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## "GENTLEMAN" JIM

### The Ex-Fistic Champion is Now a Back Number.

### THE FIGHT WAS GIVEN TO SHARKEY ON A FOUL.

### But the Sailor Clearly Had the Best of the Contest.

### Corbett's Second, Seeing That his Man had the Worst of It, Jumped Into the Ring—The Fight was Stopped and All Bets Declared Off—What the Fighters Had to Say.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Sharkey-Corbett fight, which was witnessed by the largest and most representative gathering of sporting men that ever gathered to see a ring contest, ended in a most disgraceful fiasco tonight at the Lenox Athletic Club.

Corbett had all the worst of the encounter, when one of his seconds, "Connie" McVey, jumped into the ring appealing to the referee, thus violating the rules, and the referee, "Honorable" John Kelly, had no alternative but to disqualify Corbett and award the bout to Sharkey.

McVey's interference was absolutely inexcusable, and the referee, believing that there was a "job" in McVey's action, took it upon himself to declare all bets off. Before Kelly did so, however, many of those who had bet on Corbett—and there were legions—appealed to the referee to take such action, while Sharkeyites shouted against such an interference on Kelly's part and protested that he had no authority to declare the bets off.

However, the referee's word went with the majority of the spectators, and consequently all money paid on wagers made will be refunded. It was an unfortunate and abrupt ending to what promised to be a most interesting fight.

For weeks both Corbett and Sharkey had trained faithfully and carefully for the contest and when they stripped they both showed to be in good condition. Sharkey was very confident of success, and in the manner in which he acquitted himself in the ring while it lasted showed very plainly that his confidence was founded on good grounds. Those who believed that Sharkey could not fight fairly changed their opinion after the bout had gone one round. On the other hand, Corbett hit the sailor in the body rather low and Sharkey protested. Sharkey's quickness and aggression were astonishing from the very beginning, and from the first it was evident that he had Corbett safe.

In the second round there were wild yells from the admirers of the Irishman, when he floored Corbett with a right swing on the head, preceded with a powerful blow on the body. Sharkey's rushes were successful invariably, and Jim's leg work was tested to its utmost in trying to evade the aggressive pugilist. That Sharkey has improved wonderfully goes without saying, and on the other hand, that Corbett is not the Corbett of New Orleans is beyond question.

At no time had the Californian in the upper hand of his younger and more sturdy rival. Sharkey is a fighter and a clever one at that, and his work tonight stamps him beyond all doubt as being second only to Fitzsimmons.

The 20-round glove fight between James J. Corbett, of California, the ex-champion heavy-weight boxer of the world, and Tom Sharkey, of Dundalk, Ireland, who first showed his prowess as a fighter while serving the United States as a blue jacket in the navy, drew an enormous crowd of sporting men to the Lenox Athletic club house tonight. In fact, such a representative gathering of the sporting element from all over the country was never in the city limits at one time before. The fact that the contest would certainly take place without any legal interference induced many hundreds of followers and admirers of the art of self-defense to make journeys in order to be at the ringside when the fight took place.

Nearly every city of any importance in the United States was represented by parties of at least a dozen, and in many instances by delegations numbering over 100 each, in charge of well known men in different sporting centers.

Weeks ago, when the seats were first put on sale, the shrewd people who lived quite a long distance either wrote or wired for seats to be reserved, and by so doing saved themselves a lot of trouble on their arrival. Those who saw far enough ahead to do this were only a comparative few, however, and the past few days

corners, punching with right and left on the body, which seemed to be his objective point. Jim feinted and tried to draw his man on. Sharkey was always ready with his left jab and right swing, which invariably landed on the body. Corbett failed to show any of the great cleverness with which he has been credited. The round ended with Sharkey at his man.

2. Corbett with the left landed lightly. Then there was an exchange of lefts and rights on the head, in which Sharkey showed the advantage. Jim kept trying to push his left into Tom's face, and the sailor would come right back with a swing for the body. He was inclined to be a trifle wild, and was frequently cautioned by O'Rourke, his chief second.

3. Tom put out a straight line on Jim's nose, which seemed to bring the blood to that member. Sharkey put in a right hand smash on the jaw, which sent Corbett down. He attempted to repeat the dose, but was foiled as Jim clinched. The round closed with Tom all over his man.

4. Corbett led with his right for the body, reaching the sailor several times, but Tom came back with lefts for the head, and right for the body. Sharkey whipped over a tremendous right hand smash on the jaw. The sailor's leads were effective, his counters being the blows which cut the figure. Corbett jabbing lightly for the head, and Sharkey came back at him with right hand slashes on the wind.

5. The sailor was right after his man, and essayed to get a right for the head, landing each time. Corbett clinched and acted on the defensive. Corbett led left for the head, landing on the neck, and Sharkey sent back a hard right on the body. Corbett repeatedly led his left and danced Sharkey's face considerably. The sailor chased his opponent into the latter's corner and received a series of jabs for his action.

6. Corbett started right off with a left jab on the face, and was apparently attempting to fool with his man. Sharkey, however, was not in a playful mood, and brought his right hand over with force enough to make Jim wince. Jim hooked his left rather low on Tom's body and lifted Sharkey off his feet with his shoulder. Corbett appeared to be a trifle wary and his blows lacked steam, whereas there was a worth of force behind Sharkey's blows.

7. Corbett led for the head with his left hand, but Sharkey was right after him like a whirlwind. Tom started in to mix it up, and whipped in some corkers on the body. Corbett returned with like light jabs on the face and fairly forced a blow on the body. Midway through the round there was a rather mix-up, both exchanging lefts and rights on the head and body, with the sailor having a shade the best of it. There were cries of "Foul!" about when Corbett hit his man in a breakaway, which the referee had not called. The men were clinched at the bell, after participating in a very fast mix-up.

8. Sharkey ran across the ring and planted left and right on the body. Corbett clinching. Corbett acted on the defensive and seemed unable to withstand Sharkey's rushes. The latter whipped in a hard left hand jab on the wind and followed it up with a right on the jaw. The sailor kept up all the work, and was always ready to mix it up on the best provocation. He alternately threw over left and right on head and body, occasionally changing to left hooks on the wind, which were slowly but surely attending to Corbett's case.

9. Sharkey's right so far. The pace was terrific. Sharkey was the first to land, landing a left chop on the neck. They clinched frequently, and the referee was kept busy separating them. Tom tried a left chop blow which fell short, and Jim jabbed his left hard on his nose. Sharkey made Jim's head ache, and Jim was ready with a left hook which grazed Sharkey's face. The latter fought fast, clinching repeatedly. Jim hooked his left hard on Tom's jaw, hitting dazzling him. He quickly recuperated and went back at his man harder and longer.

10. Corbett, knowing with his left, Tom went right back at the sailor on the body. Clashes were frequent, and the men refused to break separation. Corbett then struck Tom rather low on the body, and the sailor appealed to the referee. Corbett shoved Tom from him, and said: "Oh, you go away."

11. Jim Corbett said: "I think that those who saw the fight will agree that I had Sharkey whipped, and would have had the decision in another round or two. I did not want to win a fight on a foul, and it was my misfortune that McVey jumped into the ring to call the referee's attention to Sharkey's foul fighting. He did fall, he hit me low once in the second round, he sent me into the seventh, I did not see McVey jump into the ring, my eyes were applied to him, and when Kelly said, 'You appeal,' I thought he meant he, because I knew I had away the best of it. After I realized that the decision was against me I offered to fight it out with him then and there, but he walked away. I did not mean drawing out, I ought to have gone right off my man and whipped him in four rounds. Well, I cannot kick. I shall next time the other man's second will jump into the ring. I will leave the decision to those who saw the fight."

12. Tom Sharkey said: "I regret that Corbett's second got into the ring, for in a few more rounds, perhaps, the referee would have put him out. I fought fair, Corbett struck me once or twice and I am a little sore below the belt now. Not a blow that was delivered hurt me. I am just out of the bathtub and, as you see, I have not a scratch or mark on me. If anyone can whip Corbett or anyone else, and I stand ready to fight him or anybody else in the world, Fitzsimmons preferred. I agreed to his articles and obeyed implicitly O'Rourke's instructions and Corbett's cleverness counted for nothing."

13. They say that I am not clever and that I fight foul and that I lose my head; but here I stand to fight without ever having lost a fight on a foul, and I have stood Corbett off with all his much vaunted cleverness for eight rounds without a scratch on me. I can beat any man in the world and will make good my word whenever I get into the ring."

**The Foul was Deliberate.**  
New York, Nov. 21.—It is the general belief of unprejudiced sporting men that McVey deliberately entered the ring to save Corbett from a knockout. The Californian could not have lasted much longer. Betting on the fight was remarkably high, the public having an idea that something was crooked, Corbett and Sharkey both having stained records.

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## THEY ARE HELD FOR PERJURY.

### Kentucky Creek Stampeders Who Did Not Stampede Held for Trial.

### The Fireman's Ball One of the Successes of the Season—A Fine Crowd, Splendid Music and a General Good Time.

There has been a hush of stillness around police court circles since last Friday and Saturday. Common drunks have been neglected for more important cases, and so it happens that there is no police court column this week. One little, lonesome "drunk" is the record of the past week, but the following were found over until January 31st at 10 a. m., to answer to the charge of false oath or perjury: Deane, Deitch, Dunfield, Figur, Eeffect, Kosier, Bruner, Baldwin, Downer, Jones and Kirk; and still there are more to follow. The particular offence with which they stand charged is in having recorded claims on Kentucky creek without having been there and staked. The regulations prescribe that an application to record shall be made out on form "H," which contains an oath, signed by the applicant, that the pre-requisite of staking in person has been properly complied with.

The manner of administering this oath in the recording office has been lax to the point of burlesque. A few mumbled words and an indistinct "yes," a hurried signature and the job was done. So lax, indeed, was the administration of this solemn oath, that recording before staking became the proper thing to do. In that way bona fide prospecting was discouraged, and a premium offered to the men in town.

### Two more perjury cases, McDonald and Hoim, are set for the 25th, at 10 a. m.

### The Fireman's Ball.

The Fireman's Ball at the Pioneer hall last Friday evening was undoubtedly the success of the year. The year is yet young but it will be many moons before the affair is exceeded in either the extent of its patronage or its success as a pleasure maker. It must be admitted that for a dance the hall was much too crowded for several hours of the evening, but that was the fault of the hall, not of the dance. It was by far the largest gathering of the kind ever seen in the hall, and while the expenses of the affair were of course large, the benevolent fund of the volunteer fire department has been considerably increased. Nothing but good can be said of either the music, the refreshments or the management of so large an affair. The hall was tastefully and appropriately decorated by Captain Dunden, of Chemical company No. 1, while the electric light company had lent a very pretty effect to the decorations by stringing red, white and blue lamps throughout the hall. A large cluster behind the musicians stand contained a dozen lamps. The floor was managed by "Ikey" Schwartz, the prize waltzer, and a corps of aides with white badges, consisting of Messrs. Bush, George, Batts, McNealy and Moran. The reception committee consisted of Messrs. Yeager and Huson, Miss Hunter, and Messrs. Fletcher, Stumer, Hastings, Marx, Blain and Cooper. The reception committee wore white badges.

The refreshments of tasty sandwiches tied up with vari-colored silk ribbons with cake and coffee were served by the ladies who are honorary members of the department, aided and abetted by willing members of the committee.

A handsome three-story cake had been presented to the department by Mrs. Yeager and Miss Flo Hamburg and was prettily decorated at the candy kitchen with an alarm tower and hook and ladder truck done in sugar and candy. The cake was voted to the most popular young lady in the hall, Little Margie Newman, she having received 57 votes.

### The dance broke up at 7:30 next morning.

### For the Benefit of St. Mary's.

Sunday night was a benefit performance at the Tivoli theatre for St. Mary's hospital and was well patronized by a goodly crowd of ladies and gentlemen. The performance was a strong one, for volunteers in the good work of aiding that most deserving institution are always plentiful. Besides a number of specialties by Dawson's most popular performers, the play of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was presented with a full cast and considerable new scenery.

Little Margie Newman made, of course, a charming little Eva and her declaration to her father of her impending death was most affecting. Nellie Lewis, as Eliza, looked well and went through her part with relish. Barrett Crook took every inch the generous St. Clair whom he impersonated. Mrs. A. Barlow, as the New England spinster, Miss Ophelia, was quite good and her singing had a mystic quality. The fun makers, Maria and Topsy, and Mulligan and George Newman in those parts were irreplaceable. Besides the above there were some 10 other characters, many of them good, and as a whole the performance proved a very enjoyable one and will prove a draining fund for the entire week. The performance throughout was a wholesome and clean and the objectionable feature was an imbecile handling of prominent colored lights by some unknown individual. Red lights on an auction scene or a death scene are decidedly bad taste and a gain of 10 cents in many seconds is still waste.

"Wow! You're got me!" "Well, I had, but I'm cured now. I'm feelin' fine, I just tread on my tail and see the Dawson Dog Doctor at the Pioneer Drug Store. Fixed me in a hurry."

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### SHOULD BE CHANGED.

The method of procedure in vogue in cases coming under the jurisdiction of the gold commissioner has been the occasion of much annoyance to litigants in the past. Among other features open to criticism is the ruling by virtue of which plaintiffs in contest cases are compelled to effect a personal service of papers upon defendants.

In a country whose population is so transient as it is in this territory it will be readily seen that a direct hardship must often be worked. A man may be in Dawson today, on Eldorado creek tomorrow and the next day over on Dominion or Sulphur. Under such circumstances to hunt him up and serve papers upon him, especially if he happens to be expecting the service, is next to an impossibility.

We have in mind the case of a certain party who was prospecting a claim under a permit from the gold commissioner's office. While so engaged the claim was staked and recorded by another man. A contest was immediately brought and the plaintiff was informed that he was obliged to serve the papers. Notices posted at various prominent places in the city and diligent personal search failed to locate the defendant. When the day of the contest arrived, Mr. Fawcett held that the case could not be proceeded with inasmuch as the papers had not been served.

The plaintiff in the case had spent a week's time in his endeavor to find the man who had jumped his claim and even then had to submit to another aggravating and expensive delay.

It seems that some more equitable arrangement could be made whereby this unnecessary expenditure of time and money could be avoided. Dawson has three newspapers through any or all of which notice of summons may be advertised more cheaply than a personal service can be effected and with far more satisfactory results. This having been done no further obligations should rest upon the plaintiff in so far as serving notice is concerned, and in case the defendant should fail to appear, the case should go to the plaintiff by default.

### THE CLAIM JUMPER

Every army has its camp followers, men of vulture like instincts, too cowardly to fight, but ready at all times to fatten upon the misfortunes of friend or foe alike when it can be done with safety to themselves.

Akin to this breed of leeches is the professional claim jumper. Ordinarily he is a man who never handled a pick, who holds a shovel in contempt and would not recognize a gold pan if he should meet one. Unable to live by honest toil he depends upon his wits to secure for himself the results of the labors of others. He is found in every mining camp on the face of the globe and although often clothed in the garb of respectability, his true character is bound sooner or later to betray itself.

He usually has a keenscent for technicalities. Instead of devoting his energies to the discovery of new gold

diggings he bends his efforts to the discovery of flaws in the titles to property belonging to honest men.

Appropos of the above is the stamped case that occurred on Dominion and Gold Run last week. The claims on these creeks which were the objective points of the jumpers were all included in ground of proven value and for which in many instances large sums of money had been paid. Title to them in numerous cases has passed and repassed, each new purchaser acting upon the assumption that a certificate of record properly issued from the gold commissioner's office was a sufficient guarantee of title to justify the investment of money in the property. Mr. Fawcett's ruling as to the size of the claims may have been technically wrong but that ruling once having been made and grants to the ground having been given under it the government is bound under every principle of right and equity to place the seal of legality upon it.

Ordinarily the act of a duly accredited agent binds the principal even though the agent may have exceeded his authority. To just what extent this principle applies in the relations of government and government official is doubtful but in a case such as the one in hand we cannot believe that any court would rule adversely to the claims of men who have recorded or purchased ground upon the assurance of the gold commissioner that the title was perfect.

We are convinced that the jumpers have had their trouble for their pains.

### NOW WILL HE DECIDE.

A recent ruling of the new gold commissioner strikes us like a dash of cold water in the face. As is well known there are several creeks and hills which under Mr. Fawcett's administration were staked off in 100-foot claims. Take for instance gold hill. It was so staked and even since the advent of the 250-foot law Mr. Fawcett ruled that 100 feet was the law for that ground and would be continued. He was still more liberal and if a piece of unoccupied ground was found lacking 10 per cent of the prescribed size, Mr. Fawcett ruled that it was not a fraction but a claim and was eligible to location.

Again, when a 100-foot claim was abandoned or forfeited it was eligible for relocation. Mr. Senkler has made some changes which are anything but favorable to the miner. From this time forward all unrepresented 100-foot claims will revert to the government by reason of his ruling that a 100-foot claim is only a fraction of the 250 feet square allowed by the present law. It is as though he said you must stake 250 feet; anything less will be a fraction and you cannot record. Thus it will be seen that in order to locate on gold hill one must now find nine of these 100-foot claims vacant in a body in order to get the 250 feet square. More than this he has expressed himself as disposed to consider each of those 100-foot claims as a government fraction and even if a mile square of them should become vacant, the miner and prospector are not entitled to any portion of it at all.

We shall always be sorry to see Mr. Senkler cater in any way to the grab-all policy of his government by any such decisions. His recent decision not to record for Dominion claim jumpers as chronicled the past week has predisposed the miners of the community to regard Mr. Senkler's incumbency as distinctly favorable to the miners. We sincerely hope nothing will occur to break that entente cordiale.

### NO NEED FOR FEAR.

Many Americans have submitted without audible complaint to outrages and unjust treatment at the hands of petty officials in the Yukon territory. They are willing to admit that in their own country such a condition of affairs could not prevail for a day but seem to consider that being under Canadian rule they must submit to the inevitable and say nothing.

We are at a loss to understand such a position. It can be explained upon one supposition only, viz., the prevailing con-

dition that complaint at headquarters means personal loss to the complainant.

It is time that this feeling should cease. If men are to be overawed by the insolence of petty clerks and their rights jeopardized at the whims of these underlings then God save the country.

But we believe there is too much courage and manhood in the Yukon territory for this thing to be continued indefinitely. We have shown in our last few issues that some men at least are not afraid to tell what they know. Had the victims of the systematic plucking that has been going on for the past year been as willing to talk six months ago as they are now, the situation today would be far brighter, but as long as men remain afraid to call their souls their own and are willing to bow in humble submission before the awful presence of a bench claim recorder, just so long will they remain fair victims to be plucked.

The ice is now broken, however, and the facts long concealed are at length coming to light. The Nugget has by no means exhausted its ammunition and the recital of one act of injustice has invariably had the effect of bringing others still more shameful to the front.

The fight is by no means ended. In fact it has not yet begun. The Nugget has outlined a campaign for purity in the administration of affairs in this territory and it will continue the contest until it is brought to a successful issue or go down in the attempt. It is by no means a pleasant task that we have set for ourselves, but disagreeable as it may be that task will be completed.

### MUST HAVE A NEW ACT.

The action of the Miners' Association in publicly condemning the late Dominion creek stampereders shows a wholesome moral atmosphere among the members of that institution. The argument is simply that justice between men or between men and their government demands that the miners on Dominion be left in undisturbed possession of the property they took up in good faith and which has been improved and shown to be valuable by their labor alone. If the Canadian government had desired to perpetrate a lasting injury upon their Klondike subjects and had carefully laid their plans with that end in view they could not have exercised more devilish ingenuity than was done by the passage of regulations to immediately take effect and yet which could not, possibly penetrate to Dawson in less than from three to four months. However the thing is done and the way out of the difficulty appears to be for the legislature to pass a small act validating the acts of the ex-gold commissioner on that particular occasion when he allowed the recording of 500 foot claims after the law had been passed reducing them to 100 feet.

### A HUMBUG EXPOSED.

Gradually the days are lengthening and the light becomes stronger each succeeding 24 hours. The inhabitants of Dawson now have several hours of sunshine in the middle of each day, and old Sol's familiar face above the hills brings cheer and promise to all hearts alike. But this brings to mind the thought that in this matter of daylight the country has been deliberately maligned as in several other particulars. True it is that for a couple of weeks the sun failed to show up above our surrounding hills, but there was no time—excepting on cloudy days—when the sunlight could not be seen at some time in the day brightly streaming on the crest of the hills to the west, east and north of us. True it is that the sunlight penetrating the atmosphere at such an oblique angle lost much of its strength to the discomfiture of our photographers, but we are not all photographers and to most of us those long twilights appeared to be a very respectable six hours of daylight. While the light during the middle of the day did not appeal to the ordinary sense of sight, that it lacked illuminating and penetrating power was self-evident. Additional lights were necessary in stores and houses at a distance of 10 or 15 feet from the window, but this was

largely due to the smallness of the windows usually found in the cabins and other buildings here. To sum up, the past winter has destroyed numerous bugbears of this country and none have been killed so utterly as that humbug circulated upon the outside regarding the long months of darkness here.

It will be news to a great many people of Dawson and vicinity to learn that Edward Bellamy, the famous writer on social and political reform, is dead. Bellamy's "Looking Backward" created a profound impression and in fact gave rise to an almost distinct school of social and economic thought, although as a matter of fact he only crystallized a public sentiment that had been in process of growth and development for years. That practical results will ensue from his writings within the present generation is scarcely to be expected. Great reforms come slowly and statesmen in all ages have been chary of socialist ideas. Nevertheless Edward Bellamy has been a power for good in leading men to a realization of the fact that popular government as it exists today is anything but perfect. Profiting by his writings and those of others who will follow in his foot steps it may be expected that more attention will be paid in the future to remedying existing evils than has been done in the past.

A number of valuable claims on Dominion and other gold creeks have recently been left open for re-location in a most astounding fashion. That men with valuable claims on which have been done double and treble the amount of work necessary to obtain renewals should let the last possible date of renewal slip by without going through the regular formulated ceremony of renewal almost passes belief; yet this is actually being done nevertheless. It may be that we will not always have an obliging gold commissioner to stand between the neglectful owner and a would-be staker as Mr. Fawcett has done. His ruling has been that where the proper representation work has been performed, the claim is by virtue of that work "held over" for the benefit of the owner.

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MINERS CONDEMN CLAIM JUMPERS.

And Their Association With Expell Anyone Found Guilty.

A Petition to Ottawa for Relief Wanted, a Retroactive Act - Titles May be Questioned if This is Not Done.

On Saturday evening there was a good meeting of the Miners' Association to consider the late stampede to Dominion and Gold Run creeks, the stampede having had for its object the taking away from certain claim holders of one half of their 500-foot claims.

Mr. Worledge, in a thoughtful and vigorous speech attacked conditions as they were found here and offered the following resolution which was afterwards unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the Miners' Association strongly condemn the action of those persons who on an alleged technicality are seeking to dispossess the miners of a large portion of their claims, and

Resolved further, That if any members of the association be found to be implicated in such attempt they be forthwith expelled from the association.

Frank Bureau, a pioneer, gave the history of the first 500-foot law. Captain Constantine in '94 had asked the miners on the American side of Forty-Mile why they did not cross over the line and work the Canadian side.

Mr. C. M. Woodworth gave some thoughtful pointers upon the situation. The claims in question had in many cases been sold. The buyers had in each case, taken the recording papers - which is the only title to ground given by the government - as demonstrating the seller's right to dispose of the ground.

Messrs. Ritchie, Allen, McDougall, Miller and others spoke during the evening and Messrs. Woodworth, George and Garrou Reed were elected a committee to draft a petition to the government at Ottawa setting forth the injustices which will be worked and the evils which will arise if the miners are disturbed in possession and thereby all titles declared no good.

The year 1898 was a famous one in the annals of Pacific Coast steamboating. The rush of Alaska passenger business brought about the drafting into the service of all sorts of old tubs in the care of all sorts of alleged pilots.

handsome craft was only approached by the scramble for places on the company's second boat, the Dirigo. Captain Roberts of the Dirigo and Captain O'Brien of the Rosalie have only one rival piece and that is each other.

The officers of the company are Walter Oaks, president, living in Tacoma, and Chas. E. Peabody, of Seattle, manager; while C. H. J. Stoltenberg, is in charge of the Seattle office, and it is largely to these three gentlemen that the company owes its prestige.

"Gray Dawn on the Rockies." The following effusion is from a miner, upon first viewing the glorious panorama which unfolds itself to view from the summit.

It was dark when we plodded upward - Though the snow under the wind lay keen, The sky was dark - as a thunder-cloud above; While through the gap the valley was seen.

Still, on and up the heights we climb - Though snow to the knee on the trail; Deep silence reigned on every side, Save the wind's whistle and wail.

Daylight began to break, when high on the ridge - Far to the east 'n the heavy sky; While far, far below, on every hand, The white crevices and valleys lie.

Pure and still, like a virgin at rest, The white earth enshrouded lies; And the zephyr's keen bite - it's a frosty air - North the frowning and troubled sky.

When, look to the East, a hundred miles or more - The Rockies stand out, rugged and bold, With snow-capped sides and bare and peak, Are mighty giants for man to behold.

All white against the distant sky, While dark clouds are hovering above, The distant dawn peeps through, With a truth eternal as love.

I look with awe on the hallowed sight - With eyes ablaze; but, yet, was dumb - I see the steel-gray light creep down The horizon of a midnight sun.

But, see! that weird light will change, Like a breath on a summer's day, It silently glides along the crest - As smoke it is rolling away.

A streak of crimson touches those peaks Through the clouds, far, far away; Then, ruby bathes their base so broad - For it's the dawn of another day.

Grand, indeed, is the sight, afar - Jagged peaks in an icy embrace, A lone soul looks, while Nature unfolds, With inspired feelings of grace.

A moment and you, in fancy would see The glitter of angel's wings; While, listening, with the ears of the soul, You truly would hear them sing.

Long will I remember that dawn from above - So thrilling, and changing so great, To me it seems, as I think of it now, Like the opening of the Pearly Gates.

CHESTER WHITMAN TENNANT.

What He Knows of Fires. Editor Nugget:

As one experienced in the art and theories of ventilation and natural draught I would very much like to say a word or two upon the cause of the innumerable roof fires in Dawson.

Nine times out of ten it is apparent to all concerned that the fire is not occasioned by the contact of the stovepipe with inflammable material, but by the escape of sparks from joints or other openings in the pipe.

A moment's consideration of a few first principles will show why sparks should and do escape from stovepipe joints in this climate, which joints would probably act as if perfectly tight anywhere else.

In the first place we must thoroughly understand why heated smoke ascends a stovepipe at all, instead of remaining stationary. A cubic inch of air can be expanded by heat to several times its bulk, without gaining anything in weight; inch for inch the heated air will be seen at once to be several times lighter than the surrounding atmosphere, and will, of course, rush upwards to seek an equilibrium of weights.

Remember the greater the diversity of weights, the stronger the upward rush of the heated air. This will be proved in a minute; but the inverse of the proposition is just as true; You can take a given space of air and without heating it cause it to rise by lowering the temperature of the air around it.

Now that we understand the first principles we will proceed to apply them to the stove. In the first place, owing to the fact that we find here the tendency, on every hand to hang onto every stove pipe the biggest stove we can get, in the second place and for the same reason, the stove will, probably, be running to its full capacity and passing great volumes of heated air into the first end of the stove-pipe. In order to carry the pipe well up into an atmosphere at a temperature below zero, with the result that at the upper end of a long pipe the contained air has lost both its heat and its buoyancy and is being positively crowded by the rush of hot air at the lower end.

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