine is the property of Miss Florence Hamburg and some weeks ago he was missing. A search located the animal in the possession of one J. J. Vavara, a miner on Dominion, and he (the biped) was arrested. Vavara set up as his defense that the said malamute pup came to him on the trail with the bloody stump of an evidently causing distress of both body and mind; that, actuated by a deep sense of compassion, he bound up and ministered to the bleeding member, as a consequence of which the pup immediately acquired a passionate affection for his benefactor and insisted on following him to Dominion, subsequently refusing to leave his side. Although the pretty tale was eloquently told, the witness was unable to impress its poetic influence upon the court, and the latter after designating the incident as purely a case of dog stealing, he gave the prisoner the option of paying a fine of \$10 or going to jail for 14 days, while the bluish-gray, bob-tailed malamute pup was ordered returned to its fair and victorious owner.

There will be a grand "Sheet and Pillow-Slip" masquerade ball, given by the American Boys, at Pioneer hall, Washington's Birthday, Wednesday night, February 22d. Everybody come! Tickets, \$5.00.

Templing and Toothsome for Tomorrow

- CAFÉ ROYAL, Second Avenue. 2.00
Regular Sunday Dinner 2.00
S.O.P.—Consomme a la Royal.
FISH—Large White Fish, Anchovy Butter.
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DESSERT—English Plum Pudding, Hard and Brandy Sauce.
Assorted Pies Cream Cheese Coffee

Prof. Parkes will present an entirely new set of moving pictures, Sunday night at the Monte Carlo theatre.

Monte Carlo.

The Monte Carlo is playing to immense houses of late, and are evidently sparring nothing to retain the popular approval they have

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Mandamus On the Gold Commissioner.

As forecasted in the Nugget a few days ago, an action has been brought in the courts for the purpose of compelling Gold Commissioner Senkler to accept applications for filings on Dominion creek, which was closed by his predecessor. The plaintiff in the action is Miss Lita Corbett Houston, who staked 24 below lower on February 8 and had her application for recording refused by Recorder Bolton the following day. Acting in her behalf, Atty. De Journal appeared before Judge Dugas Friday and asked for a writ of mandamus compelling the said officials to show cause why the application should not be received and the claim recorded. The mandamus will be served today, Saturday.

The Dining Room service of the Regina Club Hotel is such as to invite you back again.

New Mining Exchange.

The public will be glad to learn that Messrs. Vernon & Storry, the well-known enterprising firm of auctioneers, have extended their business to embrace the mining industry in all its branches, and have been fortunate in securing that spacious building adjoining the Dominion saloon for that purpose. The miners and capitalists are to be congratulated on the decision of this well-known firm in this matter, as we are assured from personal experience that they may depend upon the strictest integrity being given to their interests. We would commend Mr. Vernon has recently made an excellent tour of the creeks, thereby making himself personally acquainted with the various streams and their respective merits. We wish them every success.

Large contracts for freighting and wood specialty—Albert W. Williams, 17 above Bonanza, or the White House.

Husbands Wanted

To bring their wives, and see the grand family entertainment at the Monte Carlo theatre, Sunday night.

Commencing February 13th, Bartlett Bros. four-horse, covered stages will run on the following schedule: Stage No. 1 will leave Grand Forks at 9 a. m. Returning, leave Dawson at 9 a. m. Stage No. 2 will leave Dawson at 9 a. m. Returning, leave Grand Forks at 4 p. m. Making the trip each way in 1 hour and 30 minutes—giving round-trip passengers 5 hours for the transaction of business at each end of the line. Sixteen horses used in this service.

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The suit of Isaac... against John R. Ho... turning out to be qu... actor. Howard and... of the Klondyke riv... the victims of the... of the anchor rods... frosty morning, pr... other people onto... were accompanying... and were bound for... The first witness... vate secretary of C... testified that the c... contained no record... construct a bridge... Roberts, so far as t... a diligent search... for him, introduced... the doctor's possess... ownership of the br... The testimony of... listened to with bre... with many objections... the defendants. B... ing no had hired qu... way their outfits to... suddenly collapsed... senses one arm was... and he had to be as... how when the atom... turned involuntarily... so that he fell; Ho... Howard's store and... Burke was called in... Howard agreed to p... heard a man name... him; how nurse Mc... him, saying to him... the cabin, "If you... your g-d-d ch... treatment and his m... of this nurse that t... testified to being dr... McNeal, suffering o... time; to his doubly... from knitting by h... low box for an inva... knocked on the jar... sion by this big nar... on the floor with... and then I'll beat t... The witness furthe... dragged each day t... to the nurse first w... of water each morn... then making the... water; to his refusa... mit to such treatme... on to tell that... approached him and... and give him \$300... He said he was told... on this basis he wou... punishment." He d... to the hospital towa... Howard told the ho... stand good for two... He did not get any... December 12th, wh... extension, and affor... found himself gettin... While at the cabi... had insisted upon a... than Dr. Burke, and... three hours he lesse... per cent." Witness... was discharged by... the mercy of Dr. Bu... leg up and down th... side (with once in... what the witness co... McKay main... themselves would p... on the whole the co... story as he knew it... water in the hospita