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From Thursday's Daily. A WEAK EFFORT.

In conformity with the policy of this paper to give both sides of every public question a fair hearing, we published yesterday a letter addressed by the White Pass Railroad Company to the newspapers of Seattle.

As regards nearly all other classes of freight such as groceries, hardware, feed, machinery, drugs, and in fact all of the ordinary necessities, the rates remain practically where they were two years ago, the main difference being a slight rebate given to the heaviest shippers.

The defense which the railroad company has offered may appear very well in Seattle where the facts are not known. But in Dawson it will merely occasion a smile of incredulity.

THE SCHLEY DECISION.

The decision of the court of inquiry which has been sitting for the past two months, endeavoring to ascertain to whom belongs the credit of destroying Cerreia's fleet off Santiago has at length been rendered.

On the other hand, the minority report brought in by Admiral Dewey, finds that Schley was in absolute command during the famous battle, and to him and him alone is due the laurels for the glorious victory achieved.

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Winnipeg Writings. Massey, Ont., Nov. 11—While ascending the shaft in a bucket at Cooper's Mine, near here this morning, Antonios Mousseau fell out and was dashed to pieces at the bottom. He leaves a large family of small children.

Toronto, Nov. 11—David Hawes, a colored railway porter, was found guilty of assault upon Louisa Lebar, a 17-year-old girl today, and sentenced to ten years imprisonment. In passing sentence Chief Justice Ferguson observed that hanging was once the penalty for the offence, and that the law was still on the statute books.

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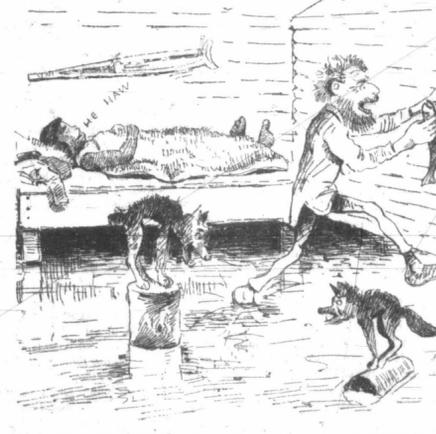
SOCIETIES. THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF Yukon Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M., will be held at Masonic hall, Mission street, monthly, Thursday on or before full moon, at 8:00 p. m. G. H. WELLS, W. M. J. A. DONALD, Secy.

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"I STEPPED IN WATER HALF WAY TO MY KNEES."

Special Christmas Prices! Ladies' Fur Mitts, \$5.00. Wombat Coats, \$27.50. Grey Lamb Coats, \$7.50. Coon Coats, \$4.75. Wool Seal Coats, \$35.00. Wallaby Coats, \$20.00. Electric Seal Coats, \$2.50. J. P. McLENNAN.

# THE MAIL CARRIERS

### May Be Relieved of Their Task by Indignant Citizens of Dawson

### WILL ASK GOVERNOR'S CONSENT

### To Journey Up the River With Fast Team to Meet.

### AND TAKE CHARGE OF MAIL

bringing it on to Dawson, allowing the carriers until the ice goes out to complete trip.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

There is a movement on foot, this afternoon headed by a number of prominent business men who are ready and willing to bear the expense of the enterprise to procure an order from Governor Ross for the transfer of the mail, which has erroneously been spoken of as "incoming," but which is really stationary, and have it brought on to Dawson by a fast team which will be dispatched with the order from the governor to meet it.

A committee of business men was to wait on the governor this afternoon and if the order on the carriers of the Klondike mail is obtained the team in charge of a driver, some reliable citizens and probably a police officer, will be dispatched to river tonight or early tomorrow morning.

This rather vigorous decision on the part of the business men and officials of Dawson is the result of patience having ceased to be a virtue, and of a strong conviction that the time has come when they must act in freeing themselves from the outrages being daily perpetrated upon them by the "mail."

A conviction that God helps those who help themselves has possessed Dawsonites and if they cannot receive their mail when nearly \$10,000 per month is being paid for its transportation, and as it was delivered at the time when roadhouses were unknown and trails were unbroken, delivered by the police, and for no compensation, an effort will be made to remedy conditions by decisive action.

In case the project is carried out, the carriers in charge of the consignments will have from now until the ice goes out in the late spring to cultivate the acquaintance of roadhouse keepers and complete the trip.

# NOTHING WAS DOING

### In Police Court Circles This Morning or Today.

Notwithstanding the drawing near of that gay and festive period of the year when men's social natures are wont to burst forth and mingle over the bowing bowl, there was not a single case of any description on the agenda of Macaulay's court this morning. It is indeed a dull day when the hardy son of toil is not interested in bringing about a suit of divorce, but even that individual was not in evidence today.

Very of all descriptions at Garfield's.

# TRAVELERS TO KOYUKUK

### TAKE NOTICE

That the N. A. T. & T. Co. at Fort Yukon has a full stock of goods for outfitting, at reasonable prices. Any shortages arising will be reported to their Circle City station.

# CHEAP FREIGHT RATES

### WINTER RATES ON GENERAL MERCHANDISE TO THE FOLLOWING CREEKS, PER TON:

Sulphur, including 21 Below	\$30.00	North of Quartz	\$30.00
Gold Run	\$35.00	Mediana	\$40.00
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# SEATTLE BOOMS NOME

### Preparing for Another Crop of Chechacos Next Year.

Seattle, Nov. 7.—"The prospects for the Nome mining district are far more flattering than ever dreamed of," is the opinion of J. B. Brewster, who returned to this city on the Roanoke yesterday, after a season's work in the fields of the North. As manager for the C. D. Lane interests, including all the properties of the Wild Goose Mining Co., Mr. Brewster is in a position to give accurate judgment on the merits of the country in which he has operated.

"So far as the Wild Goose Company is concerned," he said, "it has expended up to date more than \$1,000,000 in Nome and vicinity, and is highly pleased with every dollar put out. It has one claim there that will largely pay this back in next season's work, and only unfortunate conditions and circumstances prevented a large output this season. The loss of the steamer C. D. Lane retarded the work that was under way very materially and the late season was also detrimental to our plans."

"This winter the work will be carried on and by July 1, 1902, the water plant will be in operation. The buildings are all up and the foundation for the main engine has been set. It consists of a cement block twenty feet deep, thirty feet wide and ninety feet in length. When this plant is completed it will furnish water for the working of an economical manner of properties that are vastly rich, but which have been idle heretofore, through a total lack of water."

As an illustration of this, the Mattie claim, owned by the Wild Goose Company, runs from \$1 to \$82 to the pan. It is at the head of Mickolai gulch and will be worked to the limit next season. This winter dumps will be taken out to expedite matters.

"There will be forwarded from Nome alone next year more gold than ever before in its history. In addition to this there will be a larger output from the Golovin bay district. On Ophir creek, where the company owns a great many claims, there will be six and one-half miles of ditch and flume put in for next season's work and a good portion of this has been accomplished during this fall season. The property has been demonstrated to be rich. The claims mentioned are the ones with which we of the company are of course the most familiar, but they are only representative of many others. It is true that Nome is not a poor man's country, yet there are certainly great chances there for the man with small or moderate capital. I believe the destination as reported is very largely exaggerated, although I do not doubt that there are many men there who need and deserve assistance."

Mr. Brewster will within a few days leave for Des Moines, Ia., where he will visit his father-in-law, Congressman Lacey, after which he will pass the remainder of the winter season in Washington, D. C.

# DRUMMING PASSENGERS

### Many Team Owners Arranging for Trip to Whitehorse.

Quite a number of teams and sleds will leave for Whitehorse within the next few days in addition to those operated on regular stage lines of which there will be several. Teamsters know that they can secure loads of freight and possibly passengers for the return trip and even if only the former, the trip will pay more money than can be made in the same time by freighting to the creeks at the present scale of prices. Within the past two days a number of men have been looking up passengers for Whitehorse to start the first of the week. The rate quoted is \$100 for the trip and efforts will be made to cover the distance in ten days. That time has not been made this season by horse team, although R. E. West, the hustling Nugget carrier and general news dealer, made the trip with a dog team in ten days, carrying one passenger. West is now on the way back with a load of news matter.

Word wired back by persons now on the trail is to the effect that it is in much better condition now than a year ago, the vapors of the mail people to the contrary notwithstanding. A poor excuse for not delivering mail is better than none, hence the stories of laborious traveling. Beginning the first of the week river travel will be fairly on from both ends of the route.

"What is stage fright, father?" asked the boy, at a theatre.

"Stage fright?" repeated the father, pointing to a veteran of the chorus. "Well, there is one."

# Strange Wedding Presents.

Among other presents received by a certain Gloucestershire doctor on the occasion of his marriage was a handsomely bound album filled with paper-cuttings relating to matrimonial disputes and their law court sequels. The recipient, a man of violent temper, was furious, and threatened dire vengeance against the anonymous sender, whom, however, he failed to discover.

"How to be Happy though Married" was the offering sent by a friend to a London solicitor on the occasion of the latter's marriage with a lady whose temper was far from angelic. Through an excellent book, it failed in this instance to meet with approval, and, indeed, was the cause of considerable unpleasantness between the parties.

Not long since a very stout lady was led to the altar by a gentleman who even surpassed her in the matter of avoirdupois. During the wedding breakfast some twenty or more parcels arrived from local chemists, all containing various brands of anti-fat, the gifts, as accompanying notes said, "of certain friends, desirous of remaining unknown, who can think of no more reasonable gift upon this auspicious and weighty occasion."

A certain amateur author, who had, at his own expense, published a volume of verses, was surprised and delighted at the ready sale of his book, the strength of which he gave a farewell bacchus supper to a circle of friends. Imagine, then, his disgust when his wedding presents, which soon began to arrive literally by the score, were found to consist exclusively of his own poems, which he fondly imagined had been disseminated broadcast among the reading public.

A Manchester gentleman, who last year espoused a lady whose beauty was non-existent save in the eyes of her fiancé, who was continually harping thereon, received as wedding gifts from various friends, who discreetly remained anonymous, no fewer than a dozen pairs of spectacles, each accompanied by a note suggesting that his sight must surely be impaired, or he would not have ventured on his present matrimonial choice.

"Although it is now too late, I send you the accompanying car trumpet. Use it and you may not in the future be deaf to advice," was the whimsical message received five months since by a young man who had married contrary to his relation's wishes from a crabbed old uncle from whom he had expectations. Consequently he ignored the sarcasm and kept the present.

A pretty idea was carried into effect some time since on the occasion of the marriage of a Miss Rose, when, by a friendly conspiracy among her friends and relatives, all her gifts were associated with her floral namesake. She had a jeweled rose-shaped brooch and earring, a set of Tennant's poems bound in rose-colored binding, a suite of drawing room furniture covered in Genoa velvet embossed with a scheme of roses, besides many other gifts emblematic of her name.

# More Taxes.

London, Nov. 4.—What is regarded as an important announcement, preparing the people of Great Britain, for new taxes and fresh loans, was made tonight by the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, in a speech at Bristol. After alluding to the enormous increase in the ordinary expenditures of the government he reviewed the war taxes and said that the ever increasing demand on the national exchequer gave reasons for careful thought and even anxiety for the future.

The cost of the war in South Africa is enormous, said Sir Michael. It still drags. It may be when next year comes that I may have to ask the people of this country to bear even greater burdens and to make even greater sacrifices.

John Morley, M. P., speaking to-day at Forfar, Scotland, asserted the ordinary annual expenditures of the British government had increased 26,000,000 pounds sterling during the ten years, or, including the suspension of the sinking fund £32,000,000. He declared that there was a real danger ahead of the country.

# Kissing Under the Mistletoe.

While we must thank the Druids for suggesting the mistletoe as a Christ-decorator, we are not indebted to them for the pretty custom of kissing under the mistletoe. That had its origin with the ancient Babylonians. The Babylonians, however, did not restrict the license of the mistletoe to mere kissing. A man who was fortunate enough to catch a maiden under a suspended branch of this mystic plant was privileged not only to kiss her but to make her his wife. It would seem from the remarks of the old historians that the girls of those days took very kindly to the custom.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

# FOR FINAL READING

### Dawson Incorporation Ordinance to Be Passed Monday.

The Yukon council will again meet Monday afternoon next for the final consideration of the bill providing for the incorporation of Dawson. After its third reading the council will vote upon its passage and it is assumed it will be carried unanimously. Since its first reading there has been every opportunity for amendments to be made, the several members of the council have had ample time to digest and ponder over the many provisions contained in the ordinance, and the presumption is that the bill as it now stands meets fairly well the approval of the entire council. While the bill was being considered by the committee of the whole many amendments were offered and all with but two or three exceptions were accepted. What the result of the election will be that will immediately follow the passage of the ordinance to determine whether or not the city shall be incorporated and governed by an elective mayor and board of aldermen or a commission appointed by Governor Ross, there can be but little doubt. The great mass of taxpayers, property owners and people of responsibility have taken the stand against the nefarious schemes of the Kid Committee who would prostitute every office that fell in their clutches in the event of an election, and when the time comes an absolute confidence will be shown in a commission such as is known Governor Ross would appoint, by the expression at the polls of a majority so overwhelmingly against "de gang" that in the avalanche which will engulf them they will sink completely into oblivion.

# Divorce Laws.

There is a charming variety about the divorce laws of the United States probably unrivaled in those of any other country. The following are a few grounds on which divorce can be secured:—

Utah—When parties are "unable to live in peace and union."

Missouri and Wyoming—When vagrancy of the husband is proved.

Virginia—If the husband has been "notoriously immoral" before marriage.

Rhode Island—If there has been gross misbehavior and wickedness.

Kentucky—If ungovernable temper on the part of either party be proved.

Kansas and Ohio—Any gross neglect of duty by the husband or wife.

Tennessee—Should the wife refuse to move into the state.

Massachusetts—Three years' membership with an religious society that believes the marriage relations unlawful.

Georgia—Should mental incapacity of husband or wife at the time of marriage be proved.

In six states it is sufficient to prove indignities that "render life burdensome."—Ex.

# GOLD RUN NEWS NOTES

### Busy With Mining, Dances, Debates and Fires.

The visitors on Gold Run who registered at Chute & Wills' Gold Run hotel this week were: Dr. Irtstrone, C. McGregor, N. A. Soggs, Dick Butler and Wm. Hulme, of Dawson; Thos. McCreeg and John Baptiste of Caribou.

At the invitation of the Rev. Geo. Pringle a large number of Gold Run creek people called at the Central hotel on Monday night to listen to a debate, entitled, "Should Woman be Entitled to the Privilege of Voting." Messrs. Jordan and Bennett answered the call of the pro; the party of contrary being accepted and responded to by Messrs. Babiste and Lowney. The gentlemen in question acquitted themselves with honor and, considering the fact that it being the first occasion for a display of local talent no limit of praise can be placed on the four speakers. The applause during the discourse went to show how deeply the audience was interested in the subject. The laurels were carried off by the pro's, notwithstanding the fact that Messrs. Lowney and Babiste made an exceptional good showing against odds which are always a natural result in a debate of that subject in favor of the fairer sex. The Rev. Pringle is to be congratulated on the success of the meeting which will be followed by another debate on Saturday, Dec. 21st, entitled "Resolved that arbitration is the best means of settling international differences."

The McDonald Bros. of No. 12 road house intend giving a social ball and supper on New Year's Eve to their guests. Music is ordered for the occasion from Dawson and no expense will be spared to entertain those who are fortunate to attend at the jollification at the busiest end of the creek.

Gold Run experienced its first fire of the year this week. The Whittam hotel, leased by Mrs. Cooney became ignited through the agency of a defective flue. It rapidly gained headway and spread to the second floor, destroying everything in its pathway. The proprietress lost everything of value, including her wardrobe. The timely arrival of volunteers saved the destruction of the building. Loss estimated at \$400.

The government road after the last fall of snow is now in good shape. Dick Hart, who handles the ribbons on the Gold Run line for Orr & Tukey's from Murray Bros., to the terminus at Jack Lynch's, No. 20, now makes the run, 15 miles, in two hours and reports but one bad spot, namely, the "7" glacier which, however, will be kept in good order henceforth, by Rodney McKenzie, who is in the employ of the government.

Messrs. Percy and Wagner reached bed Wednesday on their claim, No. 6, Gold Run. At the depth of 45 feet they encountered good pay. Numerous holes have been sunk in that locality. Most all on the left limit. The discovery made however on the right proves conclusively that the Gold Run pay takes its course right down Dominion.

Opportunity in this life carries everything before it and distinguishes the man who is fortunate enough to get tangled up in its snare. How many people in this universe heard of George Dewey before the opportunity presented itself for him to enter the bay of Manila? Not only Dewey on the sea, but Kitchener, Roberts, Grant, and other notables on land, and who ever heard of a volunteer fire department on Gold Run and such names in connection with it as Percy Reed, Chief of same, Al. Chute, hose manager, Wm. Babiste, underwriter, and Dick King, foreman, with every one on the creek volunteers. The answer to the same would be "Well, I do declare." However, such is a cast iron fact and certainly will occupy a few pages of honor in the history of the Klondike for deeds of valor on land and with water. Well, every one can smile any time that water is thrown on Gold Run something goes up or drops out of sight. The above named opportunity presented itself last Monday when the alarm of fire was sounded. In justice to the department it may be stated the trained moose was in readiness and jumped into his harness at the sound of the gong. Al. Smith jerked the reins, Bill Hartley done the steering with the jet machine, and for a few seconds every thing looked like a coroner's inquest. The hose cart couldn't see the telephone posts go past and the whole outfit landed in a confused heap at their destination. Percy's new trumpet arrived in time for the occasion and his voice rang loud and shrill as he directed his men. Al. Chute was examining the hose nozzle just as the water was turned on, while the fire was at its fiercest some one whispered to Jim Dolan that there was two boxes of powder in the house. Jim made a flying leap, landing head-first in a snow drift. The powder was found later on marked "Pellow's Swan Down." Several accidents were narrowly averted owing to the presence of mind of the firemen. George Wall fell off a fifty foot ladder. Lucky thing for Geo. the ladder was lying on the ground. Taken all in all, the Gold Run firemen are a credit to the Yukon, as putting it! I, suppose you mean you have asked them and they have said "No."

# ANOTHER B. C. RAILROAD

### Skeena Coal and Copper Ledges to Be Developed.

Vancouver, Nov. 8.—Construction work on the new railway to the interior to Kitimat Arm will be commenced in the spring. This was the principal item of news received by the steamer Tees, which arrived from the north last evening.

The preliminary survey party, with the exception of Mr. Gray, the chief engineer, came down and the party of fifteen men now here are headed by Mr. Pinder, the second engineer in charge.

Accompanying them is Capt. Madden, representative of Mr. Samuel M. Robins, general superintendent for the New Vancouver Coal Company. Capt. Madden came down for the purpose of making a complete report on the coal fields of Buckley valley, and it is considered altogether probable that work will be begun there also next season in developing the coalfields.

The country is an easy one for railway building. From Kitimat Arm to the canyon of the Skeena, where large copper properties are situated, is a distance of forty miles, and this is the line that will probably be started in construction at the first of the year. The preliminary survey shows a grade in no place heavier than one per cent. and it is altogether a very nice run up a valley.

From the canyon to Hazelton is about eighty-five miles and this is the second section of the line that is to be constructed. From there to Buckley valley is a shorter distance and here the coal deposits appear to be as extensive as anywhere in the country. One of the seams is twenty-three feet in width, and can be traced for a long distance.

In speaking of the prospects for the next season, Mr. D. F. McDonald, who came down last night, says that the coming year is certain to see a large amount of development work done, and the building of the railway will give a great impetus to the country. Mr. McDonald thinks, however, that Port Simpson will be the ultimate terminus of the railway if it is built across the whole of the northern part of British Columbia.

# Housewarming Party.

A jolly home warming took place last Saturday evening at the cabin occupied by Messrs. R. J. Dillon, W. Ask and George Parsons. The evening was spent in singing, dancing and playing whist, in the latter game Jack Black carrying off the first prize and Peter Steil that awarded to the booby. A collation was served at midnight after which dancing was resumed, extending well toward morning. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Broomehan, the Misses Heede, Miss Moore, Miss Lewis, Mr. James Gray, Mr. John Mack, Mr. Peter Steil, Mr. L. C. Troughton, Mr. George Watson, Mr. George Parsons, Mr. Wm. Ask and Mr. R. J. Dillon.

# Diminutive Watch.

The Dowager Duchess of Sutherland, who is credited with possessing the only crystal watch in existence having transparent works, made for the most part of rock crystal, had the works removed from a miniature watch and placed inside a magnificent diamond having a diameter not exceeded the depth of four lines of ordinary type. Small as this timepiece was, it is surpassed in diminutiveness to what was justly described as the "smallest watch in the world," which was exhibited at the watch exhibition in Berlin recently. Made of fine gold this microscopic watch had the dimensions of a pea, that is to say its diameter of 64 millimeters, which is practically a quarter of an inch, would equal in depth three lines of type; 480 of these watches would weigh about one pound avoirdupois, if there existed anyone possessing a heart sufficiently adamant to permit so brutal a weight as avoirdupois to be applied to so delicate a mechanism. Made of gold and valued at \$400, this dainty watch boasts a minute hand as long as an ordinary sized letter "i," and a half in length, and a second hand one sixteenth of an inch long that would demand an incision into the nonpareil font to supply a suitable illustration.—Good Words.

# Testimonial Benefit.

Mr. Harry Sedley, the well-known player, will receive a testimonial benefit tomorrow (Sunday) evening at the Auditorium at Rich the principal theatrical talent now in the city will appear, including Wm. Bittner, Ralph Cummings, Mason and Evans, Katherine Kreig, Madge Melville, George Noble, Mr. Turnbull, Helen Jewel, Ray Southard, Carroll, Fred Breen, Wm. Mullen, Mamie Holden, Cecil Marion, Vivvao, Kate Rockwell, and the full Auditorium orchestra. The benefit is a worthy one in every respect and an interesting program of exceptional merit will be arranged.

Captain Hawkins: "No, I'm not exactly engaged, but I have the refusal of two or three girls."

Miss Ethel: "What a capital way of putting it! I, suppose you mean you have asked them and they have said 'No.'"

# PAYSTREAK CALLED DOWN

### Victoria Times Takes Issue With Its Neighbor.

The great minds in all parts of the world are just now wrestling with stupendous problems. Britain's statesmen have their war in South Africa, France's have reopened the Eastern question, Germans and Russians are studying economic problems and wondering if they can get back at the United States by increasing the tariffs, the Americans are pondering over the possibility of bringing about the annexation of Canada. Colonials are wondering when Great Britain will make a move in the direction of Imperial Federation, and our provincial wise men in the interior are considering what they shall do with British Columbia when redistribution gives them their rights and the political balance of power. The Nelson Tribune thinks Canada can never become "swift" like unto her great southern neighbor, until she becomes independent and hoists a flag of her own. The Sandon Paystreak, with the frankness for which it is noted, would hoist the Stars and Stripes over this province at once and leave the rest of this luckless Dominion to its own devices. The Paystreak is noted for its originality and plain-speaking. It is the only one of its kind in Canada, which is a free country and its people can afford to consider all suggestions. We understand the editor if we ask him how long his paper would live or his office remain intact if he were publishing it at home and were to advocate "a repetition of the little affair of '76," and a revocation of the declaration of independence. An editor in the United States who would argue in favor of the amalgamation of the United States and Great Britain would be in imminent danger of the treatment which is accorded negroes for alleged unmentionable offenses. In our phlegmatic British way we are accustomed to trying people first and punishing them afterwards and to hearing what a man has to say in favor of any course he advocates for the welfare of the community. The Paystreak may circulate in a community whose sentiments accord with those of the editor. If so, paper and community are both "united states" we might gain in population with great rapidity, but there are some things more to be desired than such an avalanche. The editor of the Paystreak, we understand, lately made an eastern trip. Did he unearth any feeling in favor of annexation? Did he not rather find a universal fire in Canadian institutions and a determination to keep pegging away until the goal be attained? The same is true in regard to British Columbia as a whole. If the Paystreak utters the sentiments of Sandon and its surrounding districts the article we reproduce below is the first evidence we have had of it. In a few years the world will have ample information as to the future that awaits this country. When that time comes our growth will be fast enough, perhaps faster than thoughtful men relish.

However, it is just as well that the world should know what some of the papers of British Columbia are printing. The Paystreak's plaint is as follows:—"If British Columbia cannot get the anti-Mongolian law it wants under the British flag it is time to switch our allegiance and fly the Stars and Stripes. This province would be welcomed to full statehood in the big republic at any time and would have Mongolian disallowance until further orders as a condition of admission. Great Britain has no rights of ownership that British Columbians are bound to respect, and if the mother country cannot afford to permit us to make our own laws we cannot afford to commit suicide in order to continue the allegiance. Loyalty is all right, but imperial reasons are a mockery to a hungry man."

"If Great Britain cannot settle her foreign affairs without ruining her colonies it is time for Great Britain to go out of the colonization business altogether. We have a country here that is worth a half dozen Great Britains so far as natural resources are concerned, and British Columbians do not propose to make it a province of China or Japan for the sake of the open door policy. Great Britain is making the same mistakes today that Spain made three hundred years ago. All the lessons of history are wasted on the British government, and only a repetition of the little affair of '76 will remove the blindfold from Anglican eyes."—Victoria Times.

# A British Boulanger.

London, Oct. 31.—Gen Buller threatens to blossom into a British Boulanger. He does not appear to court privacy or to discountenance demonstration. He attended a theater in London last evening, and when he was recognized and cheered he rose to his feet and bowed his acknowledgments. Outside the building Gen. Buller was surrounded by cheering crowds, and the police had to be called to clear a way.

Gen. Buller, speaking today, to a reporter of the London Evening News regarding the telegram to Gen. White, attributed to him by the "National Review," said:—"That is not my telegram."

# PERHAPS IT IS LOST

### Mail Not Yet at Stewart Which Should Have Reached Here Today

### PASSED SELWYN FOUR DAYS AGO

### Since Which Time It Has Made Less Than 15 Miles Daily.

### MAY BE COMING UNDER ICE

### Anxiety Giving Place to Anger on the Part of Dawsonites—Delay Inexcusable, Barring Accident.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the mail which had passed Selwyn four days ago had not covered the 63 miles intervening between that place and Stewart the next telegraph station. While there is a possibility that the mail may have been lost and is coming on down under instead of over the ice, the probabilities are that the poorly paid, discouraged carriers are dilly-dallying around some roadhouse.

Anxiety on the part of the people of Dawson is rapidly giving way to anger, the consensus of opinion being that no special efforts are being made to get the mail through and that instead of indulging in extra work to get it around bad places on the river, the carriers are hanging back until time and the elements remedy the defects in the trail.

A small consignment of incoming mail left Selkirk this morning at 7 o'clock.

# WOOD MARKET IS STEADY

### At From \$10 to \$12 Per Cord According to Quality.

The recent attempt to put up the price of wood owing to a few hundred cords being over-floated and later frozen in on the water front resulted in failure. A fair quality of wood can still be had at \$10 per cord while the best only commands \$12. It is said that there is not sufficient fuel near town to last through the winter season, but no raise in price is anticipated before April 1st and then it is not thought it will go above \$13 or \$14. More people are dealing in wood this year than ever before, some of the large freighters having taken a number of teams off the road to engage in hauling wood, there being more money in the latter even at \$10 per cord than in delivering freight on the creeks at the present prices.

# STARTED FOR WHITEHORSE

### Quartette of Musers Leave Here This Morning.

A party of four men whose names were not learned, is said to have started for Whitehorse this morning, the mode of travel being the same as that adopted by "Kid" West on his recent pilgrimage to the outside. They carried no baggage nor provisions but will rely on the roadhouses along the way. Should the weather remain as it is the trip will be only a pleasant winter outing. It is reported that a number of people have left the other end of the route and are traveling Dawsonwards.

# MUST BE KEPT BUSY

### Otherwise Horses and Mules Are Expensive Stock.

A gentleman who keeps a large stable full of horses today informed a Nugget man that at the present prices at which hay and oats are sold (the lowest in the history of Dawson) the cost of keeping a horse or mule per day on feed purchased at wholesale prices is \$2.16 in Dawson and in the neighborhood of \$3 per day per head when on the creeks. The gentleman remarked that a horse or mule can not live on any less and keep in good working order. Those who are engaged in teaming in a small way and who buy feed in small quantities, pay more for the keep of their stock than the larger concerns. In view of these conditions it behooves owners to keep their stock busy even if it is to only make the price of the feed, and it is said that end is now just being barely accomplished in many cases.

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From Saturday and Monday's Daily. TAXPAYERS MAY CONTROL.

The taxpayers of Dawson are in a position to take the affairs of the town into their own hands, provided they unite on a policy, and stand together in the work of carrying it out to a successful issue. Without regard to lines of nationality, the heaviest ratepayers in the city are opposed to incorporation. Their opposition is based upon a number of solid, substantial reasons, which every person who will be entitled to vote at the approaching election or who possesses any influence with those who enjoy that privilege would do well to give long and serious consideration.

A decision against incorporation means a continuation, practically, of the same kind of local government that has been in vogue for the past two years.

During that time a fair critic must be compelled to admit that Dawson has received the benefit of careful and economical administration. Notwithstanding the fact that the Yukon council has been in no particular responsible to the community, that body, it must be confessed, has conducted the affairs of the town in a manner quite satisfactory to the majority of the taxpayers. The rate of taxation has been kept down to a low figure, and the public funds have been expended in a manner that has not warranted the faintest suspicion of corruption or scandal. If a commission appointed by the government made responsible for the government of the town, it may reasonably be anticipated that affairs will continue along the present channels.

From the interviews published in this paper last evening, it is quite apparent that the men who hold the heaviest interests in Dawson are inclined toward the commission idea as against an elected mayor and council. In any event the first object to be accomplished is to prevent the control of the town from falling into the hands of sportsmen and professional agitators who have none but their own ends to serve.

Such characters have posed too long already before the community in the guise of political leaders. They should be taught a lesson now which will last for all time to come.

As noted above the entire matter is a thing for the taxpayers themselves to settle and by combined and unified action they may determine once and for all that Dawson is not to be turned over bodily to the control of a few irresponsible who are in politics to use a common expression—for what there is in it.

HAS AWAKENED.

Dawson has awakened at last to a realization of the fact that a dangerous element exists in its midst which must be held down with a firm hand. Numerically this element is not strong, being confined principally to a few professional agitators and office seekers, who have posed for so long a time before the community as leaders, that some people have been inclined to accept them seriously. This condition has been aggravated by reason of the fact that the responsible men of the community have lain dormant and interposed no objection to the actions of the gang—which has usually held full sway at public meetings and has assumed to speak for the community at large.

Affairs have now reached a stage, however, when the representative men of Dawson must come forward and assert themselves as a matter of self protection.

With a very short time Dawson must undertake the task of administering its own affairs either through an elected council or an appointed commission. It remains with the people themselves to say which of the two forms of government they choose, but their first duty is to provide against the possibility of placing the reins of power in the hands of a gang of adventurers. This duty, the Nugget feels perfectly satisfied, will be cared for in a proper manner. A lesson must be taught this impudent clique of political tricksters, which they will remember for all time to come. If they should be permitted to secure the reins of local government Dawson would be irretrievably disgraced.

DEFENSE IMPOSSIBLE.

The defense offered by the White Pass Company to the Seattle newspapers for its present freight tariffs will carry no weight with those who are familiar with the workings of the

WELDY YOUNG TAKES A RUN

From Barlow on Clear Creek to the Metropolis.

Says Things Are Brightening Up in the Country Over Which He Presides as Mining Recorder.

Weldy Young, the efficient mining recorder, all round athlete and pride of the civil service hockey team last year, arrived Saturday afternoon at his post at Barlow, on Clear creek, a tributary of the Stewart, making the trip of 90 miles with a dog team in a day and a half. His route lay via Gravel Lake, Arkansas creek and Dominion, reaching Caribou the first night out. The trail to Hunter's cabin, 30 miles out of Barlow, was found to be very good, but from that point to Dominion it was just the reverse. The light snow fall has been sufficient to cover up the rickshaws, the trail in places is very sliding and is about as rough as it well could be and still be passable. Were the snow of any depth at all the trail would be in excellent condition as there has been enough travel to thoroughly pack it down to a hardness of granite. On his way in Mr. Young met quite a number of outfits being hauled out to the scene of the recent strike on Duncan creek. His trip in at this time is one of business, the many stampedes in the Stewart river and McQuesten creek sections this winter having left him exhausted the stock of forms he had on hand at his office.

"Things never looked brighter in the upper river country nor in a more prosperous condition," said Mr. Young today. "The strikes that have recently been made are genuine discoveries and the staking for the most part has been done by bona fide miners who intend opening up their ground at once and not sit idly by waiting for a speculative rise. A noticeable and I might say commendable feature in the Duncan strike is that nearly every one who has staked on the creek is what we call a McQuesten man, one who has been trapping the mountains over and been more or less identified with that section during the past year. Another peculiar coincidence I noticed is the fact that there was not a man who came to my office to record who was not favorably impressed with the country. Everyone had used their right wherever they had one to use. They are still staking on Duncan creek and there are many who think more favorably of the lower end, say several miles below discovery, than they do of that about discovery. The lower part of the creek is said to resemble Bonanza so much that if the road houses on the latter were suddenly transferred to Duncan the two creeks could scarcely be told apart. At the time I left, Friday morning, the creek was staked to 100 below and up as far as Stone creek which comes in at 80 above. On the left fork, sometimes called Lightning creek, there are 75 or 80 claims recorded. One marked characteristic of the country which the old miners regard as extremely favorable is that it is entirely out of the granite formation, there being practically nothing but slate and quartz. A number of claims are already being prospected. On 26 above two men are at work and though not yet to bedrock they have found 15 cent dirt. On discovery a four-bit pan can be secured almost any place."

One most commendable feature in the Duncan creek stampede and one which will effectually prevent any litigation or trouble over titles is the action of Sergeant Davis in charge of the upper Stewart detachment of the police. With the first bunch of stampedees Constable Joy was despatched, traveling a distance of over 100 miles and remaining on the ground for a number of days to see that there was no blanketing done and every man had fair play in speaking of the Swedes who were supposed to have taken out a stake before their ground was taken away from them and about whom there has been so much mystery. Mrf Young said: "Those fellows showed marvellous ingenuity in many ways. Take their saw mill for instance. With the exception of the saw and vital few nails were used there is nothing about the mill that is not of wood. The water wheel from which the power was derived was made of lumber they had previously whipsawed; there were cog wheels the teeth of which had been whittled out of hard birch and then fastened in place with a pin. On the upper end of discovery there is a waterfall, almost precipitous, of about 30 feet, and with their little mill they sawed out enough lumber to build sufficient flume to carry off the entire creek—probably two sluice-works. They did a vast amount of work and I doubt if there are few claims in the country which are better opened up or in a more workable condition. What is my theory concerning their actions in not recording? That I can hardly say except that it would seem that they must have been ignorant of the mining regulations or they would not have done so much work at the risk of losing it all through their neglect to make their discovery known. They would have been allowed 1500 feet for their discovery and it would have been exempt from the payment of any royalty. Where they are or what their

The grand jury at Skagway has refused to return indictments against the gambling and bawdy houses of that town, although instructed by the presiding judge to do so. Before informing the jury of his wishes the judge should have called the roll and ascertained how many of them were interested in the very institutions he desired to see closed down.

It is amusing to watch the playful exchanges of hostilities which occasionally take place between the News and the Sun. When it is remembered that both papers are practically one and the same, the joke becomes all the better. The News is able to blow hot in the morning and cold in the evening or vice versa as circumstances may require.

The idea of sending a relief party after the mail is heartily endorsed by the Nugget. At the same time it might be well to relieve the contractors of their burdensome duties altogether.

TODAYS COURT

When Recollections of Halcyon Past Were Revived.

Magistrate Macaulay's court this morning presented something of the appearance of a court of two years ago when dark brown tastes were up in bunches. The first case today was that of D. H. Sanders who, not content with getting drunk, must needs get out on Third ave. at 1:45 o'clock Sunday morning and yell like a Comanche Indian. As it was his first offense he was let off with \$1 and costs. Camille Bozoo and Matilda Bonned who have been conducting a house of ill-fame on the corner of Fourth ave and Queen street, were in court, their domicile having been raided Saturday at midnight by Sergeant Smith and Corporal Piper. The women were each fined \$50 and costs and given 48 hours in which to move from the forbidden limits for their occupation. A man who was in the house when it was raided was fined \$10 and costs.

THE MAIL ARRIVES

Gets in at 11:45 This Afternoon — 1400 Pounds for Dawson.

Fourteen hundred pounds of mail for Dawson and three hundred pounds for the lower river arrived by two horse team at 12:45 this afternoon, having made fairly good time from Stewart, which place was left early yesterday morning.

Another incoming mail passed Ogilvie this forenoon and will arrive tomorrow.

Will Be Decorated.

St. Paul's Episcopal church will be prettily decorated for the Christmas holidays, the Ladies' Guild at a meeting held last night having concluded to take the matter in hand. A meeting will be held at the church this evening at 8 o'clock when active preparations will be begun. The church will be open and warm every afternoon and evening during the week and there will be an abundance of evergreens on hand so that there will be plenty of work for all who may volunteer their services.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

TO HOLD OIL LAND.

Denver, Dec. 14.—The Republican prints a story from Cheyenne, Wyo., to the effect that the Union Pacific is about to begin a fight against the granting of patents for oil claims which have been located on unpatented Union Pacific land in Southwest Wyoming.

CLOUD BURST.

Spring City, Tenn., Dec. 14.—A cloud burst in the mountains near here forced the Pine river out of its banks from 3 to 5 feet higher than ever before was known and flooded the town, driving people from their homes and doing serious damage to property.

CHEAP LIGHT.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—There will be cheap light and fuel in this city after January 1st, an arrangement having been perfected by the city council by which gas will be supplied to residents for light and fuel at 80 cents per thousand feet.

AN EXCEPTION.

Washington, Dec. 14.—On account of ill-health, Capt. Richard P. Leary, U. S. N., the first governor of Guam, will ask to be retired. He has served in the navy over 40 years and can be retired with the rank and pay of rear admiral.

CANAL PROJECT.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The committee on interstate and foreign commerce has reported favorably on the Hepburn bill providing for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal.

NEW YORK FLOOD.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 14.—During the past two days floods have wrought damage in this locality to the amount of \$500,000.

EXPERT PACKERS.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Expert horse and mule packers are being engaged in the Kootenay country for service in South Africa.

TO RESTORE RANK.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Hale has introduced a bill to restore the rank of Vice Admiral in the United States navy.

RUSSIAN SCHEME.

Washington, Dec. 14.—It is learned here that all refugees from Armenia who reach Russian soil are encouraged to remain but forced to become Russian subjects if they do.

FAMOUS ACTRESS.

New York, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the famous English actress arrived here from London today.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

THE CASTLE MOUNTAINS

Story of a House That Was Very Much Haunted

The Real Thing Was Much Worse Than Any Ghost—Killed Thirteen People.

It was a charming old house at the foot of the Catskill Mountains, a house of an attractiveness almost unknown in the United States. I was on a sketching expedition when I found it. Attracted to this region by its much-vaunted picturesque quality, I had been disgusted by its waterfalls which fall on payment of twenty-five cents, by its new villas, and by many other features.

The house was old and gray, pre-Revolutionary in period, untouched by the hand of the vandal, covered with moss and creeper. Who lived in it? I wished to know. Only an old woman caretaker, I learned. Its owner was a business man in Kingston. No rent-paying tenant cared to live in the house, for it was haunted!

"Here indeed is a discovery," I said to myself. "A house ancient and beautiful and haunted. I will live in it."

The rent was almost nothing. While making my preparations to move in I cultivated the friendship of the old caretaker, whom I promised to keep employed. From her I learned the story of the haunting. It was almost discouraging. It was more positive in character than the conventional haunting. Nevertheless I persevered in my intention to occupy the house.

The haunting, it appeared, was confined to the principal bedroom, situated in the southwest corner of the house. Thirteen persons who had occupied this room had been found dead in their beds. Six of these were women, three were young children. In every case they had been found dead in the morning. There were marks of pressure round their necks and all signs pointed to death by strangulation. Beyond this nothing could be discovered of the cause of death. Every inch of the house was searched, but in vain.

There were several vague legends attempting to explain why the house was haunted. One of these seemed more promising than the others. During the Revolution a British colonel, on a spying expedition to Kingston, was captured by Dick Palen, a noted hunter and trapper, who then occupied the house. Palen was a man of gloomy and revengeful nature and had previously quarreled with this officer, who was fully the equal of his enemy in ferocity. The hunter locked his prisoner up in the most inaccessible room of his strong stone house and there, it was reported, starved him to death. The neighbors did not approve of this proceeding, but they had not the courage to interfere with a man of Palen's deadly temper to save an enemy of their country. It was the British colonel's vengeful spirit, according to report, which haunted the room in which he had died and caused the death of those who occupied it. Palen himself vanished mysteriously.

Some ten years after the Revolution was over a discharged officer of the Continental army came to live in the old house with his young bride. They did not use the haunted room until it had been thoroughly repaired. On the morning after they first occupied it the young wife was found dead in bed. Whether the husband knew anything of what killed her could not be known, for he was a raving maniac from that time until the day of his death.

This episode left the house unoccupied for another ten years. When the nineteenth century had dawned the widow of a famous New York statesman took the place for a summer home, not knowing its history. Her two young children occupied the fatal bedroom. They were found lifeless in bed on the third morning. Their mother, determined to learn at any cost, if possible, what had killed her children, slept in the same room. She kept a light and a pistol by her bedside the whole time. What happened no one could tell, but at the end of five days she, too, was found dead in bed.

The owner of the house then decided to have it pulled down, but a poor farmer begged for the privilege of occupying it at a low rent. He lived in it happily for three years, using the fatal bedroom only as a store-room. Then, his family growing large and himself forgetful, he made his oldest daughter, a pretty young woman, occupy the southwest room. She died on the second night. In her case there were noticed, in addition to the usual constriction of the throat, small holes in the right forearm. After this tragedy the house farmer continued to live in the house, one very hot summer, his youngest daughter fell asleep in the room, which was the coolest place in the house, and she, too, perished.

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Story of a House That Was Very Much Haunted

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The house was old and gray, pre-Revolutionary in period, untouched by the hand of the vandal, covered with moss and creeper. Who lived in it? I wished to know. Only an old woman caretaker, I learned. Its owner was a business man in Kingston. No rent-paying tenant cared to live in the house, for it was haunted!

"Here indeed is a discovery," I said to myself. "A house ancient and beautiful and haunted. I will live in it."

The rent was almost nothing. While making my preparations to move in I cultivated the friendship of the old caretaker, whom I promised to keep employed. From her I learned the story of the haunting. It was almost discouraging. It was more positive in character than the conventional haunting. Nevertheless I persevered in my intention to occupy the house.

The haunting, it appeared, was confined to the principal bedroom, situated in the southwest corner of the house. Thirteen persons who had occupied this room had been found dead in their beds. Six of these were women, three were young children. In every case they had been found dead in the morning. There were marks of pressure round their necks and all signs pointed to death by strangulation. Beyond this nothing could be discovered of the cause of death. Every inch of the house was searched, but in vain.

There were several vague legends attempting to explain why the house was haunted. One of these seemed more promising than the others. During the Revolution a British colonel, on a spying expedition to Kingston, was captured by Dick Palen, a noted hunter and trapper, who then occupied the house. Palen was a man of gloomy and revengeful nature and had previously quarreled with this officer, who was fully the equal of his enemy in ferocity. The hunter locked his prisoner up in the most inaccessible room of his strong stone house and there, it was reported, starved him to death. The neighbors did not approve of this proceeding, but they had not the courage to interfere with a man of Palen's deadly temper to save an enemy of their country. It was the British colonel's vengeful spirit, according to report, which haunted the room in which he had died and caused the death of those who occupied it. Palen himself vanished mysteriously.

Some ten years after the Revolution was over a discharged officer of the Continental army came to live in the old house with his young bride. They did not use the haunted room until it had been thoroughly repaired. On the morning after they first occupied it the young wife was found dead in bed. Whether the husband knew anything of what killed her could not be known, for he was a raving maniac from that time until the day of his death.

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Damages May Be Awarded on Three Times the Amount of Loss Sustained.

From Monday's Daily.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Writs were issued Dec. 11 against the British Yukon Navigation Co., otherwise the White Pass and Yukon Route, to test the legal standing of shippers of goods and passengers who have paid the Victoria representative of the company two writs, one by Upper Yukon Consolidated Company, and the other by John Clearhine, Victoria. In each case \$20,000 is claimed. The grounds are that freight and passenger rates never were approved by the governor-general-in-council, as required by the Dominion Railway Act, that passenger rates were extortionate, being about 20 cents per mile; that freight rates are also extortionate, and that the company had given secret rebates to competitors of claimants, whereby the latter incurred serious loss. They rely upon section 290 of Canadian Railway Act, which reads: "Every person from whom any company extracts an unjust and extortionate toll, rate or charge shall in addition to the amount so unjustly exacted be entitled to recover from the company an amount three times the sum so unjustly exacted."

DEFENDS ITSELF.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—Matt H. White of the White Pass road in a long communication to the Seattle press denies that the rates are excessive. Says he: "The figures shown in our tariffs are not the real rates, as everyone knows. Rebates of varying sums are always given. They are so arranged that the permanent shipper is given something of an advantage over one who only patronizes the line occasionally. It has always been the policy of the road to meet every situation in the matter of rates, and it will continue to do so of its own accord and without pressure. Since the construction of the road was completed, rates have been reduced every year, and a new set of tariffs issued every spring. Examples may be taken: Last year the rate for live stock from Skagway to White Horse was \$50 per head for cattle and horses when shipped singly and \$25 when shipped in carload lots. This season the rate is \$25 single head, \$30 for lots of six, and \$10 for carload lots. Again, last year the local rates from the summit to Whitehorse on lumber were \$1.45 rough and \$2.25 dressed. This season they are 63 cents and \$1.10 respectively, being more than cut in two. The new tariffs now being arranged for next year will compare favorably with previous reductions. "There are three divisions on the road—from Skagway to Summit in States, from Summit to Pennington in British Columbia, and from Pennington to Whitehorse in Yukon territory. The rates in all except the latter are subject to approval. "Local rates applying between Pennington and Whitehorse are on most favorable basis as compared with rates between Skagway and Summit. Through rates between British Columbia and Puget Sound ports and Dawson are on still more favorable basis, when compared with the same of local rates of all lines interested in the through haul, including ocean lines, and when compared with rates which shippers had to pay a few years ago, I am afraid few people give the White Pass route credit for the change that has been wrought. "It is impossible to draw any comparison between rates in Alaska and rates in the United States or Canada.

Wages are higher, population is sparse, we handle freight only one way and have practically no intermediate stations. It should be remembered the company has absolute monopoly on the carrying of many commodities, yet the rates on these have been reduced along with the rest. No one could expect us to carry freight while the road was only just completed as cheaply as could be done a few years later."

TEMPLEMAN OUR FRIEND

Says Yukon Will Have Representation in Parliament.

Victoria, Dec. 14.—Senator Templeman, president of the British Columbia Liberal Association, in an interview today, said:

"In a short time the Yukon territory will have representation in the Dominion parliament. The people of the Klondike are entitled to a member of their own and the Dominion government will certainly give them one."

TO COLLECT POLL TAX

Skagway City Attorney Is Bringing Test Case.

Skagway, Dec. 16.—The city attorney is entering suit to enforce the payment of poll tax under the law, the first case of the kind ever entered in an Alaskan court by a municipality. The city will also take steps to enforce the payment of delinquent property tax. Heretofore there has been a wide opinion that the city would not enforce the payment of taxes and it is to settle the question that a test case is being brought.

DAWSON MAIL A SODDEN MASS

When First Consignment Arrived at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—The mail from Dawson which came over the ice to Whitehorse reached here yesterday a sodden mass. It is distributed all over the postoffice on steam pipes in order that it may be dried before being handled, it having fallen through the ice on LeBarge. It is not yet known what portion of the correspondence will be wholly lost. It is all from Dawson and is the most demoralized consignment of mail ever seen in the Vancouver postoffice.

DARLING WILL LEAVE

Present Superintendent to be Succeeded by P. F. Scharnschmidt.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—It is reported that the White Pass Railway will make a change in the management of the Yukon river portion of the transportation system. At present H. Darling holds the position. He will shortly sever his connection with the company and will be succeeded by P. F. Scharnschmidt who during the past season has been superintendent of the Atlin division. The change will take place in April.

BRITISH LIBERALS.

London, Dec. 14.—Lord Rosebery will make an important speech at Chesterfield Monday outlining his plan for reconstructing the British Liberal party under his leadership. It is believed that in the new Rosebery party Sir Henry Grey, Herbert Asquith and Sir Henry G. Fowler will be central figures.

PIONEER DEAD.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 14.—David P. Thompson, capitalist and ex-United States minister to Turkey, is dead. He was born in Ohio in 1834 and came to Oregon in 1853, walking across the continent.

YERKE'S SYSTEM.

London, Dec. 14.—The British Board of Trade has officially issued its award in favor of the Charles T. Yerkes system of electricity for the London underground railway.

FOR THE SICK.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The Toronto hospital authorities have decided to consume in the institution.

TWO REPORTS SUBMITTED

Schley Court of Inquiry Could Not Agree—Admirals Benham and Massey Censure While Dewey Exonerates—Says Schley Deserves Credit for Victory of Spanish.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The report of the Schley court of inquiry has been issued, one finding being signed by Admirals Benham and Ramsay, and another, largely dissenting, by Admiral Dewey. The majority report rather severely condemns Schley on 11 points, chiefly regarding coaling and reports of his search for Spanish vessels, and criticizes his alleged lack of enterprise, but absolves him from personal cowardice, finding that his conduct during battle was self-possessed and that he encouraged in his own person his subordinates.

DISGRACEFUL.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The fight between the Sampson-Schley factions has reached congress and promises to be very sharp. Representative Williams of Missouri has introduced a resolution reciting that Macley's history denounced Schley as a liar and coward; that Macley alleged to have proofs that his history was indorsed by Rear Admirals Sampson and Crownsfield. Williams says Macley is still in the employ of the navy notwithstanding his scurrilous character charges and asks that he be discharged.

BOAT SCHEDULE.

Seattle, Dec. 14.—A new schedule affecting the Pacific Coast Co.'s Alaskan fleet will go into effect with the sailing for the north of the Cottage City on the 16th of the present month. The Topeka will be withdrawn from the Sitka run and will sail for Lynn canal ports every 15 days. The Cottage City will hereafter go to Sitka after leaving Lynn canal on the return trip. The City of Seattle will add several ports to her list. This schedule will be in force until March.

TO HELP FORGER.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Application for clemency in the case of Miss Eastwick, American woman convicted in London of forging Canadian Pacific railroad certificates, has been forwarded to the United States embassy at London and Acting Secretary White will do all in his power to ameliorate the conditions of the prisoner.

TO SEE ALICE.

New York, Dec. 14.—Miss Cordelia Roosevelt Scovel, daughter of Chevalier Scovel and her mother who is a sister of President Roosevelt, arrived on the steamer Wilhelm der Grosse en route from Rome, Italy, to Washington, to be present at the social debut of Miss Ollie Roosevelt, the president's eldest daughter.

MORE RECRUITS.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—If transport accommodations are available, two more squadrons will be recruited in Canada as soon as possible for service as mounted rifles in South Africa.

AGAINST DUELING.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—It is officially denied here that Emperor William reprimanded the officers of the First Guards at Potsdam for dueling proclivities.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—Two men were killed and another seriously injured in a railway accident which occurred during a heavy fog near here today.

MUST BE RICH.

New York, Dec. 14.—December 21st is fixed for the marriage of Miss Elena Grace, a niece of a former mayor of New York, to Earl Donougmore.

OHIO ROBBERS.

Shreve, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Burglars blew open the safe of a bank here last night. Two of the cracksmen were captured while several others escaped in a stolen buggy.

KILLED ON CHECHACO HILL

Charles Nelson Has His Life Crushed Out by a Mass of Falling Earth Yesterday—Narrow Escape of His Companions—The Claim Is Owned by Andrews & McGraw.

A lamentable accident occurred in the Andrews & McGraw claim on Chechaco hill yesterday afternoon which resulted in the death of one man and the narrow escape of two others. Shortly after 3 o'clock Chas. Nelson, P. A. Strong and another whose name could not be learned were at work in the tunnel through which the claim is worked. About 50 feet in from the entrance a block of dirt about 14x40 which was thawed last winter, but never taken out. At the time of the accident the men were at work near this particular place when without a word of warning the tremendous weight of ground gave way. Nelson was unfortunately a few feet in advance of his companions and received the full force of the mass, the dirt burying him many feet out of sight. Strong was engulfed up to his waist and with the assistance of his other partner soon extricated himself. The alarm was at once given and soon every man who could find a spot in which to sink his shovel was at work removing the cave-in. All night long the men worked and at 5 o'clock this morning they had succeeded in uncovering one arm of the unfortunate Nelson when a second slide occurred burying him as completely as before. During the day another shift has worked as unremittingly as that of the night previous, but at 3 o'clock this afternoon the body had not yet been recovered. Nelson was a young man, 27 years of age, and was unmarried. The cause of the cave-in can be attributed, so it is said, to nothing except that the ground was thawed last winter and consequently was unsafe to work under. A coroner's jury will investigate the accident as soon as the body is taken out. In the second cave-in all the men at work fortunately escaped.

MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF

As the Nugget goes to press this afternoon a report was telephoned to police headquarters that a man named Slater had shot himself dead, the scene of the tragedy being near the Klondike bridge. The deceased was found in his house lying on his bed, with the weapon of destruction lying near at hand. He had been sick for three months and was despondent. The dead man's name was Jas. Slater, a teamster, formerly in the employ of Orout. The authorities have taken charge of the body.

IN MANURE HEAP.

Paris, Dec. 14.—In the chamber of deputies today regarding the case of Socialist Professor Herve who was removed from the chair of history in the college of the Sons of France because of virile anti-military articles. M. Legues, minister of public instruction said the anti-military doctrine of M. Herve were not instructions for the youth in the military glories of France. He concluded by asserting that M. Herve wished to gank the French flag in a manure heap.

RUSSIAN AID.

New York, Dec. 14.—Harry De Windt who is preparing here for an overland trip from Paris to this city, is promised active assistance by the Russian government which will have reindeer and dog teams awaiting him in the most northerly and remote districts of Siberia. De Windt's companions on the long journey will be Vicomte de Clinchamp and George Harding.

NOT SO HERE.

St. Paul, Dec. 15.—Extreme cold paralyzed the Western and Southern states. In the Panhandle district of Texas thousands of head of stock have died. In Chicago many persons have perished from cold. At Park Rapids, Minn., the thermometer dropped from 12 above to 39 below in 24 hours. Throughout Missouri and Nebraska the cold is unprecedented.

FROM MISSOURI.

New York, Dec. 14.—Edison discredits Marconi's report of trans-Atlantic communication, saying the signal letter "S" is a very easy one on which to be fooled. He says, however, that the steamers Etruria and Umbria were in communication for five hours while passing each other at sea several hundred miles apart.

AWFUL DEATH.

Whitney, Ont., Dec. 15.—Isaac Wards, an aged man employed in Kings Bros. & Co.'s tannery, met an awful death yesterday by falling into a vat of boiling water.

MORE SMALL-POX.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Frank Nichols, a telephone lineman, is the latest smallpox victim.

COMING TO DAWSON.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The Duke of Newcastle is here on his way to British Columbia and Dawson.

HI-YU SMALL-POX.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—There are two cases of small-pox in this city and Seattle reports 27 cases.

U. S. WILL NOT INTERFERE

Germany Can Have Her Own Way in Venezuela.

Washington, Dec. 14.—There has been a halt in exchange of communications between Germany and Venezuela owing to publication in the newspapers of the Caracas cable despatches from the United States that the government at Washington will not oppose any steps Germany may take to enforce her rights in Venezuela with the exception of preventing of annexation of Venezuelan territory.

As a result, newspaper attacks on Germany have ceased, but official papers are now attacking the United States saying that Washington is authorizing Germany to take action in her dispute with Venezuela upon the latter country as being part of the territory of the United States. It is believed that Germany at the end of the present month will take steps to obtain due acknowledgment of claims for \$2,000,000 rising from losses sustained by German citizens during last revolution and rejected by Venezuela, who answered last year that Germany should present her claims before a special Venezuelan court appointed to act upon such matters. Germany, the United States, Great Britain and France all refuse to appeal to these courts. The situation in Venezuela is critical and fears are expressed of a general uprising there in January.

THEY KISSED AND MADE UP

Magaw Induces His Wife to Withdraw Divorce Suit.

Seattle, Dec. 14.—Albert Magaw, a Klondiker whose wife was suing him for a divorce here, has induced her to abandon the suit, he paying the costs, amounting to \$1700. They separated two years ago and is asking for division of the community property the petitioner declared it worth \$400,000. Seeing each other daily during the progress of the trial, the husband and wife became reconciled. He paid all bills and they are now returning to Dawson.

LEBARGE IS VERY SOFT

Skagway, Dec. 15.—The Daily Alaskan this morning prints a story from Whitehorse which says it has been thawing there for several days; that Lake LeBarge is becoming soft and fears are entertained that it will break up.

SEATTLE MYSTERY.

Seattle, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Ada Gilbert a fashionable dressmaker of this city, was found to have been mysteriously assassinated in her apartments. At first it was thought she was dead, but life was not quite extinct. She is now hovering between life and death with very little chance for the former.

TO CIRCLE GLOBE.

New York, Dec. 14.—The sloop yacht Valient on which six young men will circumnavigate the globe, left Seagate, N. Y., this morning. The sextette are H. J. McGehee, Russell Millard, Harry Langdon, C. B. Middleburg of Boston; H. C. Dana and W. C. McMichael on New York.

KNOCK-OUT BLOW.

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 14.—In the second round of what was to have been a six round go Tommy McCune gave George Morris a short arm jab in the stomach, laying him out. The doctors say he is in a serious condition. Morse was awarded the bout on a foul.

MORAL WAVE.

New York, Dec. 14.—Representatives of the Parkhurst and Anti-Policy League have made one of the most sensational raids in the history of the city and obtained such startling evidence as will give a death blow to policy gambling in this city.

NEEDED SHOCKING.

Salem, Oregon, Dec. 15.—A violent earthquake shock caused trembling in this place yesterday.

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GOVERNMENT STANDS PAT

The White Pass Railroad Must Come to an Understanding.

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FREIGHT TARIFFS NOT APPROVED

And All Charges Are Therefore Collected Illegally.

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NEWELL REFUSES TO TALK.

Vice-President is Mum When Asked to Discuss Pending Suits—Railroad Will Try to Bluff.

From Monday's Daily.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Vice-President Newell of the White Pass road at Ottawa today declines to discuss the company's tariff or the outcome of suits now pending as the result of rates heretofore prevailing. Reports from Ottawa, however, state that if the government insists on cutting down the rates over the Canadian portion of the line the company will adopt the expedient of imposing higher through rates, thus testing the question of governmental control of through traffic. Meanwhile it is stated that the department of railways rules that anyone can insist on free transportation until the tariff is approved, the company under the railway act not daring to refuse any passengers or freight that may offer.

DEATH RATE IS APPALLING

In Concentration Camps in South Africa.

London, Dec. 14.—In reporting to the war office from Pretoria-Kitchener says:—Bruce Hamilton after a long night march surprised Piet Viljoens laager at dawn on Dec. 13 at Witkwaens, 25 miles northwest of Ermeo, and killed 16 Boers and captured seventy-six armed prisoners. Many others were wounded and were left on the farms. He also recaptured one Benson gun, others being destroyed. Two field cornets were among the prisoners. The recaptured gun was in order and was used against the retreating enemy.

The delay in publication returns from the concentration camps for October and November—they were issued today—was apparently due to the government's desire to accompany the announcement of the pitifully high death rate with an official explanation. But this morning shows 5,156 deaths of whites in October of which 2,638 children and 2,897 deaths in November of whites, 2,271 children. This makes total deaths for six months 18,941 or death rate approximating 258 per year per 1,000. Of colored persons there were 1,886 deaths in two months.

TROUBLE BREWING

Chili and Argentina Will Test Each Others Prowess.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The situation between Chili and Argentina is rapidly approaching a crisis. The Chilean minister has withdrawn from Santiago and 30,000 Chilean troops are being mustered to defend her frontiers. Argentine claims have been formally rejected and Briton's offer of mediation not accepted. Chili has formed a treaty with Colombia and will strengthen her allegiance with Ecuador. France proffered a loan of \$20,000,000 to Chili but it has not yet been accepted.

FIERCE BLIZZARD.

Cheyenne, Dec. 14.—A fierce blizzard is raging through Iowa and Wyoming. Thousands of sheep are dead and seven herders are missing.

SWIMMING RECORD.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—E. Carroll Schaefer has won the championship swimming record of the world. He swam 500 yards in 6 minutes, 51 3-5 seconds.



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MASSACRE OF U. S. SOLDIERS

Samars as Told by Lieutenant Allison

Urgents More Treacherous Than Apache Indians - Terrible Fate of Captain Connell.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 12.—Among the arrivals by the steamer Empress of China from the Orient today was Lieut. F. F. Allison, of the United States army, who is on his way home from Manila. Speaking of the massacre of the members of the Ninth Infantry at Samar, he said the natives had grown to like the colored troops who had been stationed there and when the Ninth arrived it was thought by the American troops that the same friendly feeling would be shown to them and the guard was not as strictly kept as it otherwise would have been.

The night before the massacre the village president came to Capt. Connell and before the padre declared that it would take 100 more bombs (native laborers) to do certain pieces of work. He did not have the time and begged the indulgence of the army captain.

Honest and true in the legitimate discharge of his duty, Capt. Connell said: "Do the best you can. Get any man who will work, but clear away the underbrush."

After daybreak the natives began to cut underbrush and the men began to work. The last underbrush man killed the sentry, the church bell rang, the soldiers went to breakfast and the floor that held the arms, the magazines split, half went up and shot down and the other half went in the messroom and murdered the unarmed soldiers by force of numbers.

Not one of the survivors turned his back upon the scene of carnage until all was lost, their officers fallen, their comrades slaughtered and a terrible massacre executed upon the enemy. When they saved themselves and their wounded mates.

Capt. Connell apparently was killed in his quarters by the assassins pouring in. He was alone, so he jumped from the window, down among his guards, but the guards had been slaughtered. He was struck by a man below, almost as soon as he struck the ground. Not satisfied with killing him, the assassins laid his body into inch bits, severing the head, upon which they piled sticks and wood, setting fire to it to render the face unrecognizable. The body, however, was identified by Lieut. Drouillard's detachment, which came down from camp.

The bodies of Lieut. Humpus and the doctor were found upon a bridge leading up to the quarters over a small stream. The lieutenant had a hole cut horizontally across the head, and a deep gash down each side of the face, so that when his body was picked up the face was practically severed from the rest of the head. The doctor's body was not so badly mutilated.

Separated from their weapons, most of the rank and file fought like heroes with their knives, stones, clubs and their bare hands as chance threw in their way. It was a bitter fate that

befell the Blackamoors who closed with the Americans before they had received their death wounds. Some of the native dead were buried by their own crew before they fled, but Col. DeRussey ordered 180 more to be thrown into a trench.

It will be remembered that twenty-six rifles were saved. One of these was in the hands of the first sergeant of the company and rendered a terrible account. The sergeant, who is now in the Tocoblan hospital, drew a bead on the faithless president, who led the attack and killed him. This was while the enemy were shooting at him and stabbing at him. With six men he fought his way to the headquarters building to see if they could rescue their popular young captain, the lieutenant, the doctor, or pick up a stricken comrade. Only the gashed bodies of the dead met their gaze, but the post flag flapped above their heads in the faint morning breeze. Despite the mad rushes of the hordes of drink-maddened savages that surrounded them they stood at bay long enough to haul the colors down and bundle them up. Then striking, hacking, shooting at the black heads all about them, they cut their way back to the beach, where another little knot of comrades were defending the barotots and their wounded companions.

The hospital corps man killed eleven with a shovel, which he seized as he ran out of the mess hall. Another man, whose name may never be known, dashed out the brains of four with a baseball bat before he died. This was reported by those who got away of whom three were twenty-six originally. One of the barotots sank soon after starting, drowning five of that number. Three men died in Bassy of their wounds, and three more died in Tocoblan, and three now in the hospital are expected to die.

Lieut. Allison says there are 7,000 troops in Samar, and orders have been given that no prisoners are to be taken, the policy being that of the Indian fighters, that the only good native is a dead one. He says there have been a number of filibustering expeditions fitted out in Singapore and Hongkong, mostly by German firms, which in some cases have succeeded in landing, their contraband arms and ammunition, but many captures have been made by the gunboats. The vessels used for filibustering are mostly little tramp steamers of about 300 or 400 tons.

Montreal Matters.

Montreal, Nov. 11.—Mr. F. B. Girdlestone, general manager of the Bristol & Avonmouth Docks, addressed the Board of Trade today. It was a heart-to-heart talk. Mr. Girdlestone expressing his mind freely about the tardiness in completing the harbor improvements, the poor buoy and light service on the river, etc. All concerned came in for some hard knocks.

Lord Strathcona left tonight for New York, sailing for Liverpool on the Oceanic on Wednesday. He would not say anything about the East Atlantic Line, except to reiterate his opinion that the country required it at once.

Shof, the Dawson dog doctor, Pioneer drug store.

FOUND. FOUND.—On Third ave. and Harper, handkerchief with two keys attached. Owner can recover same by paying for this notice at Nugget office.

WORK OF PEDIGREE HUNTING

Many People Employ Lawyers to Find Family Trees

And in the Majority of Cases They Are Ashamed of Them When Found - The Ways of Life.

I really do not think there can be a more fascinating pursuit than pedigree-hunting, said a well-known heraldic agent, for it is full of such strange surprises, and illustrates, as perhaps no other pursuit can, the dramatic possibilities of life, from the farcical to the tragical.

If I were to publish all I know there would be a great flutter of alarm and indignation in many a highly-placed society devotee, and many a humble and despised toiler would find that he had an ancestry of which the highest noble might be proud.

Why, I know a man who earns 25s. a week in a city warehouse who has better blood in his veins than almost any member of our peerage, but he has no idea of it, and if he had, it would be rather a curse than a benefit to him.

You may take it for granted that many a poor man or woman who enviously watches the coveted carriages dash past them boasts a lineage many centuries older and immeasurably better than the lords and ladies who sit in them. In fact, only a few weeks ago I made the discovery that the coachman of a certain noble lord, whose great-grandfather was a laborer, has a direct descent from King Ethelred, through the Barons Lumley, and is connected both by blood and alliance with our Royal family.

This is nothing remarkable either, for as you may know, the last of the Plantagenets died as a farm laborer; and the grand-daughter of Margaret Plantagenet, niece of Kings Edward IV. and Richard III., married a village joiner, and had a son who lived and died a cobbler at Newport, in Shropshire, in the seventeenth century.

Very many of the ancient and powerful family of Burgh, which traces its descent from Charles Duke of Ingelheim, fifth son of the Emperor Charlemagne, are today earning their livings in all kinds of menial and humble capacities.

Of course, to people in such positions their ancient lineage is absolutely useless, and a knowledge of it could only unfit them for the lowly roles they are destined to play in life; but their masters would gladly pay many thousands of pounds to boast such a descent.

Many of my clients are people of this class—people who almost insist that I shall provide them with a family tree, and are terribly indignant and even abusive when I fail, as in most cases is almost inevitable. No doubt by much searching you may find a man who will invent genealogies for these purposes, but I never know a man of this sort myself.

Only last year a man commissioned me to trace his descent, which after infinite labor and searching in two continents I carried back to the middle of the eighteenth century, when I found his progenitor was of a very humble rank in life, who had narrowly escaped transportation. When I told him the result of my re-

searches he was furious and vowed that he would not pay me a penny for my labor. He has since revised this decision—under pressure.

In another case I found that my client was directly descended from a farm laborer in Yorkshire, who, so far as I have been able to discover, does not seem to have had a father.

Many people are quite content, on the strength of some similarity of name, to annex the pedigree and armorial achievements of some of our noblest families. One man I know, whose name resembles that of a certain well-known noble, has tamely appropriated the coat-of-arms, crest, motto, and even supporters, and has had them painted or engraved on his crockery and silver—in fact, all over the house.

And yet I have the best reasons for knowing that this man is no more connected with the ducal family of which he boasts than with the man in the moon.

I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that in nineteen cases out of twenty (a very moderate estimate, indeed) the claims made by people to coats-of-arms or connection with noble families are absolutely worthless. I daresay you have rarely met a man or woman who did not profess to have a coat-of-arms, "although, of course, they do not use it," or to be connected with some great family, and this entirely on the strength of a similarity in name.

IRELAND AND SOUTH AFRICA

Declared by Redmond to Be Common Victims of England.

Boston, Nov. 10.—Ireland's hopes and aims were told in dramatic language to 8,000 men and women in Mechanics hall today by the Irish envoys, Hon. John P. Redmond, Hon. M. A. McHugh and Hon. Thomas O'Donnell. The gathering was directed by the United Irish League, and the presiding officer was William Lloyd Garrison. His address was

well in keeping with the sentiment of the evening. He said in part:

"The element of justice, nerving the outraged champions of liberty to heroic deeds, is an ally more potent than ships and regiments in bhakti."

"The uprisings in South Africa and the Philippines, both now extending into years, have baffled short-sighted statesmen who looked for their subsidence in a few weeks."

"Ireland and South Africa, common victims of British wrongs, are separated by wide seas and the barrier of language. Happily, the sturdy burghers of the Transvaal and the

Orange Free State are able to speak with Irish lips in the house of commons with uncompromising effectiveness. It is to the honor and glory of Ireland that in this crisis her representative sons have stood as a bulwark for freedom."

Mr. Garrison expressed hope that anti-English demonstrations in this country will be intelligently directed against the real enemy, the plutocratic element now holding power in England, and that general recognition will be made of that better England termed pro-Boer and traitors, typified by John Morley, Frederick

Harrison, John Burns, Miss Emily Hobhouse and Dr. Spence Watson.

Mr. Redmond said he and his colleagues had come to America to proclaim three things: First, the unity of the Irish race; second, to explain the policy of the United Irish League; third, to ask for the moral and material support from the Irish race in America, from their descendants and the American people themselves.

Mr. O'Donnell, in the course of his remarks, said that Ireland today is an Irish Ireland, whose sons respect her past, value her products and bar everything that comes from England.

"We are not cowardly enough," said Mr. O'Donnell, "to make any statement in this free republic that we would not make in Ireland, or in the house of commons. We should be worthy of freedom did we counsel the submission to intolerable wrongs. We have not come to preach any such doctrines."

"I appeal to Irish parents in America to do their duty, to cultivate an Irish national sentiment, and to instruct their children in the history of our beloved country."

Mr. McHugh spoke of the bright outlook for the Irish people, and said they must follow the policy of Parnell.

Rev. Arthur J. Teeling, of Lynn, introduced a series of resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, indorsing the plan of the United Irish League as outlined by Mr. Redmond and promising moral and financial government.

The guests were escorted to the hall from the Bellevue hotel by seven companies of the Ninth regiment, M. N. G.

Possible Suicide.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 3.—Under circumstances which point to possible suicide, the body of George C. Boswell, a miner from Alaska, has been found in his room. He had not been seen since Thursday night. The cause of his death has not yet been ascertained. He was dependent on account of illness.

Growing Like a Snowball! Rolling Down Hill! That is the way the Nugget's circulation has increased since the subscription price was reduced to \$3.00 PER MONTH! The Nugget has the best telegraph service and the most complete local news gathering system of any Dawson paper. Don't forget that the Nugget will be delivered at your door for the nominal sum of \$3.00 per month.

A Yukon Song. The Nugget this year proposes to offer fifty dollars for a song... We therefore invite every poet in the territory in whom the divine spark has been planted to call upon the muse and compete for the prize. Please note the following conditions: (1) The song is to contain five stanzas. (2) No limitation is to be placed as to the metre or length of the verses. (3) Manuscripts signed with nom de plume and accompanied by sealed envelope containing real name and nom de plume must be received at this office not later than December 20th. A competent committee of judges will be selected to decide upon the merits of the verses submitted and the award will be made in accordance with their decision. Everyone who desires may compete and we hope that a lively interest in the contest will be awakened.

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DAWSON NOW READY TO ACT

In Matter of Looking Out for Her Own Interests.

Incorporation Bill Given Final Reading and Passed by the Council Yesterday Evening.

From Tuesday's Daily. The incorporation of the city of Dawson is complete as far as the labors of the Yukon council are concerned, and it now rests with the citizens of the city to say by what manner of means they shall be governed, whether by an elective mayor and council or a commissioner appointed by the commissioner in council.

made, principally in order to conform with the altered form of ballot agreed upon. Before the committee arose to vote upon the bill Governor Ross made a few remarks apropos of the steps about to be taken. He said in part: "Before the committee arises to report I desire to say a word or two respecting the financial position which the town of Dawson will be in if incorporation takes place. I would say that the custom has always been to provide for the finances of the territory, including Dawson, from the 1st of July of one year to the 30th of June of the year following. At the time these revenues derived from territorial sources were turned into the treasury consideration was given from whence the funds had come and provisions were made for their expenditure in Dawson and other points of the territory. I have made an estimate of what these expenditures will be for the current year for certain services, but you can readily understand that such may be either under or overestimated. I have provided for several such expenditures as referred to and if incorporation is effected there will be turned over to the city such proportion of the unexpended revenue to which the city is entitled by virtue of such incorporation. That sum I consider will prove sufficient to carry the city fairly well along to June 30 next. I might add that the council in the past has tried to be economical and there will be turned over to the city, if incorporated, quite an amount of assets which can be turned into the account of capital stock, such as the fire department, apparatus, buildings, etc. It would appear to me that should Dawson see fit to incorporate that with an ordinary good business administration it should be able to get along for some time without any very heavy increase of expense, and it is my earnest desire and every member of the council that the people of Dawson should elect a council that will be creditable to the new city of the north; one that will not only possess the confidence of the municipality, but also the ratepayers and particularly those who have no voice in the city's affairs and yet contribute so largely in taxes. I have not lost faith in the people and I believe that as Canadians, as citizens of this great territory that is to be, and of this great city that is to be, they will do this; that they will elect a council in every way worthy of our trust and confidence."

Shall Dawson be incorporated and governed by an ELECTIVE mayor and council? Shall Dawson be governed by a commissioner to be APPOINTED by the commissioner in council?

The manner of casting a vote is altered so that an affirmative vote on either question submitted shall be made by placing a cross (X) opposite the question to be voted for. Several other minor changes were made.

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THE MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE

Drawing Card at the Auditorium This Week.

Bittner Company Admirably Cast—Cummings Appears at His Best—Excellent Entertainment.

W. W. Bittner and company are seen this week at the Auditorium in another exceptionally strong play, "The Millionaire's Wife." It is the talented pen of Bartley Campbell that most extraordinary playwright who gave to the theatrical world "My Partner," "The White Slave," and other equally meritorious dramas, and who was said to never be in a mood to write and, in fact, never did produce a play of merit except when so greatly under the influence of liquor that he could scarcely walk. "The Millionaire's Wife" first came out under the title of "Fate," a name which never possessed an attraction of potency for the public. Hence it was changed and wherever the play has been produced it has met with a most cordial reception. There are but nine characters in the cast, but not one of them is unimportant.

BILL HAS BEEN AMENDED

Unincorporated Towns May Levy Taxes for Municipal Purposes.

Limit of Twenty Mills on the Dollar—Grand Forks Will Have Its Own Fire Department.

At a meeting of the Yukon council yesterday afternoon an ordinance was passed amending that entitled the unincorporated towns ordinance. As may be inferred from the title of the bill which the amendment affects its applicability at the present time is confined to the town of Grand Forks and the decision of the citizens of the Forks at a meeting held Saturday evening to levy a tax of 20 mills on the dollar for the purpose of providing suitable fire protection for the city. The amendments to the bill are as follows:

EVENTS OF TWO CREEKS

The Weeks Happenings on Eldorado and Bonanza.

Mr. W. O. Smith from 76 below Bonanza is in town today looking after his interest in his quartz mines. Mrs. Primus of 33 above on Bonanza has been confined to her room several days with a severe cold. Mr. Joe Webb, proprietor of the Miners' Friend restaurant at Grand Forks, has been in bed several days with rheumatism. Mr. A. Wick's has accepted a position from Ward Bros., 38 above Bonanza, for the winter. Mrs. Thompson is having her roadhouse moved from 34 above Bonanza to 26 Eldorado. Mr. Slaughter of 24 above Bonanza has the contract. Mr. Jack Grant of 66 below Bonanza roadhouse has opened his heart at last and is going to give a dance next Friday night, Dec. 20. Jack is a good fellow and that he will have a large crowd and a good time goes without saying.

The dance given by Schroeder & Cossett at their new store on 36 above Bonanza last Tuesday night was a most brilliant affair. The large room was packed to the doors, and it pronounced it one of the best dances yet given in that neighborhood.

Patel & Murray, the popular proprietors of 33 above Bonanza roadhouse will give a dance Xmas eve. These gentlemen don't often give a dance, but when they do, people come from far and near because they always receive a warm and hearty reception and have a good time.

Last Saturday morning at 7:30 a fire caught in the curtains of the second store of Mr. McKinnell's store on Eldorado and had it not been for the timely assistance of the Kangaroo fire department it would have destroyed the building and Mr. McKinnell is greatly indebted to them for their kindly and timely assistance at such an opportune time. Loss sustained, \$250 to \$300.

The dance given last Friday evening by the Grand Forks Social Club in their hall was an immense success, a very large number of ladies and gents of the Forks and adjoining creeks being present, and they all had an enjoyable time. Everything was done by the committee that could be desired. A magnificent lunch was served. The next dance will take New Year's eve, when it is expected a jovial time will be spent. The following is a list of those present:

- Mesdames Kline, Mordhorst, Sawyer, Gear, Price, Celine, Merwin, Frye, Minsey, Coffin, Arndt, Goldsmith, Misses Shock, Mamie and Daisy McDevitt, Couts, Bense, Arndt, Langsett, Wormer, During, Matheson, Baxter, Dahl, Clossen, Peterson, Balantyne, Messrs. Longtin, A. Johnson, Dr. McDiid, Woodburn, Woods, Foster, Hamil, Goldsmith, Mordhorst, Ahoson, Watkins, Harvey, Ballinger, Gladwin, Cochran, Gardner, McDonnell, Hall, Little, Xmason, Robinson, H. Johnstone, Swanson, J. Morgan, Cameron, T. Morgan, Mackison, Merwin, Celine, Fry, Coffin, Jackson, Bostrom, Fitzsimurice, McDevitt, Capt. Langley, Dalgleish, Anderson.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

GAME IN ABUNDANCE

Two Loads of Caribou and Moose Arrive in Town.

Early this morning two outfits arrived in Dawson each with some 30 head of caribou and moose brought down from the upper Klondike. The hunters report plenty of game, in fact one of the party was heard to say that one morning he killed seven out of a bunch of 20 caribou. The report which was circulated that game would be scarce this winter is evidently false consequently the tendency of the meat market will be to weaken instead of, as expected, to strengthen prices.

Where Eloquence is Wasted

It might have been supposed that Addison, the most polished writer of our Augustan age; that Burke, with his versatile intellect and extemporaneous eloquence; that Macintosh, with his almost encyclopedic learning, or that Joselyn, who had set a hundred dinner tables in a roar, would one and all have achieved conspicuous success at the house of commons. But, as Macaulay has pointed out, exactly the reverse was the case. Their speeches produced no effect. They wearied and bewildered the audience. And their rising to speak was too often the signal for a general exodus; in fact, as was said of Burke, they acted as a dinner for Even Macaulay himself, though on two occasions his speeches changed the fate of a division, was in the sense of the word an orator, or a great debater. His tone was shrill and monotonous, and he poured out a torrent of words with such headlong fluency as to confuse his hearers as well as to baff the quickest of parliamentary reporters. Walter Lytton, again, could recite an admirable essay, but his delivery was bad, and the see-saw gesture which accompanied his speech, was a "grotesque as those of an old-fashioned postboy."

His Implements

"I presume, my good fellow, you are a laborer?" said a lawyer to a plain-dressed witness. "You are right. I am a workman," replied the witness, who was a civil engineer. "Familiar with the use of the shovel and spade, I presume?" "To some extent. Those are the principal implements in my trade, though." "Perhaps you will condescend to enlighten me as to your principal implements?" "It is hardly worth while. You don't understand their nature." "Probably not," loftily, "but insist on knowing what they are." "Brains."

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He is Recovering

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Good grain sacks are wanted

at the office of the Klondike Mill Co. Will pay eight cents each for sacks in good condition. They are warm numbers—the cartons at the Pioneer saloon. Job Printing at Nugget office.

Lost the Case

H. Clay Eversole, the Seattle politician who lost about \$200 worth of goods on the Yukon river a year ago, was recently decided by a jury in Judge Griffin's department of the superior court of King Co., Washington to have sought the wrong channel through which to recover damages on this loss, they returned a verdict in favor of the Upper Yukon Consolidated Company, which he had sued with that end in view. The complaint in this suit asked for \$600. The evidence showed a loss of \$218, and the jury failed to find from the testimony that the defendant and not some other company was responsible. —Seattle Times.

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