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Mr. Ritchie asked a vote of thanks to be given Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington for their assistance in giving the church for the entertainment as well as the practices. Both votes were given with a will. Everyone who was present on either night and especially those who attended last evening were greatly pleased with the entertainment and all declare it to be the best ever given in Dawson.

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

The Pacific Cold Storage Co. offers every facility for keeping frozen products.

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RUSSIA WITHDRAWS

Proposal Regarding Manchuria Treaty and Awaits Events.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April 13.—Russia has withdrawn her proposals regarding the Manchurian treaty and has informed the other powers that all possible negotiations in the matter have been abandoned and that she (Russia) will quietly await further developments.

Official notice has been given that all indemnity claims against China must be filed with the British minister at Peking before May first, otherwise they will not be considered.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Unsettled as to Policy of Victoria-Kootenai Railroad.

Vancouver, April 7, via Skagway, April 13.—The government is still unsettled as to its policy regarding the Victoria-Kootenai railroad, and as it will not undertake to build the road as government work, the subsidy offered for its construction will go either to the Canadian Pacific or Great Northern. There are still some questions regarding the bonus which are as yet unsettled.

BIG FELLOWS VS. LITTLE CHAPS

Season for the "Roarin" Game Fast Drawing to a Close.

The curling season of 1900-1901 is fast drawing to a close, but there are a few enthusiastic knights of the broom who take every opportunity of indulging in their favorite pastime. Last evening eight of these enthusiasts gathered at the rink to decide a challenge issued by the "Big Fellows" to the "Little Chaps" earlier in the day.

The game was played in due and ancient form with a "we drap o' the auld kirk" at each tie head.

The "Big Fellows" rink, skipped by H. T. Willis, was composed of two of the Yukon champions, Messrs. Rourke and Walsh, and Arthur Lewin, who has been studying the game during his trip to Europe during the past winter. The "Little Chaps", Messrs. E. Lewin, E. E. Tiffin, Dr. F. A. Richardson and A. Scott, went on the ice feeling that they were "up against the real thing," but determined to fight it out. That curling is a slippery game was amongst the few remarks made by the "Big Fellows" when at the finish of the 16th, they retired disgusted to the dressing room and the "Little Chaps" walked home satisfied that 20 to 6 was good enough to prove their ability to turn down the heavyweights any old night. The score was:

"Big Fellows"—A. Lewin, W. L. Walsh, W. H. Rourke, H. T. Willis, skip—6.

"Little Chaps"—E. Lewin, E. E. Tiffin, W. A. Richardson, A. Scott, skip—20.

ADDRESS TO MR. ROSS

Delivered in Behalf of Library Board of Control.

The following is the address delivered to Commissioner Ross by President P. R. Ritchie of the board of control of the free library at the concert given for the benefit of that institution last night in the M. E. church:

To the Honorable James Hamilton Ross, commissioner of the Yukon Territory Sir—We, the board of control of the

Dawson Reading and Recreation Association, beg leave to extend to you a most hearty welcome, and to wish for you all that is best during your stay in the territory.

We acknowledge with gratitude the generous support the free public library has received from your predecessor in office and wish in behalf of the public to bespeak your kindly offices, for an institution that during the last 15 months has met so great a want.

The existence of an institution of this kind is a necessity in any community but more especially in Dawson—a fact which will appeal to you when you become acquainted with the workings of this organization. Yours most respectfully, signed on behalf of the board of control.

P. R. RITCHIE, President.

CHAS. MILNE, Sec. and Treas.

Mr. Ross' reply to the address is mentioned elsewhere in this paper. When the concert was over a short reception was tendered to Mr. Ross, who met many of the people and it is needless to say that of him none but the best impressions were formed.

The outgoing C. D. stage this morning carried as passengers Mrs. Hutchison, Wm. Phillips, I. McKeon and L. T. Burwash for Stewart.

HERE'S TO EVERYTHING

Toasts Which Will be Proposed Monday Night.

The banquet to be tendered the Yukon territory's new commissioner, the Hon. Jas. H. Ross, promises to be in every respect the complete success which the importance of the occasion warrants and requires. The various arrangements are all in excellent hands and from present indications every detail will be carried out in such a manner as the situation demands.

The reception will be held in McDonald hall on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock to which the public generally are invited to be present. The banquet will follow in the evening at Pioneer hall at 8 o'clock. Mr. H. T. Willis will preside at the banquet and next to him will be seated the guests of honor.

Among the many toasts which will be proposed are: "The King," "The President of the United States," responded to by Acting U. S. Consul T. S. Roller; "The Retiring Commissioner," proposed by Judge Craig, responded to by Mr. Ogilvie; "Our Mining Interests," proposed by Commissioner Ross, responded to by Councilman Wilson, Alex. McDonald, Dr. Willis, Mr. Purchase; "Learned Professions," by L. R. Fulda, responded to by Attorneys Wade, Congdon, Woodworth and Dr. Thompson; "The Parliament and Yukon Council," by Hon. W. D. Davis, responded to by Judge Craig and Mr. Prudhomme; "Our Army and Navy," responded to by Officers Tobin, Wroughton, Crosby and Huime; "The Northwest Mounted Police," responded to by Major Wood and Superintendent Primrose; "Our Guests," Toastmaster H. T. Willis; "Commerce and Banking," by Mr. McCaul, responded to by Messrs. Thos. O'Brien, D. Daig, A. Scott, E. A. Mizner, R. P. McLennan, Chas. Milne; "The Ladies," responded to by Attorney Auguste Noel. Other toasts, including "The Press" will be provided for later.

The Finest in Dawson.

Soggs & Vesco, the jewelers have opened one of the most attractive stores in the territory. Indeed the chances are that a more neat and handsome place of business is not to be found in any interior city on the coast. The new place is to be seen on Third street in the building formerly occupied by George Apple and well worth a visit. A valuable stock of nugget jewelry is displayed as well as watches, diamonds, rings and artistically executed designs in gold for chains, bracelets and ornaments.

Best assortment of Klondike views at Goetzman's the photographer.

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NINE-YEAR OLD GIRL

Assaulted and Murdered by John Warne Near Butte, Montana.

LYNCHERS WERE SPEEDILY ORGANIZED

But the Monster Was Spirited Away by the Sheriff.

HOSHER AGAIN APPEALS CASE

His Uncle and Alleged Accomplice in Robbing Torrence Will be Brought Before Present Term of Court.

Butte, Mont., April 7, via Skagway, April 13.—John Warne, charged with assaulting and murdering a 9-year-old girl, has been arrested. As soon as the news spread a lynching party was organized which made a determined effort to take the prisoner but were foiled in so doing by the sheriff who removed him to a place of safety. The crime is one of the most atrocious in the history of Montana.

Hosher Gets One Year.

Seattle, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—Hosher has been sentenced to one year in the King county jail. He gave notice of appeal and pending grant is out on bail. Criminal proceedings against his uncle, J. B. Thompson, will be instituted during the present term of court.

COMING AND GOING.

A. L. Smith, of 24 above on Bonanza, is a guest at the Regina.

Mr. F. Berry, of Eldorado is making Dawson a visit and is stopping at the McDonald hotel.

A crowd of Peel River Indians came into town today with 14 log teams. They left this afternoon to pay a short visit with their brethren at Moonshine.

Capt. Chris Bonnickson is a captain no longer. Yesterday he sold his boat, the Eldorado, which he purchased from the sheriff last Tuesday to Sid Barrington.

The fire department was called out this afternoon owing to a blaze in a cabin on Second avenue between Fifth and Second streets. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

After the concert last evening an informal reception was given Commissioner Ross by the board of control of the library and their friends. A luncheon was served consisting of coffee, sandwiches and cake and a number of people took advantage of the occasion to make the acquaintance of the new commissioner.

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DR. JOS. BETTINGER'S BODY

Found Short Distance Up White River Wednesday Afternoon.

Victim Evidently Wandered From Right Trail and Succumbed to Cold—Body Mutilated by Wolves.

Another mystery of the Yukon has been revealed and what for a period of nearly five months was wrapped in darkness is now explained.

The body of Dr. Joseph Bettinger who left here on foot for the outside on December 7th, thinly clad and ill prepared for the hard journey, the trail at that time being practically unbroken, has been found in the still embrace of death within a few miles of where the unfortunate man was last seen alive which was on the morning of December 10th and a few miles above Ogilvie on the Yukon and when the mercury registered nearly 50 degrees below zero.

The body was found Wednesday afternoon a few miles up the White river and less than 100 feet from the trail and near the river bank. It was found by two wood cutters who, after making sure of its location, returned to Stewart and reported the same to Mining Recorder L. T. Burwash who, accompanied by one of the men, went after the body with a dog team and returned with it to Stewart post some time Wednesday night. The condition of the body showed that shortly after death and before being charitably covered by snow from heaven, wolves had torn and mutilated it but after being covered with the mantle of white it apparently lay undisturbed throughout the long cold winter and until the melting of the snow revealed it to the two men on Wednesday. As the victim's watch was in his vest and nearly \$100 in cash were found on his person, all theories as to his having met with foul play are forever dispelled.

As was stated in the Nugget when Dr. Bettinger's disappearance was first noted sometime the latter part of December, he had left for the trip thinly clad, wearing a light suit, spring overcoat and thin silk mitts. H. C. Macaulay met him at Ogilvie and noting his light apparel, presented him with a pair of heavy mitts and wanted to supply him with a parkey, but Bettinger declined the latter, saying he could keep warm walking.

The fact that his body was found on White river a few miles above its confluence with the Yukon indicates that he had kept to the west side of the river going up and followed the trail made up White river by a lot of stampedees which trail at that time was more clearly defined than was the one on the Yukon. The indications are that the man was simply overcome with the cold, gave up and died, his arms being stretched above his head when found, showing that he died as he fell. The body is still at Stewart post to which place it was taken by Mr. Burwash.

No news of the discovery of the remains were received in Dawson until the arrival of Mr. Burwash on the stage yesterday evening, owing to the fact of the telegraph wire being down between Dawson and Stewart. However, Inspector Wroughton left early yesterday morning on official business up the river and would reach Stewart some time today in which event he will conduct an inquest and probably arrange for sending the body to Dawson for interment.

Dr. Joseph Bettinger was not over 30 years of age. He spent several months in Skagway early in '98, coming on to Dawson that summer. For a year he was assistant physician at St. Mary's hospital. Going outside last year he married a Miss Peterson who resided near Tacoma, Wash., and brought her with him to Dawson late in the summer. Failing to find lucrative employment here he decided to go outside, he to make the trip on foot and his wife to go by stage, overtaking him at Whitehorse. He left here on December 7th, Mrs. Bettinger following on the stage three days later. It was upon her arrival at Whitehorse and failure to meet her husband there or to have heard of him along the route, that inquiries for his whereabouts were first made. Many and various were the reports circulated as to the missing man having been met at points along the route, one man asserting that he met the doctor on Lebarge. After vainly waiting at Whitehorse and Skagway until all hope of her husband's arrival was abandoned, the heartbroken young wife went below to return in the spring and continue the search for her

missing husband. The police at the time, under direction of Inspector McDonnell specially detailed for the work, made a thorough search of the Yukon trail, but no one ever thought of his having wandered up White river. Thus has been rolled away the cloud that shrouded another of the many mysteries of the Yukon, another name added to the long list of victims of the Arctic winter.

TRIBUTE TO MR. OGILVIE

From His Co-Workers, Members of Yukon Council.

Last night being the last night in which the council would meet with Mr. Ogilvie acting as presiding officer, a resolution was passed expressing the appreciation of the members of the council for the services which he has rendered the territory and also the esteem in which he is held by each member.

After all the business before the council had been completed and the council was about to adjourn, Justice Dugas moved that the council resolve itself into a committee of the whole with Major Wood occupying the chair. Addressing the chair he said:

"The news reached us a few weeks ago that our commissioner had tendered his resignation to Ottawa and tonight the news comes to us that tomorrow the new commissioner will be given the oath of office and assume the duties of commissioner of the territory. "In the two and one-half years in which Mr. Ogilvie has presided over the council differences of opinion on certain matters have arisen, but we have always discussed the matter as men and not allowed any feeling of animosity to enter into any of the discussions.

"There is no use to refer to the public meetings in which private animosity has actuated the proceedings. As members of the council and as citizens we have always been able to approach our commissioner and we know that he has been actuated with only one desire and that is to serve the public. His actions have been straightforward and honest and nothing ever need be said in defense of any of his actions. He possessed a high public reputation before coming here and that reputation he has ably sustained. Therefore as a small expression of the esteem in which we hold Mr. Ogilvie I would move the adoption of this resolution:"

That the members of this council take this last opportunity of expressing to Mr. William Ogilvie the high appreciation of his conduct in all his dealings with the council and at the same time of recognizing his continuous efforts to help in the development and welfare of this territory under the most trying difficulties, due to the peculiar circumstances under which this territory was opened.

Mr. Senkler took great pleasure in seconding the resolution which was passed unanimously. In reply to the resolution Mr. Ogilvie thanked the members for their expression of their kindly feeling toward him and then made a review of the work of the council of the last two and one-half years, and spoke of the difficulties which had been met and overcome and the results which had been attained. The full text of his remarks will be published tomorrow.

Capt. Whalen Arrives.

Capt. T. Whalen of the steamer Victorian arrived on the stage last night. He reports the trail in fine condition with a few exceptions. A short distance this side of Thistle there is a space of about two miles where the water is running very swiftly, but that can be avoided by going around. He thinks that all the freight teams now on the cutoff will have time to arrive in Dawson safely. Snow on the river is very deep and in the captain's estimation high water is not at all improbable. He starts tomorrow for the boats below West Dawson where he will oversee getting them cut out of the ice and ready for launching when the river breaks.

Those Bets.

Regarding the many bets made which name the time for the going out of the ice from the Yukon, many of which say the ice will move before the month of May is a week old, there is now a disposition on the part of their makers to hedge, but the continuous cold makes "hedge" bets difficult to obtain. At the present time spring is fully three weeks later than last year and the present indications of the near approach of warm weather are anything but flattering. A cold wind was blowing from the north yesterday, part of the time laden with fine snow which gave it all the characteristics of a blizzard.

THEY ALL OBJECT.

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ed dog catcher and be paid a salary which would stop complaints of that nature. The matter was allowed to go over until the 1st of May when the present system will be changed to the license system which it is thought will settle the question.

Mr. Prudhomme also raised the question as to why the account of Sutton which was voted at the Saturday meeting had not been paid. He was told that the finance committee had raised an objection to its being paid.

Justice Dugas, in response to the question said "That matter was referred to the board of public works committee for investigation and before the committee had made its report the council allowed the claim. I objected to the petition at the time and I am not yet satisfied that they are entitled to it. Owing to illness I was not present at Saturday's meeting and I did not know that the subject was to come before the meeting."

Major Wood said that a notice was given at the meeting Thursday night a week ago that the subject was to be brought up and Sutton was told to be there with his witnesses. This notice was given out by the commissioner but had probably not been heard by Mr. Dugas. At the meeting held Saturday the question had been discussed. Mr. Sutton and his witnesses had been examined and they all agreed that the expense had been incurred and therefore the money was ordered paid.

Justice Dugas said he had not understood the question was to come before the Saturday meeting and that he alone could not prevent the payment of the money. All he wanted to do was to clear himself of any responsibility in the matter.

The report of the comptroller regarding the number of transient traders licenses issued last year was read and showed that only three had been issued.

Justice Dugas asked how it happened that only three had paid their licenses stating that there was surely evidence of false representations and that some steps should be taken to prevent such a state of affairs in the future.

Mr. Ogilvie said that a number of the scow men had said they were bringing in goods for merchants.

He would suggest that instead of their being licensed an inspector should be appointed and a tax be placed upon the value of their cargo.

Mr. Wilson said that the taxing of the scow owner would legislate the only cheap means of transportation out of existence but he was assured by Justice Dugas that there was no effort to tax them out of existence, but that they should help to bear the expenses of the country in which they do business and in some instances make considerable money on every trip. The subject was on motion referred to the finance committee which was also instructed to investigate why only three out of more than 150 had paid licenses.

The balance in the funds which is set aside for the purpose of buying law books was on motion laid at the disposal of Justice Dugas to buy needed books for the library.

On motion of Justice Dugas the secretary was instructed to furnish each member of the council with a file in which to keep papers and communications pertaining to business connected with the council meetings, the expense to be defrayed by the council.

The council then went into a committee of the whole to consider Wilson's miner's lien law.

Mr. Pattullo, legal adviser, was present and on his recommendation the passing of the ordinance was referred for one week so as to give Mr. Congdon the new legal adviser an opportunity to look it over. "This is an entirely new piece of legislation for this territory," said Mr. Pattullo, "and therefore it should be given the greatest discussion. While I am justly proud of the ordinance as it stands I realize the difficulties which will be encountered in applying it and therefore I would suggest that the new legal adviser who has just come from Noy Scotia, where such a law is in force, be given an opportunity to look it over." On motion of Mr. Dugas the final reading of the ordinance was laid over for one week and in the meantime it is to be considered by Mr. Pattullo, Mr. Congdon and Mr. Wilson.

Tickets for Sale.

Tickets for sale to the banquet to be tendered Mr. Ross are now in the hands of the finance committee of which Mr. J. P. McLennan is chairman. The banquet will be held in Pioneer hall Monday night at 8 o'clock sharp. The sale of tickets closes at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

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In New Quarters.

The handsome two-story building of the Pacific Coast Storage Company is now completed and fitted up with all the machinery and paraphernalia necessary for the business. The refrigerating plant consists of two Scotch marine boilers of 22-horse power each, two duplex condensers and duplicate engines, and a complete electric light machine. This plant was taken from the company's steamer the Robert Kerr which is now lying in the eddy at the Yukon dock. The building contains six refrigerating chambers with a combined capacity of 600 tons.

In these refrigerators all meats handled by the company will be placed and kept at a temperature of about 20 degrees above until they are disposed of to the different retail shops which handle the product. Next summer the company will ship both up and down the river, bringing in from above live stock which will be slaughtered here and from below, using the company's steamer the Robert Kerr as a carrier of refrigerated meats from the Sound.

The Kerr will ply between St. Michael and Dawson and will be fitted with refrigerating machinery on her first trip to St. Michael where another complete plant will await her arrival. The company has been very successful not only here but in their different branches and are now opening a cannery and fish freezing plant at Bristol Bay in Northwestern Alaska. The original establishment is located in Tacoma, Wash., with branches at Nome, St. Michael and Dawson. F. W. C. Seddon and R. J. Davis are the Dawson representatives of the concern.

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Mr. Ritchie asked a vote of thanks to be given Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington for their assistance in giving the church for the entertainment as well as the practices. Both votes were given with a will.

Everyone who was present on either night and especially those who attended last evening were greatly pleased with the entertainment and all declare it to be the best ever given in Dawson.

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

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RUSSIA WITHDRAWS

Proposal Regarding Manchuria Treaty and Awaits Events.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April 13.—Russia has withdrawn her proposals regarding the Manchuria treaty and has informed the other powers that all possible negotiations in the matter have been abandoned and that she (Russia) will quietly await further developments.

Official notice has been given that all indemnity claims against China must be filed with the British minister at Peking before May first, otherwise they will not be considered.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Unsettled as to Policy of Victoria-Kootenai Railroad.

Vancouver, April 7, via Skagway, April 13.—The government is still unsettled as to its policy regarding the Victoria-Kootenai railroad, and as it will not undertake to build the road as government work, the subsidy offered for its construction will go either to the Canadian Pacific or Great Northern. There are still some questions regarding the bonus which are as yet unsettled.

BIG FELLOWS VS. LITTLE CHAPS

Season for the "Roarin" Game Fast Drawing to a Close.

The curling season of 1900-1901 is fast drawing to a close, but there are a few enthusiastic knights of the broom who take every opportunity of indulging in their favorite pastime. Last evening eight of these enthusiasts gathered at the rink to decide a challenge issued by the "Big Fellows" to the "Little Chaps" earlier in the day.

The game was played in due and ancient form with a "we drap o' the auld kirk" at each tee head.

The "Big Fellows" rink, skipped by H. T. Wills, was composed of two of the Yukon champions, Messrs. Rourke and Walsh, and Arthur Lewin, who has been studying the game during his trip to Europe during the past winter. The "Little Chaps", Messrs. E. Lewis, E. E. Tiffin, Dr. F. A. Richardson and A. Scott, went on the ice feeling that they were "up against the real thing," but determined to fight it out. That curling is a slippery game was amply demonstrated by the "Big Fellows" when at the finish of the 16th, they retired disgusted to the dressing room and the "Little Chaps" walked home satisfied that 20 to 6 was good enough to prove their ability to turn down the heavyweights any old night. The score was:

"Big Fellows"—A. Lewis, W. L. Walsh, W. H. Rourke, H. T. Wills, skip—6.

"Little Chaps"—E. Lewis, E. E. Tiffin, W. A. Richardson, A. Scott, skip—20.

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Delivered in Behalf of Library Board of Control.

The following is the address delivered to Commissioner Ross by President P. R. Ritchie of the board of control of the free library at the concert given for the benefit of that institution last night in the M. E. church:

To the Honorable James Hamilton Ross, commissioner of the Yukon Territory:

Sir—We, the board of control of the

Dawson Reading and Recreation Association, beg leave to extend to you a most hearty welcome, and to wish for you all that is best during your stay in the territory.

We acknowledge with gratitude the generous support the free public library has received from your predecessor in office and wish in behalf of the public to bespeak your kindly offices, for an institution that during the last 15 months has met so great a want.

The existence of an institution of this kind is a necessity in any community but more especially in Dawson—a fact which will appeal to you when you become acquainted with the workings of this organization. Yours most respectfully, signed on behalf of the board of control,

P. R. RITCHIE, President, CHAS. MILNE, Sec. and Treas.

Mr. Ross' reply to the address is mentioned elsewhere in this paper. When the concert was over a short reception was tendered to Mr. Ross, who met many of the people and it is needless to say that of him none but the best impressions were formed.

The outgoing C. D. stage this morning carried as passengers Mrs. Hutchinson, Wm. Phillips, I. McKeon and L. T. Burwash for Stewart.

HERE'S TO EVERYTHING

Toasts Which Will be Proposed Monday Night.

The banquet to be tendered the Yukon territory's new commissioner, the Hon. Jas. H. Ross, promises to be in every respect the complete success which the importance of the occasion warrants and requires. The various arrangements are all in excellent hands and from present indications every detail will be carried out in such a manner as the situation demands.

The reception will be held in McDonald hall on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock to which the public generally are invited to be present. The banquet will follow in the evening at Pioneer hall at 8 o'clock. Mr. H. T. Wills will preside at the banquet and next to him will be seated the guests of honor.

Among the many toasts which will be proposed are: "The King," "The President of the United States," responded to by Acting U. S. Consul Te Roller; "The Retiring Commissioner," proposed by Judge Craig, responded to by Mr. Ogilvie; "Our Mining Interests," proposed by Commissioner Ross, responded to by Councilman Wilson, Alex. McDonald, Dr. Wills, Mr. Purchase; "Learned Professions," by L. R. Prida, responded to by Attorneys Wade, Congdon, Woodworth and Dr. Thompson; "The Parliament and Yukon Council," by Hon. W. D. Davis, responded to by Judge Craig and Mr. Prudhomme; "Our Army and Navy," responded to by Officers Tobin, Wroughton, Crosby and Halme; "The Northwest Mounted Police," responded to by Major Wood and Superintendent Primrose; "Our Guests," Toastmaster H. T. Wills; "Commerce and Banking," by Mr. McCaul, responded to by Messrs. Thos. O'Brien, D. Doig, A. Scott, E. A. Mizner, R. P. McLennan, Chas. Milne; "The Ladies," responded to by Attorney Auguste Noel. Other toasts, including "The Press" will be provided for later.

The Finest in Dawson.

Soggs & Vesco, the jewelers have opened one of the most attractive stores in the territory. Indeed the chances are that a more neat and handsome place of business is not to be found in any interior city on the coast. The new place is to be seen on Third street in the building formerly occupied by George Apple and well worth a visit. A valuable stock of Nugget jewelry is displayed as well as watches, diamonds, rings and artistically executed designs in gold for chains, bracelets and ornaments.

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NINE-YEAR OLD GIRL

Assaulted and Murdered by John Warne Near Butte, Montana.

LYNCHERS WERE SPEEDILY ORGANIZED

But the Monster Was Spirited Away by the Sheriff.

HOSHER AGAIN APPEALS CASE

His Uncle and Alleged Accomplice in Robbing Torrence Will be Brought Before Present Term of Court.

Butte, Mont., April 7, via Skagway, April 13.—John Warne, charged with assaulting and murdering a 9-year-old girl, has been arrested. As soon as the news spread a lynching party was organized which made a determined effort to take the prisoner but were foiled in so doing by the sheriff who removed him to a place of safety. The crime is one of the most atrocious in the history of Montana.

Hosher Gets One Year.

Seattle, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—Hosher has been sentenced to one year in the King county jail. He gave notice of appeal and pending grant is out on bail. Criminal proceedings against his uncle, J. B. Thompson, will be instituted during the present term of court.

COMING AND GOING.

A. L. Smith, of 24 above on Bonanza, is a guest at the Regina.

Mr. F. Berry, of Eldorado is making Dawson a visit and is stopping at the McDonald hotel.

A crowd of Peeli River Indians came into town today with 14 big teams. They left this afternoon to pay a short visit with their brethren at Moosehide.

Capt. Chris Sunnickson is a captain no longer. Yesterday he sold his boat, the Eldorado, which he purchased from the sheriff last Tuesday to Sid Harrington.

The fire department was called out this afternoon owing to a blaze in a cabin on Second avenue between First and Second streets. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

After the concert last evening an informal reception was given Commissioner Ross by the board of control of the library and their friends. A luncheon was served consisting of coffee, sandwiches and cake and a number of people took advantage of the occasion to make the acquaintance of the new commissioner.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1901.

AN ALL-YEAR CAMP.

The opinion that the Klondike will develop almost entirely into a summer camp is not, we believe, well grounded. There are no small number of localities where summer work is almost impracticable. This is particularly true where the pay is found close to the creek, and bedrock is deep. Under such circumstances, owing to the continued influx of water, summer operations cannot be successfully conducted.

In all probability, the fact will be demonstrated during the approaching summer season that no small number of properties which their owners have anticipated opening up, cannot be worked to advantage until cold weather again returns.

The difference in cost of operating during summer and winter is so greatly in favor of the former that winter work, in consequence will be confined largely to such ground as can only be worked successfully during the cold season.

There is sufficient of this, however, to insure operations on an extensive scale during the entire twelve months of the year.

ORDINARY CAUTION.

The Bettinger case furnishes another illustration of the unwarranted risks which men assume in traveling alone through this country. In all probability had Dr. Bettinger been traveling with a companion he would not have perished or the trail, as the discovery of his body now proves was actually the case. In winter, particularly, the utmost caution should be exercised by everyone who undertakes anything in the nature of a journey through this country.

The lonely traveler is apt to meet with accidents at any time and accidents, when the thermometer is ranging in the neighborhood of 60 degrees below zero, are very likely to result in consequences of a most serious nature.

If the actual number of men who have perished as the result of carelessness in this respect was known, the figures would be something appalling. Every mail from the outside brings in inquiries for missing relatives and friends and in the aggregate the number of men who have absolutely disappeared in the Yukon country without leaving any trace of their whereabouts is very large.

Many of those who have thus disappeared would now be alive and well had they but followed ordinary rules of caution—the first and foremost of which is never to set out on a journey of any distance without a companion. That is a rule from which no deviation should be made.

The telegram published exclusively in the Nugget of yesterday concerning the proposed organization of one heavily capitalized concern to absorb the large companies now doing business along the Yukon river, is scarcely to be accepted in its entirety without further verification. It is altogether probable that the big concerns have reached some definite arrangement to maintain

rates on freight and passenger traffic and possibly some similar agreement has been concluded with respect to prices of merchandise. We doubt very much if the matter has gone any farther. More detailed information will be awaited with much interest, as the results of such an amalgamation of capital would be far reaching in the extreme.

In its issue of Thursday evening the News published the fact that the telegraph line was not in working order. Nevertheless in the same issue there appeared in the columns of our contemporary a number of news items printed under the caption "By Telegraph," and dated as having been received via Skagway on the day mentioned. As a matter of fact the News did not receive a line of telegraph matter on the date in question, as no messages of any nature reached Dawson on that day. Just another News fake—that's all.

ELDORADO AND BONANZA

Detail of Current Events—High Wind Tuesday Night.

Miss Ruthstrom, of Grand Forks, is confined to her room with a severe attack of neuralgia.

Mr. August Peterson, of Gold Hill is rapidly recovering from an attack of pneumonia with which he has been laid up for the past week.

Mrs. Longstaff, of Magnet gulch, has been visiting friends in Dawson during the past week.

Miss Alma Olson the most popular and charming young lady on Monte Cristo gulch, is visiting her many friends on Hunker creek this week.

The dog trail from Dawson to 57 below Bonanza is still in fine condition and will undoubtedly remain so for the next ten days or two weeks.

Wagons are now taking the place of sleds between Dawson and Grand Forks. The high wind which prevailed last Tuesday evening played sad havoc on Gold, Chechako and Adams Hills. The high tressle completed across the creek at 2 above Bonanza was completely blown down.

Miners on Bonanza and Eldorado are impatiently waiting for the big thaw that occurred last year ere this.

The Grand Forks Social Club gave their regular weekly dance last night in their tent back of Main street. The leading people of the Forks assembled and a most enjoyable time followed.

Hugh Spencer can learn something of importance to himself by calling at the office of Woodworth & Black in the Victoria block.

Sunday dinners particularly excellent at McDonald Cafe.

Kodaks bought and sold. Goetzman.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14



SOUP
Chicken Broth a la Keine
Consomme, Princess

SALAD
Lobster en mayonnaise

FISH
Fried Herring Trout
BOILED
Ham, champagne sauce

ENTREES
Oyster patties, Baccihmel sauce
Pillet of beef, mushrooms
Pork tenderloins, sweet potatoes
Chicken potpie, family style
Pineapple fritters, fruit sauce

ROAST
Prime Ribs of Beef, au jus.
Stuffed shoulder of veal
Loin of pork, apple sauce
Turkey, cranberry sauce

VEGETABLES
Mashed and Steamed Potatoes.
Supar corn

DESSERT
New York plum pudding, hard and brandy sauce
Mince, Cranberry, Apple, Pumpkin Pies.
Tea, Java Coffee.

LOST AND FOUND
LOST—Between Dawson and Grand Forks, one Eastman Kodak, size 13x22. Camera was in a case with a strap to go over the shoulder. Finder please return to Nugget office and receive reward.

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OPPOSITE WHITE PASS DOCK

"HERSHBERG"

STROLLER'S COLUMN.

Yesterday as the Stroller was on his way to the governor's office to witness the exchange from the former to the present incumbent, and shortly after turning the corner by the Bank saloon he met Dick Brown. But that was nothing. Everybody in town that walks out on the streets is liable to meet Dick Brown 17 or more times every day. The next man met was E. W. Brown of the A. E. Co., but even the fact of having, among thousands of men, met two of the Brown family in succession did not strike the Stroller as being anything more than a mere coincidence; but seeing another pair of feet coming his way the Stroller raised his eyes to the owner's face and on his "wohd as a gentleman, a scholar and a judge or good whisky, sah," it was Paper Salesman Brown. Three Browns traveling singly and alone, yet met in succession!

There is a couplet which says:
"Let White, Brown and Jones increase as they will, Believe me, that Smith will outnumber them still."

"Soapy" Smith was wont to qualify the above with "The sun never sets on the Smiths," but regardless of the couplet and regardless of the late Sapolio, the Stroller is of the opinion that, in Dawson at least, the Browns have the call on the Smiths.

Speaking of Browns! Dr. J. N. E., the territorial secretary, is also secretary of the as yet embryonic Yukon Museum Association. A few days ago a son of the forest, a bright red Indian uncontaminated with the ways of civilization which might prompt him to use Pearl's soap, came to the city from 300 or 400 miles back in the interior, bringing with him in a small box manufactured from birch bark a flying squirrel which he had been informed by some person who probably never heard of the sad and untimely fate of Ananias and Sappira, he could sell to the museum for a large sum of money. Being directed to Dr. Brown at the commissioner's office he presented his flying squirrel for sale. As there has as yet been no appropriation made for the purchase of live stock, zoological wonders and living curiosities for the museum, there was no money in the treasury, but the secretary, thinking it would not do to allow such a fine specimen to go, finally Jewed the Indian down from \$600 to \$2.50, bought the squirrel at the latter price, paying for it with his own hard earned dough. The squirrel was transferred to a more commodious box which, being covered with an old blanket, the doctor left in the office until the next day when a more suitable place could be provided until the half-animal, half-bird creation could be turned over to the museum as an ornithological zoological wonder of the northland which had been captured by first being treed on the North Pole.

On his way to his office next morning Dr. Browne, not knowing the diet of his animal-bird, purchased a beef-steak, also a box of canary seed; but he had no use for either. Rats abound in the old office building and during the night they had visited the box which contained the valuable specimen, and when the doctor raised the blanket, got down on his knees, looked into the box and said "How is papa's baby this morning?" all he saw was a tail, two ears and about four inches of bare vertebra. After the first wild burst of grief had somewhat subsided the doctor carefully transferred the remains to a glass jar in which they are being kept until the museum is duly opened when they will occupy a prominent place in its laboratory.

All this happened two weeks ago, but it is only within the past day or two that the territorial and museum

secretary could control his emotions sufficiently to talk about it.

Thos. Bruce, of the Holborn Cafe, tells a story which he thinks is on the other fellow, a seller of "clodgings" on the same block, but in reality Bruce is the man who was worked. One day this week Bruce decided he would take a meal in his own restaurant so he went to the kitchen and ordered fried pork chops and French fried potatoes. While the order was being prepared Bruce was called into the Green Tree on business where he was detained for some time. In the meantime "Bunions" who sells "clodgings" entered the restaurant and ordered "garibou steak unt French fried bodadoes" for himself. The waiter, knowing nothing about Bruce's order, returned to the kitchen in a few minutes and saw the pork chops ready to serve. He brought it in, set it before the merchant and that individual, with much smacking of lips, proceeded to enjoy his meal. Presently Bruce came in, sat down at a table and ordered the waiter to bring in his meal. The caribou steak was served, and Bruce, noticing his neighbor's plate, perceived that a mistake had been made, but decided to say nothing, notwithstanding the fact that "Bunions" was getting a \$2 order for \$1. The latter finished his meal and

as he paid the cashier he complacently licked his chops on which lingered the grease of pork chops, and said: "The passage ov dot game ordinance is a shame, for dose garibou steaks vor I just now ate ish der best I eter tasted id?"

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- Vocal.....Celia DeLacey.....Dr. Brown
- Selection....."Robin Hood".....Dr. Brown
- Violin Solo.....T. Lombard.....Vivit
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MR. OGILVIE TO THE COUNCIL

What He Said in Reply to Mr. Dugas' Resolution.

Condensed Resume of Doings of the Council During His Administration—Difficulties Encountered.

In response to the testimonial tendered by all the members of the Yukon council to the retiring commissioner, Hon. William Ogilvie, at Thursday night's meeting of that body, which testimonial was published in the Daily Nugget of yesterday, Mr. Ogilvie said: "I had intended to make some extended remarks this evening. I feel somewhat affected by your kindly reference to myself, and I assure you I appreciate the resolutions which have passed, and the remarks which Mr. Justice Dugas has made. I want to say that I fully recognize your feelings in the matter and recognize that we can all sympathize with one another in what we all have been striving to do since coming to the territory. I will not make any reference to any outside act of any one. I will not make any reflection on anybody now that I am retiring, but I would like to make a few remarks to the members of the council, and say that I wish first of all to express my extreme appreciation of the efforts of the council as it was originally constituted in this territory, to better the conditions here. The first council was, as everyone knows, appointed by the government at Ottawa. When we arrived here in September, 1898, we found things, I may say—using the word in a qualified sense—in a most deplorable condition; the streets of Dawson were quagmires; there were no roads to the mines; the postoffice service, to put it mildly, was very inefficient; there was no public building; the two hospitals limited in capacity were overcrowded; the sick were lying in tents and cabins around Dawson, and some scenes in my office almost bring the tears to my eyes when I think of them; yet, men on their knees begging me for God's sake to do something for them. The Yukon council had no means, the only source of revenues were the fines; we could not touch a dollar of federal money; none of the money received from Dominion lands, timber and mines was ours. My predecessor could use that money; that right was taken away when I assumed office. The public here believed that I had the right to use this money, and because I did not I was criticised very often for not taking money belonging to the Dominion of Canada and appropriating it to local use. Ottawa was far away; the ministers were busy; I do not lay any charge at their door, for it was practically impossible to reach them. They were unaware of the conditions; they could not understand them; what we suffered they could not feel at all. We were able to extend but little relief to strained conditions, as we had only the money from fines and whisky permits, the latter of which I was fortunate enough to issue in view. Thus we were in a dilemma. We could not apply any of that money to benefit the public in any other way except to look after the sick. Roads were required, miners were praying for their construction; it took every dollar we could raise and we had not any other way to look for more to maintain the hospitals and care for the sick. I remember on one occasion we seriously thought of imposing a hospital tax, but our then acting legal adviser, Mr. Justice Dugas (Mr. Clement not having arrived) was firmly of the impression that under the Yukon territorial act we could not impose any tax whatever. The matter was discussed at great length as to whether we should raise a tax for the benefit of the hospitals and care of the sick, but it was felt that we could not legally do it. The public feeling was already expressed so much that it would have been impolitic to have done so. How we got through that winter I scarcely know; even now it seems to me like a nightmare when I think of it. The work of the council was reflected in the work of the commissioner especially on account of not more being done. The public had the feeling that the commissioner was a sort of automaton. If they had been in our place for a few hours I think they would have been a little more charitable, if not altogether silent in the matter. During the winter our means accumulated to a certain extent, and having made accurate reports and representations to the Ottawa conditions of things here, I assumed the commissioner that we would be relieved from that quarter. I repeatedly

asked the minister of the interior for assistance, as under the Yukon act he alone was presumed to bear the responsibility of the administration of the affairs of this territory. The other ministers did not take this view; the result was that instead of one man being responsible, several men were responsible. I made requests for money to ameliorate conditions here, and the sum of \$175,000 was granted for the building of trails. This money was placed in the hands of a man entirely irresponsible to the local government. Unfortunately for this vicinity he did not take the view he should have taken, and spent the great bulk of that money in the south end of the territory. I am not reflecting on that act, but I think that this Klondike area should have been considered in the distribution of this money. It is this area that has made the Yukon territory world famous, and should have received some consideration. Be that as it may, the members of the council were utterly powerless in the matter. I, as commissioner was not notified that one dollar was voted for that purpose; was not notified that Mr. Charleson was coming in to expend that money and did not know what he was going to do until it was expended. Under these conditions I brought the matter to the attention of the local council at that time consisting only of Mr. Justice Dugas, Col. Steele and myself (Mr. Clement and Mr. Girouard being absent). I wish now to bear testimony heartily and emphatically to the hearty assistance of Mr. Justice Dugas in every project pertaining to the development or advancement of the country. I always found, when I proposed anything, he simply asked, 'Do you believe it will be for the public benefit?' and when I said yes he assented, and that was invariably Mr. Justice Dugas' course. In anything that he originated we took the same course, because we had only one motive. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, outside this council chamber, we had only one motive and that was to benefit the territory. We tried our best to bring about better conditions. That we succeeded at last I think we can justly claim, notwithstanding anything that can be said to the contrary outside of the council chamber or any view held by the public. I think that the Yukon council can claim the lion's share of the credit for the better conditions which exist today. In saying this I believe I know what I am speaking of, and every member of the Yukon council knows that we have tried to bring about a better condition of affairs. Officially, June last we forwarded a memorandum to Ottawa, which I had the honor of framing, signed by all members of the council except one, and although he did not sign it for certain reasons which I need not mention, he stated that on his visit to Ottawa he would advocate the changes asked for. That memorandum contained the gist of what was put into a future memorandum prepared by a committee of the council after the two newly elected members had taken their seats. Two members of the council went out to Ottawa about that time and had the pleasure of discussing the memorandum with the minister of the interior and I believe received assurances from him that it would receive serious consideration.

"During the summer of 1899 two members of parliament came to this country. I discussed the condition of affairs at great length with them and pointed out to them the wants of this country, and we understood that they would use their utmost endeavor to bring about improvements. Our suggestions to them were not reduced to writing, and we are not in a position to say whether they failed or succeeded. They gave their opinions, I believe, to the minister in conferences with him, and I have no doubt but that their recommendations helped to bring about the results which have been attained.

"Late in the summer of 1899, as I before stated, when we gave up hope of federal aid in road building here the local council took action. The council at that time consisted of Justice Dugas, Col. Steele and myself, other members being absent. Justice Dugas proposed an ordinance authorizing the commissioner to borrow the sum of \$100,000 on the Yukon territorial responsibilities entirely, in the construction of roads. A great deal of discussion was given as to where these roads should be. Deputations from certain creeks wanted them in one place, deputations from other creeks wanted them in others. The \$100,000 would hardly begin to build the amount of roads considered necessary. The result was that we were driven to make a compromise and built the ridge road, tapping the creeks as far as possible, thus benefiting the greatest possible number with the means at hand, which

would not have been done if we had spent the money on one creek. That I am sorry to say met with some hostile criticism, but it was the only thing we could do.

"The question of the bridge across the Klondike was in the same predicament—was referred to the Yukon council with the result that the commissioner was authorized to proceed at once with the procuring of the material to make the bridge and the construction of a road to it. The selection of the site was left to the commissioner. This site was approved of by both the engineers of the department of public works and our resident engineer. A petition was presented against it and I am very sorry that my view of the public interest clashed with that of the petitioners. I regret that perhaps more than the petitioners. Yet I felt that I was in the position of a trustee of public money, and I felt that I would be unwarranted in spending \$75,000 more or less to benefit a very small community proportionately to Dawson. I think there is only 20 acres of ground in Klondike City, and what we wanted was a bridge from the mart to the mines—the shortest possible distance at the least possible expense to serve the greatest number of interests, and I think that these are all embraced in the present bridge, which has just been completed. I wish again to emphasize the remark I have made that the council always had only one object. They differed at times in their views; if they had not they would not have been human; but we wanted to get to the same point, and to a large extent we have succeeded.

"Mr. Ross, my successor, assumes office tomorrow. I feel that in him the territory has secured an experienced legislator, a man accustomed to new conditions in the Northwest territories, and will render to the council and territory invaluable service. More especially as he has to deal with improved conditions. He will reap to a certain extent—and I use the words respectfully—the benefit of what we have done. A great many things have been settled. Many difficulties have been met and disposed of. But there are others that will arise and I feel assured that in Mr. Ross you will find that experience, that judgment, that practical mindedness that will help materially to carry on the legislative work of this country, in a most effective and efficient manner.

"I wish to thank you very kindly for your remarks towards me, and assure you that I appreciate them as fully as a man can. In saying that, everybody knows what I mean, and I will appreciate them while I live.

"I have not considered what my future course will be. I have been made a most flattering offer by the minister of the interior—a very responsible position, and a position that will bring me before the people of this continent. I may accept it and I may not. I may return to the Yukon in a private capacity. But I must say this: No matter where I may be, no matter what my position may be, I will always take the most lively interest in this territory.

"My advent into this country was in 1885, to mark the boundary line. This brought me into some notoriety. My return in 1895 and my stay in 1896 and 1897, brought me more into notice in connection with the mines here. In my report in 1886 (and I do not wish to be egotistical) on my work in the territory, I find I expressed the opinion that where so much gold was so widely scattered, even in small quantities as it was then found, that there could not fail to be in one section, and maybe in several, such quantities of gold as to startle the world. My prediction has been verified in the discovery of the Klondike, and I believe that there will be others.

"Quartz has not been discovered in paying quantities, so far. We have found nothing yet which will warrant the assertion that any extensive quartz mining will be done in this territory. But I wish to point out that at Whitehorse there are extensive copper mines, and the same series of copper lodes run to the head of the Tanana, and I wish to call attention to the idea that in all probability we will find there other metalliciferous lodes. Some of them likely gold, silver or other metals, and in that region I feel confident that we will find something that will insure the permanency of the Yukon region as a mining camp for generations, and I sincerely hope something will be seen in the vicinity of Dawson to assure us of the same future.

"The placer mining work now in view in Dawson and vicinity will last not less than 20 years. If we find gold bearing quartz of sufficient value (we have lots of low grade) Dawson is here for generations.

"Thanking you for your kindly expression of feeling towards me and your patience with my rambling remarks, and assuring you that whenever I am I will think of the members of the Yukon council with the greatest kindness and consideration, owing to the trials we had to bear and what we had to go through together."

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Abraham Lincoln, the man of the people, son of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, was born Feb. 12, 1809, in Kentucky. He was shot Good Friday night, April 14, 1865, dying 22 minutes past 7 the next morning.

The familiar cabin of Lincoln's childhood could more properly be termed a camp, for, instead of being made of logs, it was built of poles, was about 14 feet square and had no floor.

Lincoln had very little actual school education, his first going, at the age of 10, were in Indiana to a woman named Hazel Dorsey. He was often taken from school to work or hire out. At 14 he went again to Andrew Crawford's school, and at 17 he saw the last of his school days under a man named Swaney. All the education he obtained afterward was through his own exertions. "Education defective" was his own definition given to the compiler of the Dictionary of Congress, although it was not a pleasant thought to him.

In youth he was an ardent advocate of temperance, and delivered discourses on cruelty to animals and the horrors of war. He liked stump speaking much more than the ax he had to wield so often.

Thought, conversation and observation were his preferences, and when growing up he had rather a reputation for laziness and forwardness, because he loved reading and thinking so much. Even from a boy he liked to have the first word, and to converse with any one near enough to talk to, even to strangers desiring to be directed. He is described when just reaching early manhood as exceedingly talkative, yet elemental, unsifted and raw.

Tall, lanky, sallow, dark and slightly stooping he was in appearance, being a muscular 6 feet 4 at 17. His dress in those days were all tanned deer hide, coat, trousers and moccasins. The luxury of wearing garments of fur and wool, dyed with the juice of the butternut or white walnut, was just being adopted in his neighborhood, and Lincoln was not a person to take the lead in elegance.

A great love of humor, which clung to him all his life, was one of his earliest and most prominent characteristics. He was fond of poetry, too. It is related of him that he manufactured a book himself, and then wrote in it:

"Abraham Lincoln,
His hand and pen,
He will be good, but
God knows when."

His attempts at verse making are described as florid, somewhat coarse, but much of it was, nevertheless, vital.

Being raised in a community superstitious in the extreme, Lincoln believed in supernatural portents all his life. Friday he considered fatal to every enterprise, and, as it turned out, well he might. He had many dreams which he considered forecasts of coming events, once sending a telegram to his wife to take away Tad's pistol, as he had had a bad dream about him. A good dream presaged the victories of Antietam, Murrefreesboro, Gettysburg and Vicksburg. He related an ill one just before his assassination.

When 19, in building a fence, Lincoln split the rails that played so prominent a part in his first presidential campaign, 28 years after.

Among the first situations he obtained after coming of age and striking out for himself was as a flatboat hand to New Orleans. The slave auction he witnessed there bore the ripe fruit of after years. It is said that then and there, in May, 1831, the iron against slavery entered his soul.

Pilot on a steamboat, clerk in a store and mill; captain of a volunteer company in the Black Hawk war; defeated candidate for legislature; a disastrous attempt as storekeeper, with a partner who was constantly drunk, while Lincoln read, came next; deputy surveyor; postmaster (carrying the incoming and outgoing mails in his hat), law student, and then again, successfully this time, legislative candidate. It was

when he went to take his seat among the lawmakers that he bought his first suit of "stere clothes." Borrowed the money to buy them, too. Successful lawyer, congressman, vice-presidential candidate, state's attorney, secretary of state, supreme court judge of Illinois, three times a representative, then a senator, and lastly president of the United States were some of his varied experiences and occupations.

A huge cotton umbrella, without a handle, and tied together with a string to keep it from flapping, is said to have aided in giving him a very grotesque appearance on his early circuit rides. His first pair of spectacles he bought from a small jeweler in Bloomington in 1856, saying at the time that "he had got to be 47 years old and kinder needed them." They cost 37 cents.

HELD OVER TO HIGHER COURT

O'Brien's Preliminary Hearing Concluded Today.

George O'Brien charged with the murder of Clayton, Relfe and Olsen on Christmas day, 1899, was this morning, on the evidence of the prosecution, bound over to the superior court by Magistrate Major Wood. The evidence of the prosecution was completed and O'Brien asked if he wished to make any statement, but he reserved his defense for the hearing before the superior court.

Capt. Scarth conducted the case for the prosecution and Herbert Robertson for the defense.

The courtroom was crowded when the prisoner was brought in and took his seat in the prisoner's box. The first witness called was Mr. Chas. Anquet. When asked by Capt. Scarth as to the time of his arrival in this country and his occupation witness stated that he was in the country in the winter of '98-'99 at Lake Learge. About the last day of November, '99, he and his partner a man named Ferguson, started a roadhouse called the Orange Grove about 20 miles below Selkirk. On the day they started, the prisoner with another man had stopped at his house and had stayed over night. They had two dogs, one black and the other a large yellow dog; he supposed it was a Newfoundland. The prisoner and his partner had not paid for their accommodations because they were not asked to pay anything. He had next seen them on the 9th of December at the Meat Cache about 15 miles above Selkirk traveling towards Selkirk. He had asked prisoner if he had seen his partner and prisoner replied that he had seen him the night before. The first time prisoner had come to his place he had a bundle of blankets and a box in which he had grub and cooking utensils. He also had two rifles in canvas cases; was not sure there was any leather on the case or not but he was sure it wasn't a banjo case. The witness said he could not swear to the dog if he saw him.

Mr. Robertson, attorney for defendant, was not present at the commencement of the trial but arrived later, so prisoner conducted the cross-examination of this witness and questioned him concerning the date and how he had fixed them. Witness could not swear to the date of opening his roadhouse but was sure it was some time the latter part of November.

In reply to a question as to where he had been stopping prior to his opening the roadhouse witness stated that he had stopped at Mr. Blaker's hotel at Selkirk. In reply to a question witness said that neither Mr. Blaker nor anyone else that he could name knew that he was going to open up the roadhouse. Witness stated that he purchased his provisions from a man named Noble the day before he went down.

In reply to the question put by O'Brien, "How did you remember meeting me on the 9th of December at the Meat Cache?" witness replied, "I met Corporal Ryan the day before and he told me it was the 8th."

Major Wood here asked witness if he knew at the time the date was the 9th or was he told afterwards. Witness was positive it was the 9th.

Here O'Brien leaned over the box and said, "Remember, I am on trial for my life and these dates are very important points and I want you to be as close as possible about them. Did Corporal Ryan tell you the date?"

"He did at Selkirk."
"How did he happen to tell you?"
"Because I wanted to find the date. Corporal Ryan looked it up in the police books and said it was the 8th when he was at the Meat Cache."

Under cross-examination by Capt. Scarth witness said that at their first meeting O'Brien had said nothing as regards their intention, but his partner

had said they were going up the Pelly river.

Cross-examination by Robertson: "Will you swear it was not the Big Salmon he said they were going up instead of the Pelly?"

"It was the Pelly. On their second trip they had changed their minds and were going up the Big Salmon. At the first meeting there were three other people at the roadhouse one lady with her husband and another man. They had come down in a scow and had been camped above until the river had frozen over."

Sergeant Tweedy was the next witness called. He testified to being here and a member of the N. W. M. P. since '97. Since December, '98, he has been in charge of the prison at Dawson. Prisoner had been released from that jail on the 16th of September, 1899.

At the time of his release he probably had \$10 in cash. Several things of his were missing including a robe which was replaced from the police stores. Prisoner had a small Winchester and several other articles including a stove and an ax.

Mr. Wm. R. Young was next called. For a year beginning January, '99, he was a special constable in the N. W. M. P. force stationed at Hutchiku; saw prisoner on river about five miles above Minto on the right limit on the 7th or 8th day of December. There were several men just ahead of him walking to Selkirk. At the roadhouse he had met Corporal Ryan, Burgess and a barber who is now working in Dawson. He had also met Capt. Starnes at Selkirk the night he arrived there. Capt. Starnes was on his way up river. The trail was made on the river about the 15th of December.

Corporal Ryan was next called to the stand and testified that he has been in the country since he spring of '98 and had been in charge of the post at Hutchiku during the winter of 1899-1900. He had not met prisoner but had heard of him while he was in prison and had heard of him afterwards as being on the trail. He recognized prisoner from the description. He had received a letter from Major Wood and had kept a watch of the trail, but at that time there was no travel. He first saw prisoner when he was brought down in custody. Witness knew Clayton and Olsen, but did not know Relfe. He had last seen Olsen on the 21st or 22d. He had first heard of his disappearance on the 29th. Thinking he had met with some accident along the line which he had gone out to repair, witness started out along the line over the hills to look for him. Following the line through the woods about eight miles below Hutchiku he found a trail leading into the woods which he followed for some distance and found a tent in which was a rifle and some provisions. He considered that the goods had been stolen so he left everything and kept watch on it for two days but no one came around. He then took charge of the rifle. Later the McKay Bros., who had a cache six miles from there proved the goods in the tent by their brand which was on them and said they had been stolen. The cache was on a direct line with the tent and connected with a trail over the portage which was made by W. L. Powell's meat outfit on the left hand side of the river.

Under cross-examination witness said that no one was living at the cache, but that Mr. McKay came up, and identified the goods by the brand on the boxes.

This completed the evidence of the prosecution and Attorney Robertson for the defense made an objection to the proceedings claiming the magistrate had no jurisdiction, inasmuch as no proper return had been given the prisoner from the 24th or 26th of July to the 11th of August and from the 11th of August to the 7th of November, 1900. This objection had been made before and overruled. The prisoner reserving his defense, was committed for trial to the territorial court.

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