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## 3,000 AMERICANS

### Have Gone to Help Oom Paul.

## BRITISH EMBASSY ASKS FOR ACTION

### To Prevent Departure of American Filibusters.

### Lord Roberts Would Not Go to Assume Command in Africa Until He Had Been Granted Supreme Command

New York, Jan. 1.—The Journal and Advertiser's Washington dispatch says the British embassy, it is understood, has called the attention of the state department to the pro Boer feeling in the United States with the suggestion that this government exercise the utmost caution in preventing the sailing of filibustering expeditions to South Africa.

The state department replied that it would do its best to preserve the law of neutrality.

The correspondent adds the administration is much concerned at the daily increase in sympathy for the Dutch Republics in South Africa. It is assumed by government officials that about 3000 Americans have gone to South Africa to assist the Boers. Those expeditions have been arranged so cleverly that there was no legal grounds on which to hold them.

### ROBERTS DETERMINED.

New York, Jan. 1.—Lord Roberts, according to the Herald's London correspondent, absolutely refused to take command in South Africa until this ultimatum was acceded to.

"The only conditions under which I will go out are that I shall have absolutely supreme command and receive no instructions from home."

This was said at a meeting at the war office at which were present Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, and Lord Wolseley, the commander in chief. It lasted for hours, during which it demonstrated by the arguments that the opinions of those present were far from being unanimous. When the point he insisted on had been yielded, Lord Roberts then demanded that Lord Kitchener be given him, and this was agreed to.

It is agreed now that Roberts and Kitchener will so completely reorganize the methods of the campaign that it will be March before the decision is made to end the war.

### DISAFFECTION AMONG BURGHERS

Modder River, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—The British naval guns command the whole Boer position and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of groups of Boers.

Recent arrival from Jacobsdal report that notwithstanding the Boers' success the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They complain of the over-

bearing conduct of Gen. Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions.

The Transvaalers do not conceal their suspicions of the possible disaffection of the Free Staters, and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering.

The Free States are declared to regard subjection to the Transvaal as more to be feared than subjection to Great Britain.

### SUPPLIES FROM NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 27.—The British consul here is authority for the statement that New Orleans is one of the chief ports used by Boer agents for securing supplies for use in the Transvaal, and that British ships were used to carry the supplies as far as Rotterdam. Over 3,000,000 bushels of corn were exported from New Orleans to Rotterdam this season, while the legitimate trade never before reached more than 400,000 bushels.

### WESTERN BORDER.

London, Jan. 1.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Capetown, dated December 25:

"There is no change in the situation at Modder river. Gen. Methuen is well entrenched and the Boers have not disturbed him."

"Gen Gatacre reports that a force of 150 police have occupied Dordrecht, the Boers retreating with no loss."

### PARLIAMENT WILL OPEN.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—Official announcement is made that Parliament will convene on February 1st.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Messrs. Campbell and Veder, who are working the fraction at the mouth of French gulch, have just completed the erection of a fine plant of machinery.

As mercury was not more than 25 below zero on Sunday, every young man in town who could scare up a dog team and a "best girl" was out on the streets. This item for publication in Dawson, not in Boston.

On Saturday night, eight sacks of mail arrived from the outside. On Sunday four more sacks were brought to the local office. These comprise the regular consignment, which became separated at Ogilvie.

Six men, who have been doing representation work for the A. E. Co. in the Fortymile district, returned to Dawson on Sunday. They report that the lower country is being depopulated on account of the rush to Nome.

Major Perry's court opened promptly at 10 o'clock this morning and at one minute after 10 it closed as promptly, as it had opened there being no cases up for hearing or other business. Several cases are set for hearing tomorrow morning.

A report was current on Saturday night to the effect that a man had arrived via the river route from Cape Nome, but upon investigation the facts proved to be that the person had left the Alaska camp last fall, and had recently come to Dawson by the Skagway route.

Another athletic entertainment and exhibition will take place at Ford's gymnasium Thursday night of this week when there will be boxing, wrestling and other contests. Next week a hand ball game will be played to which outsiders will be admitted.

The dancing school being conducted in McDonald hall by Prof. Duffy is being well patronized by many of the young people of the city, while the Saturday evening social dances given by the professor and his pupils to their friends are becoming important factors in Dawson's social circles.

McDonald's hall was crowded to its utmost capacity last night, the occasion being the regular weekly meeting of the Eagle's Social Club. Refreshments were served, and with story, song and instrumental selections the time was pleasantly passed until the midnight hour.

Joseph Putfow wishes to have it understood that he does not claim for No. 16 Eldorado the largest dumps in the territory. He asserts that he has more dirt out than any claim on El-

dorado, but having no definite knowledge of the rest of the creeks, he is unwilling to speak concerning them.

On Friday evening a dance was held at the L. B. roadhouse, situated at No. 30 below, on Bonanza. The affair was given by Mrs. Robert Birch to commemorate the birthday anniversary of Miss Katie McMullen and Mr. Thomas Coupe. A tent, 30x20 feet in size, was erected to accommodate the numerous guests and a most enjoyable time was had.

A woman by the name of Mansel who has been knocking around from one roadhouse to another out on the creeks and whose ardent love for the compound fluid extract of eye is her chief characteristic, was brought down from Gold Bottom Saturday by the police and taken to the barracks on the charge of vagrancy. Her case has not yet come up for hearing.

Uncle Hoffman, the well known Irish exile, was attacked with a fainting spell one day last week and some 2 odd minutes was unconscious. It seems a friend of Uncle Hoffman's had been in Tom Chisholm's selling \$20 bills for \$19, but had just sold out, which was too much for Uncle. Restoratives were quickly applied but to no avail, and medical aid was about to be summoned when Tom Chisholm, noticing one of the number who had gathered make a suspicious move, said in a stern voice, "Don't touch those diamonds," and Uncle Hoffman sprang to life again.

This was chambers day in Judge Dugas' court. That "one woe upon another's heels doth tread" is being exemplified in the history of the Klondike Steam Laundry, an institution of which everybody denies ownership. Last week Major Perry gave an order against that abode of steaming suds and shining starch for \$130.60 in favor of one Miller for labor, and this morning another man bobbed up with an account against the same institution for labor. Papers were drawn up and the orphaned institution which attempts to lay its parentage to Messrs. Boyle and Vogel, will again figure in the police court.

### Hospital Patients.

During the past week, the books at St. Mary's hospital show that there were eight patients received and six discharged. Twenty six persons are confined at present in the Catholic hospital.

At the Good Samaritan there are 2 patients. The hospital has received nine sick people, this week, and four persons have been discharged.

Dr. Bourke's private hospital has received eight patients and discharged four. At this hospital an interesting surgical operation was successfully performed. Mr. David Peters suffered with an abscess in his lung. The operation consisted of sticking needles into the affected organ. Mr. Peters is now convalescent; and will soon be completely recovered.

### A False Report.

A report which has been current in the city the past day or two to the effect that the Dominion telegraph line man on the Bennett-Tagish division on which division there has existed an un-repaired break since last Wednesday night, is a one legged man is evidently false, for even a one legged lineman could have found and repaired the break long ere this.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

## DENNAM'S CLOSE CALL

### Took an Overdose of Laudanum Sunday Night.

### SAID TO BE AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

### The Man Was Employed By Major Perry.

### Dennam Is Now a Patient in the Barracks Hospital—His Normal Health Will Be Recovered Within a Few Days.

Rumors were rife at an early hour this morning that G. Dennam, an household servant in the service of Major Perry, had attempted to commit suicide. Tired of life and devoid of friends, it was said that the young man made an effort to journey to the undiscovered country via the laudanum route. His uncommon desire was frustrated by the interference of a physician, who succeeded in relieving the unfortunate fellow of the poison. Dennam is now a patient in the Barracks hospital, slowly recovering from the effects of his rash act.

The young man is a native of Canada he has been in the territory for a considerable time, and, though not a soldier nor policeman, he is a member of the Yukon Field Force band. Major Perry has employed him as a servant.

For the past few months, Dennam has been complaining of his ill health, and at various times he has doctored himself with medicines taken from his private chest. At 9:30 last night, he took an overdose of laudanum, whether with suicidal intent or accidentally, yet remains to be determined. At present the physical condition of the young man precludes him from giving any information. As soon as it became known that Dennam had taken the drug, a physician was hastily summoned, and immediate danger of death was avoided by the prompt administration of antidotes.

Major Perry, when questioned respecting the matter, said:

"Mr. Dennam is not a soldier nor policeman. For some time past I have employed him in the capacity of a servant. He has been in the habit of doctoring himself, and last night he was unfortunate enough to take an overdose of laudanum. He is in no danger of death, and will recover his normal health in a short while. My opinion is that he made a mistake in the quantity of the drug. I have not spoken to him since the accident, but I am willing to venture the opinion that he did not contemplate the commission of suicide."

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## U. S. PROSPERITY.

All reports from the outside indicate a universal prosperity in all sections of Uncle Sam's domain. Every wheel is turning in the entire country and the hum of industry is heard throughout the land. There are several reasons which may be assigned for this prosperous condition of affairs. The war with Spain created an unwonted demand for all classes of commodities, and that demand has been continued and increased, if anything, by the unexpected extension of military operations in the Philippines.

On the Pacific coast, the Klondike and Alaskan trade has probably contributed more than any other influence toward effecting the unusual degree of prosperity.

The northern trade is now as clearly established as the commerce between San Francisco and Honolulu. Coast merchants hereafter will figure each year upon their business with the mining camps along the Yukon river with just as much surety as they have been accustomed to figure upon local business.

The war in progress in South Africa has also proven a factor in helping along the general condition of business in the states. Britain has need of great quantities of supplies which the United States is prepared most advantageously to furnish. Whole fleets of ships are now engaged in transporting supplies of American production and manufacture to the seat of war.

Naturally, along with all this prosperity, there is a widespread and general feeling of confidence in the administration of the government. During a period of general decline and stagnation of business people are prone to place all the blame on the government and conversely they will credit the same source with being the author of prosperity when prosperity returns.

The McKinley administration will be in a position to take the utmost advantage of the situation and the return of the president to another four years' term in the White House is an almost foregone result of the election which will take place next November.

The 100,000 men who have promised themselves that they will go to Nome in the spring will probably dwindle to 25,000 when the season opens, and it becomes a question of buying a ticket or remaining at home. Even, however, if 25,000 people are dumped upon the shores where the elusive gold dust is said to be so freely mingled with the ruby sand, there will be exciting times on the beach. Whatever these men may be able to accomplish during the summer, it is a foregone conclusion that Nome will be practically deserted in winter. In the natural course of events

a considerable number will turn their faces toward Dawson when the chilling September blasts begin to make it impossible to work the rocks successfully on the beaches. Many will come to Dawson to spend the winter both by reason of the prospects open here, for lucrative employment on the creeks and for the sake of being able to reach Nome early in the following season.

The year 1900 will prove a bad one for the expectation of the maiden of uncertain years who has been basing her matrimonial hopes upon the impression that the last year in the century is leap year. In order to make ends meet and keep the ledger account with Father Time properly balanced, the last year in the century, although divisible by four and filling all other requirements is not a leap year. February has but 28 days, and the above mentioned maiden is not entitled to "pop the question." Dawson will not be very strongly affected, however, as the visible supply of ladies, not married but willing to be, is rather small in the Klondike metropolis.

The theory that a wrong doer who happens to have worn an official uniform or carried an official title during the commission of his misdemeanor or crimes, must be shielded and his acts kept from the knowledge of the public is altogether wrong. More wrong doing has been masked under the "honor of the service," excuse than is good for that very same honor. There would be less occasion for resort to this extremity if some officials who turn up short in accounts or are found otherwise delinquent in conduct should occasionally have the batteries of public attention directed toward them.

The statement which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Daily Nugget regarding the departure of a large number of Americans to assist Kruger in the war against England opens up a possibility of serious complications. The state department at Washington will take care, however, that no violation of treaty obligations take place. This assurance has already been given to England.

One pleasant feature about this much abused northern climate is the fact that when the days begin to lengthen they go about it as though they mean business. A few more weeks and we will have sufficient daylight to do business from 8 o'clock in the morning until 6 at night, without the aid of artificial light.

The Dominion parliament is called to meet on February 1. There is quite a possibility of just as exciting times occurring during the coming session as happened last year, owing to the fact that the time for a general election is not far distant.

## Plenty of Time for Nome.

M. A. Mahoney has probably had as much or more experience in traveling over ice as any man in the Yukon district. He made three trips between Dawson and Skagway last winter, bringing in on one of the trips 2200 pounds of mail for Richardson. He has also made half a dozen or more journeys over the ice between Dawson and Circle, and during the present winter he has made several voyages to and from Jack Wade creek.

Mr. Mahoney is going to Nome, but he says people are foolish to start before from the middle until the close of the next month. He says a person can

travel by easy stages and yet cover the route in from 35 to 40 days, and even if they should not reach Nome until after the middle of April the ice will still be safe and travelers will be in the country in ample time to be in the advance guard when the mining season opens.

## THE STAGE DRIVER.

Here's a lyric for the man who's "driv" the stage:  
For the hero of the webbin's and the whip,  
Who has faced the wind and weather, fingers  
calloused by the leather,  
And in twenty years has never lost a trip...

Here's a tribute to the sway back, spotted boss,  
Who has struggled up the stony gullied hills;  
And his dorsal corrugations show the nature  
of his rations—  
When he stops he has to lean against the  
thills.

Here's obituary notice of the stage,  
Chief of hopeless and dilapidated wrecks;  
With the cracked enamel awning and its  
cushion ripped and yawning,  
And the body bumping down upon the "ex"

Here's alas and oh, the ancient "buffer robe,"  
With the baldness of a golden-wedding  
groom;  
When the rain and snow descended, then the  
fearful smells were blended,  
Till the stage was scented very like a tomb.

Here's a word for all the weary miles he  
plowed  
When the drifts had piled the stage road  
mountains high,  
When the night shut down around him and  
the north wind sought and found him,  
And the tempest chilled his blood and  
blurred his eye.

There were only country letters in the bag,  
And the bags were lank, and yet his word  
was "Must."  
And he felt as if the nation knew his fierce de-  
termination  
That he'd have the mail sacks through on  
time or bust.

Here's rebuke to those contractors who have  
skinned  
The stipends of our Uncle Sam's star routes,  
Till the men who drive the stages hardy get  
enough in wages  
To keep their little shavers' feet in boots.

Here's a lyric, then, for him who drives the  
stage:  
When you ride behind his ragged back, don't  
frown,  
But endure the bang and slamming, for the  
man who's earned the damning  
Is the contract sharp who bid the wages  
down.  
—Holman F. Day, in Lewiston Journal.

## The Golovin Bay Country.

E. A. Jackson, who recently returned from the outside, talks interestingly of the Golovin bay country. Mr. Jackson left here on the 17th of last June and arrived at St. Michaels before the beach diggings were struck at Nome. Instead of going to the camp which has since become famous he directed his efforts to placer mining in the Golovin bay district. He remained there for two months and then departed for Seattle.

In speaking of this section of the Alaskan territory, Mr. Jackson said:

"The mining district in the vicinity of Golovin bay has been known to a greater or less extent, for a number of years. The country offers no inducements to poor people, for money-plenty of it—is required to develop claims in that locality. The creeks are all large, and to work them successfully immense dams have to be constructed in order to carry the surplus water around the creek beds. It rains almost constantly, and unless these dams are well built the frequent floods will carry them away. Water is the great trouble against which the miners have to contend.

"The gold is not found in well defined quantities, but seems to be scattered. Ophir creek is the most promising creek in the district. The country affords opportunities for men who have capital, but it will be a disappointment to poor people."

Mr. Jackson left Seattle on Dec. 16th. He reports that times are good in the States, but dull at Skagway. The business men in the latter town, were expecting, at the time he left, that after the holidays a crowd would arrive from the coast on its way to Nome, but Jackson is of the opinion that most everyone who will go to the beach diggings will take direct passage on an ocean steamship.

The trail between here and Bennett City is said to be fairly good.

## Death of John T. Wilson.

John T. Wilson, one of the best known citizens of Dawson, died at 1 o'clock this morning at St. Mary's hospital to which place he was taken on the 8th of the present month, at which time and for a week previous he was suffering greatly from disease of the liver, which disease claimed him as its victim this morning. Deceased came to this place in the fall of '97 from Juneau,

where he had resided for several years, having come there from his birthplace and boyhood home, Middleham, Yorkshire, England. On reaching Dawson he began acquiring property, one of his holdings being an interest in the late Opera house, and land on which it stood. As Wilson was taken to the hospital two days before the destruction of his property by fire, he never knew of his late loss. He left a duly attested will. He was 40 years old unmarried and had, so far as known, no relatives in this country. His partner, Mr. Gus Bakke, has taken charge of the body of his late friend and business partner associate. The funeral will take place from the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to which all friends are respectfully asked to be present. Interment will be in the Dawson cemetery.

## Another Missing Man.

George Steelsmith who left here some time the latter part of December for the outside has not been heard from since he started on his trip. The Semi-Weekly Nugget of December 30th contained a lengthy article regarding Steelsmith's object in going to Alaska, he being a Jack Wade creek miner on whom an injunction forcing him to quit work had been served, and it was in his own and behalf of others similarly situated that he undertook the trip, his destination being the United States district judge's office in Sitka, where he had hoped to have the injunction dissolved. As Steelsmith was to have kept friends here advised by wire of his progress on the trip, and as nothing has yet been received from him, considerable anxiety is felt for his safety, but 'tis hoped he reached his destination in safety.

## Weather Report.

On Sunday the minimum temperature was 30.5 degrees below zero. At 9 o'clock this morning the instrument registered 23 degrees below, and at noon the needle rose five degrees.

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## AFTER NOME 'TIS SIBERIA.

### Russia May Open Her Great Plateaus to Yankees.

#### Gold Known to Exist in That Yet Unexplored Country—It Can Be Easily Reached From Nome.

A stampede to Siberia is not one of the improbabilities of the near future, if there is a semblance of truth in the recent dispatches stating that Russia was about to throw open for mining purposes a part of the Siberian coast where auriferous deposits are known to exist.

Russia has always shown a good-will to the great American republic, and at this time, when the statesmen of Europe are playing hide and seek in diplomatic circles, and as much as she was reported to be unfriendly to the United States during the recent war, this may be construed as further evidence of her striving to square herself and of her present friendly feeling for the United States.

So it may come to pass that Cape Nome, now considered the "jumping off" place, may be passed, and the "far east" invaded by the irrepressible prospector, who certainly may have envious sighs at the rich undiscovered, but known to exist, hills behind the hitherto impassable frontiers of cold, bleak Siberia. The mineral wealth of Siberia is considerable. Gold is found in almost all the regions fringing the great plateaus, where, clay slates, talc slates and dioritic slates, intersected by quartz veins, make up the bulk of the mountains. The chief gold mining regions in these tracts are the Altai, the upper and lower Tairgas and in the Olekma regions. Gold in quantities is found on the high plateau in the basin of the upper Vitim, on the lower plateaus in the Nerchinsk district and on the upper tributaries of the Amur and the maritime provinces. Mining has only been carried on to any considerable extent of late years, a right formerly reserved for the imperial government, and now work is only by old methods. Miners who have ventured into the interior have always reported that Siberia's riches would yet startle the world. This seems to be verified by the report of the director of the United States mints, which places Russia fourth on the list of gold producing countries, with an output of \$23,275,700, which with the exception of a very small amount comes from Siberia, principally the Amur.

But gold mines, unlike other resources, do not lie undeveloped awaiting the slow advance of transportation facilities before becoming valuable, and no sooner does the hesitating whisper of a new strike fall upon the ear of the prospector than he becomes a victim to that most contagious of all epidemics, the gold craze.

In Dawson today are men who are making preparations for an invasion of that part of Siberia opposite Cape Prince of Wales—men who have built up theories that the beach gold found at Nome is but the upper level of part of Siberia's submerged auriferous plateaus. From Cape Prince of Wales to Siberia's shore is but 28 miles. Three islands named the Diomedes rise at intervals between shores and the water is shallow, hence there is plausible foundation for this theory.

#### Skagway a Wholesale Point.

A letter just received at the Nugget office from a prominent merchant in Skagway reports the local business of that city as being remarkably dull. Many people are preparing to leave there in the spring for Nome, but the element that will leave is what is termed the floating population. All the old established business firms will stay with Skagway. The letter states that extensive preparations for wholesaling

to the interior during the coming season are being made. Large stocks of goods have been ordered from below and will be received and on sale by the time navigation opens, at which time it will be possible for the Dawson trade to order a stock by telegraph and receive it within six days. Many outfits for this country were purchased at Skagway last season at a great saving of both time and money as compared with Seattle and other lower points.

As a wholesale town Skagway will be of great profit to Dawson and to the entire interior country.

#### From Wade Creek.

W. G. Brien, formerly a well known turf celebrity on the outside, but now a "sou' dough," has just returned from a three months' siege on Jack Wade creek.

Mr. Brien reports that now famous creek as being spotted, but rich. He says that a great deal of work was being done on the creek until about three months ago, when the pay streak was finally struck by the lawyers with their injunctions. Since that time little work has been done as the creek is so much in litigation that no one cares to do any work, especially those interested near lower discovery. Mr. Brien has several good interests there.

#### Ferocious Klondike Wolves.

C. D. Shafer, who runs a roadhouse on Dominion, near Gold Bottom, came to Dawson with the rush in the fall of '97 and has since, with varied success, been a resident of the country. During the first fall and early winter of his arrival here Mr. Shafer devoted considerable time to hunting wild game in the country adjacent to the headwaters of the Klondike, considerably over 100 miles back from Dawson. Besides being profitable, from a financial point, the occupation afforded good opportunity for acquiring information relative to the wild animals which frequent that section of the then practically unexplored country.

In the course of a recent conversation with a representative of the Daily Nugget, and in detailing some of his experiences as a nimrod, Mr. Shafer said:

"I was away up the Klondike early in the winter of '97, and was looking for moose. Now in moose hunting it is foolish to attempt to track a moose and expect to get close enough to shoot him, for it is almost impossible. Moose are about as smart animals as exist in any country and about the only way to kill them is for the hunter to appear suddenly before he is either seen, heard or scented and fire away. If his aim is steady, well and good, he probably downed a moose, but if he missed, there is no use to follow the fleeing game, for moose are too smart to be slipped up on twice in close succession.

"One morning, long before daylight I left my camp and struck out across a ridge for another valley, where I hoped to find some game. Considerable snow had fallen the day before, but had ceased about 9 o'clock the previous night. After walking perhaps a mile I came upon the footprints of a moose, and judging from the size of the tracks, it had been a very large one. As the wind was favorable to my coming up with the animal, I followed the tracks, but had gone but a short distance until I found that several wolf tracks were leading in the same pathway through the snow. When I first noticed the latter tracks there were but two, but they were as soon joined by others which struck the trail from all directions and by the time I had traveled three miles the path looked as though a flock of sheep had passed that way. Every here and there I could see where the moose had stopped and turned about and around several times, and at these places the wolves had always scattered out some distance on both sides. On following the trail from the ridge down into a little gulley I came to the silent sequel of the last journey of that moose; for there on the ground in the center of a large area in which the snow was trampled down as flat and

hard as a traveled street, lay all that was left of what had been a very noble animal, and all that was left was the contents of the intestine—a mere handful of brush, buds and twigs—and the horns still attached to that thick skull or crown of the head from which they grow, and which is as hard as steel. Every hair and bone of that moose, aside from the remnants mentioned, had been eaten by that ferocious pack of wolves, and so ravenous had they been that they had eaten the snow upon which the noble bull's life blood had flowed.

"So far as I am informed," said Mr. Shafer in conclusion, "these wolves have never been known to attack a man. They are very cowardly in daylight, but I would not care to take chances with them at night, especially when the snow is deep and the weather severely cold."

#### A Good Entertainment.

The musical entertainment given at the Palace Grand theater on Sunday night, was exceedingly good. There were six orchestral selections, taken from the classical authors. The execution by the musicians evidenced patient and frequent practice in rehearsals, and merited the applause of their appreciative audience.

Two vocal numbers were well rendered by Mr. Ed Shank, who has a base voice of richness and good range.

Miss Cecil Marion, prettily gowned, essayed two operatic selections.

The affair was given under the auspices of the Dawson Philharmonic orchestra, Mr. Carl Leuders, director, and under the management of Mr. C. N. Pring. No liquors were sold, nor smoking tolerated, and the entertainment was patronized by the better class of the city.

#### Labor and Demand.

Now that the mining season is fully opened and as many men are employed on the creeks as are needed or as will be employed at any time between now and time of cleanup, a glance around in the resorts of the city is only necessary to conclusively show that there are a few hundred too many men here to occupy the positions that exist. It is true, however, that a very large percentage of the men who are really anxious to work are now employed. There are exceptions, however, where men have striven most assiduously to find employment and have signally failed in every attempt. To the certain knowledge of the writer one of these particularly unfortunate men left today for Dominion creek for the purpose of hauling wood from a ridge down to a claim, his recompense to be his board and a place to sleep, he to furnish his own blankets. And yet, like hundreds of his fellows, that man probably came to this country expecting to return to his home a rich man. So far as labor is concerned in this country the supply is greatly in excess of the demand, and under existing mining laws the increase in the supply is apt to be greater in proportion than the increase in demand.

#### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct and operate a line of railway from a point at or near Pyramid Harbour, on the Chilkat inlet near the head of Lynn Canal, or from the International Boundary line at or near the village of Kluckwan, northerly to Dalton's Post on the Dalton trail, and following the Dalton trail to Fort Selkirk, thence continuing by the most feasible route to Dawson City, with powers to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines; to mine and deal in mines; to crush, smelt and work ores and minerals of all descriptions; erect smelters and other works and carry on a general mining business; to construct roads, tramways, wharves, mills and all necessary works; to own and operate steam and other vessels on the Yukon and all its tributaries and upon all inland waters in the Yukon district; to erect and operate all electrical works for the use and transmission of electrical power and to acquire and use water power for that purpose. Also to erect and maintain trading posts and carry on a general trading business in all merchandise in the Territory, and to acquire all other necessary rights and privileges, and to do all necessary things in connection with the business of the company.

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## HERE ARE SOME QUEER GEMS

Extracted From Our Contemporary's Market Report.

Eggs Sell at \$100 Per Case Wholesale and Retail at \$2.50 Per Dozen—Turkeys, \$1.50 Each.

It is not often that the reading people of Dawson have so much information fired at them in one discharge as was contained in a recent article in our evening contemporary. The article in question appeared last Friday, occupied the leading position on the first page of the paper and was headed "Dawson Meat Market." Some portions of the dissertation would strike terror to the heart and purse of a hungry man, while other portions of it would be like a summer shower to the parching desert to the same heart and purse.

The "grub" editor of the News, after disposing of the beef, mutton, pork and butter situation, tackles eggs and perhaps, knowing them to be nearly all frozen, handles them quite roughly. Here is what he says:

"Eggs are practically cornered by a few and \$100 a case is eagerly paid wherever offered. These are now retailing at from \$3 to \$2.50 a dozen."

Unless egg cases have been through a course of green persimmon treatment, a mathematical problem is suggested in the above. A case of eggs, by all the laws, customs and rules of all countries, contains 30 dozen, for which, according to the News' "grub" editor, "\$100 a case is eagerly paid." The following sentence reads, "These are now retailing at from \$3 to \$2.50 a dozen." The mathematical problem suggested by the above is: If a merchant pays \$100 per case for eggs and retails them at from \$90 to \$75, how many cases will he be compelled to handle before he is justified in presenting Rachel "mit a dimunt."

Not satisfied with his brilliant disposal of the egg proposition, the "grub" editor must needs attack the ancestry—the parent stem, so to speak—of succulent hen fruit, which he does by quoting the following prices which his paper asserts are now current in Dawson:

"Chicken, \$1.50 each; turkey, \$1.50 each; goose, \$1.50 each; mallard duck, \$5 each.

Now this is the portion of our contemporary's market report that would cause the little birds to warble "lays" in the hearts of hungry people. Think of it, chicken, turkey, goose, \$1.50 each." How it must thrill with pride the heart of a brown leghorn hen to reflect that she can produce the price of herself at six sittings of 15 minutes each day. But what must the turkey, that great American bird which the News quotes at \$1.50 per copy, think of the same paper's compliment to game, which is:

"Rabbits, \$1.50 each; ptarmigan, \$1 each, grouse, \$2 each; quail, \$2 each; prairie chicken, \$2 each."

Imagine, dear reader, if you can, the pompous Chesterfieldian strut of the Bob White quail when he sees in the News that he is worth 50 cents more than a turkey. Can the meat and poultry editor of the News complain if the next goose he meets hisses at him after rating it 50 cents lower than a common grouse? If that benighted space writer again finds himself in a barnyard, he will do well to keep himself as he now quotes salmon bellies, "very scarce."

### The Question of Fuel.

The coal industry of the Yukon has attracted the attention of capitalists. The consumption of fuel in this territory is increasing annually, and the scarcity of wood has compelled the larger companies to direct their efforts to the development of the coal fields. There is a profitable market in Dawson for this sort of fuel; but this fact is not

the inducement which has occasioned wealthy concerns to prospect the country so thoroughly and to expend thousands of dollars in tentative developments. The enormous quantities of fuel, which are required by the navigation business, is the reason why coal deposits have been sought so eagerly. The supply of wood, on the Yukon, is not exhausted, but such timber as the steamboats use is scarce along the banks, and is difficult to obtain, when situated, as it is, a mile or so from the shores of the river. Last season the fuel accounts of all of the navigation companies exceeded the estimate. A few of the boats burned coal, and these had a most successful summer.

Several deposits of bituminiferous mineral have been located in the territory adjacent to the Yukon river. Some of the claims have prospected exceedingly well, and promise to produce vast quantities of a good commercial quality. To the present time, operations have been confined to the trading companies.

The N. A. T. and T. Co. is developing its property very extensively. In reference to the matter, Capt. Healy said:

"Our coal deposits are located about 60 miles down the Yukon river. We have been conducting work on a large scale for the past two years. The ground has verified our anticipations; and the body of mineral is not only extensive but of a good quality. We employ about 50 miners, and have an expensive plant of machinery in operation. The product is conveyed from our mine to the river on a railroad, the rolling stock of which is comprised of 20 cars and a locomotive. Next summer, we shall be able to supply not only our own wants, but those of the citizens of Dawson. Before the river closes in the fall, our property will produce, and we can deliver in the city, 50,000 tons. We marketed a small quantity during the past summer; but this year, we have better arrangements, and we expect to offer an excellent commercial commodity for \$12 per ton. One ton of coal will go farther than two cords of wood." The A. C. Co. is interested in coal lands at various points on the river. About two miles up Nation river, which flows into the Yukon 75 miles below Eagle City, the A. C. Co. did considerable work last year. At this place, 40 men were employed, and a tramroad transported the product. Part of the output was marketed in Dawson and sold as high as \$100 per ton. Operations are suspended now; and it is said that the deposit was a "blow-out" and not extensive enough to warrant further developments. The same company has a field in the vicinity of Minook, which has given good prospects and promises paying quantities.

Mr. Fulda of the A. E. Co., when questioned relative to the properties of his concern, replied:

"Last summer, we bonded from Miss Gates some coal land on Rock creek, about 22 miles from Dawson. The ground has been prospected, and showed well enough to warrant us in taking up the land. We have expended thousands of dollars on the property, and, at the present time, there are 30 men engaged in development work. I consider the quality of our coal 50 per cent better than a y which I have seen in this country. The only question which remains for us to solve is that of quantity. If the deposit is extensive, Dawson will be incalculably benefited, for the mineral is applicable to all ordinary use. I burn it in my office, and it has given me the utmost satisfaction."

### The Down Town Bank.

The business of the down town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will until further notice, be transacted at the main office near the barracks. The books and records of the branch were removed to the main office before the fire.

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