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## CANADIANS IN BATTLE

### They Participate in the Capture of a Boer Lager.

### SITUATION IS YET CONCEDED TO BE OF GREAT DANGER.

### London Papers Loud in Praise of Canadian and Australian Troops.

### General White's Account of Attack on Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill—Latter Point Lost and Re-captured Three Times—During Heavy Rainstorm at Night Boers are Driven from Wagon Hill—Losses to Be Reported When the Lists are Completed.

From Saturday's Daily Belmont, Cape Colony, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from the Associated Press representative at Dover Farm, dated January 10th, says a mounted force consisting of 100 Canadians of the Toronto company and 220 Queenslanders commanded by Colonel Rickards, two guns and a horse battery under Major De Rougemont, 4 mounted infantry under Lieut. Ryan and 20 of the Cornwall Light Infantry, the whole command by Col. Pitcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering 20 miles before sunset. The force encamped at Cook's Farm, where the troops were welcomed enthusiastically. At 6 o'clock this morning the force approached a spot where a laager of the Boers was reported. Col. Pitcher, on approaching the position which was a line of strong kopjes detached Major De Rougemont with the guns, the Torontos and mounted infantry to work toward the right, making a turning movement himself with the Queenslanders, towards the south position. The maneuver was a complete success. The British shells were the first indication of the presence of the troops. The Boers left their laager and opened fire, but the Queenslanders completing the movement, the laager was captured with 40 prisoners. The British casualties were two men killed, three wounded and one missing.

The whole force worked admirably. The two men killed belonged to the Queensland contingent.

#### Situation One of Danger.

London, Jan. 13.—A Capetown dispatch reports that "the rebels in Barkley district are demoralized by the British occupation of Dordrecht."

Should it turn out that the Dutch rebellion is thus being diminished it will be a matter of great relief for the British campaign.

The Standard, however, remarks: "Until the Tugela has been crossed and Ladysmith relieved it would be idle to deny that the political position in Cape Colony is one of very great danger."

#### Colonial Troops Praised.

London, Jan. 13.—The gallantry of colonial troops engaged in South Africa is praised by the morning papers.

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try will share with the Canadians and Australians in the pride and gratification they must feel at the fine qualities displayed by their troops in this morning's little engagement."

The Standard says: "The Canadians and Australians had been spoiling for a fight. Now they have had their opportunity and they have greatly distinguished themselves by their coolness and discipline. From the view point of Imperial unity, the little fight may fairly be described as one of the most gratifying events recorded in the history of the British race."

#### A Hard Fight.

Frere Camp, Natal, Jan. 12.—The following is from General White, dated 2 p. m. yesterday:

"An attack was commenced on my position, but was chiefly against Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill. The enemy was in great strength and pushed the attack with the greatest courage and energy. Some of our entrenchments on Wagon Hill were three times taken by the enemy and retaken by us. The attack continued until 7:30 p. m. One point in our position was occupied by the enemy the whole day, but at dusk in a very heavy rainstorm they were turaoed out of this position at the point of the bayonet in a most gallant manner by the Devons, led by Colonel Park. Colonel Ian Hamilton commanded at Wagon Hill and rendered valuable service. The troops have had a very trying time and have behaved excellently. They are elated at the service they have rendered the Queen. The enemy were repulsed everywhere with heavy loss, greatly exceeding that on my side, which will be reported as soon as the lists are completed."

#### Expelled From the Stock Exchange.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Edward F. Leland of the firm of Ware & Leland, was expelled from the Chicago Stock Exchange by unanimous vote of the governing committee on the charge of being connected with a bucket shop. The evidence in the case, which was gathered and placed in the hands of the committee by the Chicago Bureau of Information, was similar to that on which C. A. Whyland was tried and convicted a short time ago.

#### Young Man Exonerated.

Nearly every person in Dawson knows "Sammy" Jones, who has been in Dawson for over two years during nearly all of which time he has been employed around the various theaters in the capacity of property man and stage carpenter. Of late a cloud has been hanging over "Sammy" but in Major

Perry's court yesterday evening that cloud was dispelled and he was exonerated of an ugly charge, but one of which those who know him best never suspected him of being guilty.

Within the past two weeks Sergeant Wilson, of the N. W. M. P., has succeeded in running down three of the most persistent and industrious petty thieves ever seen in lads of their age, none of them being over 18 years of age. They are Theodore Kreusner, Fred W. Ryan and Robert Henry Elmer Gibson, and it was owing to their hanging around the theater where Jones was employed that so nearly got him into serious trouble. The trio above mentioned were stealing everything that was loose in the city and caching their plunder in all conceivable places, and one of their caches was found in the property room at the theater where Jones was employed. Although but a boy in years, Jones fills the position of man for which he receives man's pay. A number of his friends were in court last evening and each testified as to his good character and general trustworthiness. He was defended by Attorney Roberts, but the evidence was such as rendered the assistance of the attorney unnecessary. Major Perry's summing up of the evidence was in effect that there was not ground on which to hold Jones who was accordingly discharged.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

George Wilson is in town on matters of business.

John P. McFarlane is a recent arrival in Dawson.

H. C. Hamilton is in Dawson for a few days.

George Sproule of 36 above on Sulphur, is in town.

Mrs. A. Miller of 16 Eldorado, made a visit to Dawson this week.

Floyd S. Wilson of Eldorado creek, came to the city on Friday evening.

H. Hudson, a miner, is spending a few days' vacation in Dawson.

J. Cosdron came from the creeks last night and will not return till Monday.

Mrs. C. J. O'Donnell of Magnet gulch, is visiting her friends in Dawson.

Duncan McCrimmon has purchased a complete thawing plant to work a lay on No. 13 below Hunker.

William J. Milton arrived in town Friday evening and will remain here till the middle of next week.

Thomas Tritton, Nugget Express messenger, left for the outside at 8:30 this morning. Besides a large lot of express matter he took with him two passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jourdan.

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## WALTHERS v WALTHERS

### Title of a Cause on Trial in Washington.

### MRS. WALTHERS APPLIES FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

### She Alleges Acts of Cruelty Committed at Dawson.

### The Defendant Resists the Charges and Accuses His Wife of Unfaithfulness—A. G. Wissel Mentioned as Co-Respondent.

The domestic troubles of W. J. Walthers and his wife have culminated in an action for divorce. The proceedings have been instituted in the district court at Port Townsend, Washington.

It is a fact well known to the intimate friends of the parties to the action that Walthers severely beat and chastised his wife in Dawson early in the month of last December, but the couple continued to live together and it seemed as though each had forgiven and forgotten. Some few weeks later Mrs. Walthers left over the ice for the outside, and word was received by her husband that she had arrived safely at their old home in Port Townsend. He remained in Dawson until about January 1st, and then departed for the states for the purpose of buying stock and supplies for the Yukon Iron Works, of which concern he is owner and manager. When Walthers left here, he had no idea of his wife attempting to secure a divorce, and his plans were to return next spring with Mrs. Walthers and their three children.

Immediately upon her arrival in Port Townsend, Mrs. Walthers filed her complaint for divorce. The action had been commenced a few days prior to her husband's departure from Dawson. The grounds upon which she relies for a decree of absolute separation are cruelty and incompatibility of temper. She also prays for \$10,000 damages, sustained to her feelings and person by reason of her husband's acts of cruelty, committed at Dawson; for \$30,000 alimony; for \$5000 attorney fees; and for the custody and control of their three children.

Walthers was astounded when he reached Port Townsend to learn of the course of action which his wife had pursued, but he concluded immediately to contest the lawsuit. He alleges, by way of defense, that the chastisement which he inflicted on his wife was occasioned by her unfaithfulness. As evidence of her inconstancy he asserts that in the morning of the day on which he is charged with having committed the act of cruelty he found under the pillow of their bed a note,

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From Saturday's Daily.

## AS TO CLIMATE.

When gold was first discovered in the Yukon basin it is very doubtful if any one considered that this great, at that time practically unknown wilderness would ever become the seat of a permanent population. The impression held by most people as to this northern country was anything but favorable. Vague ideas of an eternally frozen wilderness in which almost total darkness prevailed the greater part of the year constituted the mental picture which came before the vision of the average Klondike bound gold hunter.

A couple of winters spent in Dawson serve to disprove this theory entirely. The prolonged continuance of severely cold weather, which the outside newspapers so studiously pictured, has failed to materialize. Last winter the average temperature was no lower in Dawson than in several of the Northern States, and in the middle Canadian provinces. The six months of total darkness which we were told would shroud the country have dwindled down to a few weeks, during which time there is always a short period of daylight. At the present time there are nine hours of working daylight, and within two weeks more artificial light will no longer be required during ordinary business hours.

It will surprise a great many people on the outside to learn that the average business man in Dawson has worn, this winter, identically the same clothes he has always been accustomed to, with the possible exception of cap and mitts. Moccasins, German socks and other similar paraphernalia in so far as the man whose business keeps him in the city is concerned, belong to an exploded theory.

It is a remarkable fact that persons who during long residence on the coast have contracted chronic catarrhal and kindred ailments, experience an entire disappearance thereof after a few months' residence in Dawson.

Briefly summed up, actual contact with the terrors involved in living through a Klondike winter proves conclusively that these terrors have no existence outside the imagination of a few versatile newspaper writers. The climate of the Yukon valley is more favorable to permanency of residence than that of almost any other inhabitable country of similar latitude. The snow fall is light, there is little or no wind to add to the intensity of the cold in winter and in spring and summer more perfect weather could not be asked. In so far as climate is concerned there is no reason why the Yukon country should not ultimately become the center of a large and permanent population.

The Nugget ventures the prediction that the boats which leave St. Michaels

for Dawson in the latter part of the summer will be just as crowded as those which leave Dawson for St. Michaels at the opening of navigation. They are bound to be hundreds of disappointed Nomads who, rather than return to the states, will prefer to come up the river and find out what the Klondike country looks like. In addition to these will be many others whose property interests will compel them to return to Dawson before cold weather sets in next fall. There is no reason to believe that Dawson will be less lively next winter than it is at the present time.

Senator Mason's speech on the Boer war was a distinct play to the galleries. Such a resolution as Mason proposed would be uncourteous and uncalled for, to place the matter mildly. As a matter of fact, however, none of Mason's antics are accepted with any degree of seriousness. He is a political accident and an evil which the United States senate must carry until the people of Illinois return to their senses and replace him with a statesman.

Today's eight-page Semi-Weekly Nugget will be brim full of newsy matter from first to last. It will contain every bit of interesting local and foreign news that has come to hand in the past three days. The Semi Weekly is meeting with constantly growing favor among parties who desire to keep their outside friends posted on events as they transpire in Dawson and the adjacent country. It fits nicely in an envelope and hence is in growing demand as a substitute for correspondence.

It does not cost nearly as much money to maintain a Boer soldier in the field as it does to keep one of her majesty's troopers in proper condition. When the Boer soldier goes to war he is satisfied to live for weeks on a diet consisting almost entirely of dried meat, upon which he is said to thrive. This fact renders the Boer commissary question one comparatively easy of solution.

Contracts are already being let for transporting large amounts of freight to the creeks for summer use. Claim-owners and roadhouse keepers alike are determined that the breaking up of the trails will find them well supplied with everything they need for the season when the trails become practically impassable.

Suicides and murders which came along with monotonous regularity last winter have been surprisingly few and far between the present season. There must be a distinct improvement in the quality of Dawson whisky.

Great Britain has placed a single order with Chicago packing houses for 5,000,000 pounds of canned meat. It certainly is an ill wind that blows good to nobody.

## The Mail Arrives.

Early this morning 18 sacks of U. S. and Canadian mail arrived at the local postoffice. It is being sorted today, and will be ready for general distribution Monday morning. This mail left Seattle and Vancouver during the first week in January.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

See our stock of valentines. Cribbs & Rogers, Dawson and Grand Forks.

Meet me at the Rochester bar tonight.

"Here's looking at you." The Rochester bar.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

## THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

"Hey, there!" yelled a saloonkeeper to the Stroller a couple of days ago, "that merchant who told you he is stuck on the Sunday law as enforced here ought to have lived in Connecticut in the days when the "blue laws" were in effect and which made it a criminal offense for a man to kiss his wife on Sunday, and in which there was just about as much sense and consistency as there is in the Sunday law here. They make all us fellows close up our saloons and yet they issue special permits for people to work—carpenters to work, b' gosh—on fixing up saloons in which they would cinch the owner if he was caught selling a drink. The saloon men are by far the heaviest tax or license payers in the country. Our license amounts to nearly \$7 for every day in the year, yet there are 52 days in the year in which we are prohibited from doing business. It is not right and it is not just. I'll bet \$10 that same merchant who gave you the sanctimonious spiel gets off in some little room and wins his clerk's weekly salary back at poker every Sunday. Such a law might do back in some old eastern town, but to attempt to Sabbath-anarianize a mining town like Dawson is all poppycock. What! You won't take a drink: You'd better go and hunt up that selfrighteous merchant; you belong in his class."

It looks good to the eye to see old Phoenix at work on the scene of the late fire shaking himself and rising from the ashes. On the Sound the words "Seattle spirit" is often heard, but the "Seattle spirit" is not in the same class with the Dawson spirit. What other town in the world would get out and build houses with mercury at 50 degrees below zero. There is none; even Seattle, with mercury at zero, but would suspend hostilities until the gentle springtime. As the home port of get-up-and-get, Dawson is the leading city on the North American continent.

The Stroller heard a new cure for consumption yesterday and for the benefit of his children he will tell all about it. The cure is simple, pleasant to take and the more of it taken the more pleasant the effect. The Stroller had dropped into the Aurora and as there were fully 100 men there, he went up to the stove for the purpose of getting his share of the heat from it. While standing by the stove he overheard the following, which emanated from a hollowed son of Sweden: "Aye tank Aye got da consumption puty bed; da doctor ha not taie me so yust een plain language, but ha hint it puty tam strong. Now Aye know yust what will cure da consumption and that ees plenty good whisky. Year ago da first of Yanuary Aye drive nail een door of ma cabin and swear Aye neffer take anudder drink while da nail eet been da door; so today Aye yerk out Ja nail and from dose time on Ae expect to drink like hale."

Two hours later the Stroller met the same Swede when it was evident from his appearance that the latter portion of his statements had been carried into effect.

The sight of an occasional lawabiding citizen in court for having unknowingly violated some law of the land always causes the mind of the Stroller to revert to one and only one time in his life when he was in the clutches of the law. It was at Cedar Keys, Florida, where the Stroller had gone to inhale the sea breeze and hear what the wild waves were saying. At the hotel where he stopped was a number of young men from New York and Montreal who were out on a grand hunting and fishing expedition, and as guests were somewhat scarce at the Magnolia the young men, including the Stroller, in a moment of youthful abandon, decided

to "drum" a train from Jacksonville in the interests of the hotel. Alas! Four of us were arrested by a nigger marshal, taken before the mayor who was so black he had to cover his head in the morning before the sun would dare to rise, and "soaked" for \$15 per capita.

P. S.—Cedar Keys had an ordinance which required hotel porters to take out licenses.

"I tell you what it is," said a prominent official to the Stroller a few days ago, "there are too many men in this country who are endeavoring to conduct business on big scales and no capital but wind. Take for instance many of the laymen on the creeks; they have contracts with their men to wait until the cleanup for their pay, which is all right provided the pay is being taken out of the ground and put in the dump. But supposing it isn't there to take out; then where will the laborer get off? Wind is a good thing for sailing vessels but a poor article on which to conduct business."

Two bits, drinks and cigars. The Rochester bar

Valentine day, 14th of February. We have some pretty conceits for the occasion. Cribbs & Rogers, druggists.

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(From Friday's Daily)

Although Ladysmith, Kimberley, and Mafeking are isolated from the outside world except for an occasional carrier pigeon, yet, says the Toronto Globe, these towns have the means of regular communication every night by making a proper use of the searchlights with which they are provided. The powerful searchlights at Kimberley, for instance, have been seen as far away as Philipstown, a distance of 115 miles.

The searchlight which General White uses in his war balloon at Ladysmith has been seen at Estcourt, a distance of 30 miles. At Estcourt there is like wise a searchlight, so that those places could answer back to each other or carry on a long conversation.

This can be done in any code, using dots and dashes. By putting a flap or shutter over the searchlight aperture the ray of light can thus be cut up into dots and dashes precisely as the operator of the heliograph during the day time shuts off and turns on the light by a simple motion of the thumb and fingers.

The nights in South Africa are clear and bright, and a light can be seen at a much greater distance than would be possible in England. It would be impossible for the Boers to stop this mode of communication. It is much more reliable than the haphazard use of carrier pigeons, which may lose their way or be shot, or the occasional use of runners, who may or may not get through the enemy's lines.

Where, however, two searchlights are employed as at Kimberley, the dots and dashes, which might be read by an enemy, may be dispensed with. The message may then be sent by using one light for the vowels and indicating the consonants by the angles at which the rays are shown, separating the letters by a short period of darkness and the words by a longer period.

Those familiar with the South African climate assert that there should be no difficulty in using a telegraphic searchlight code every night up to a distance of 60 miles. This distance might be easily increased in the case of Ladysmith, as General White uses his war balloon.

The surrounding country is rolling, but not mountainous. The war balloon goes up higher than most of the surrounding hills, and when the light is thrown up vertically, its rays can be seen above the highest ground near there.

### Superior Court.

The case of George McRae vs. W. Tinkham was concluded in the district court yesterday.

In this action the complaint of the plaintiff alleged that he had grubstaked the defendant in the state of Washington to come to the Yukon, in consideration of being an equal partner with defendant in any mining property which the latter might locate in the Klondike. The defendant located the bench claim, left limit, opposite No. 6 above on Bonanza, and plaintiff prayed for a judgment decreeing him to be a half owner in said property. In answer to the complaint the defendant set forth that the money which he had obtained from plaintiff in Washington was in the nature of a loan, and that the debt had been subsequently liquidated by the transfer to plaintiff of a placer mine on Quartz creek. After hearing and considering the testimony, Justice

Dugas found for the defendant and dismissed the case of the plaintiff.

Yesterday afternoon the suit of J. G. Courtney et al vs. the Canadian Development Company was on trial. The plaintiffs allege that in the fall of 1898 they hired the defendant company to tow a scow loaded with hogs and provisions across Lake Lebarge, and that at the mouth of Thirtymile river said scow was wrecked and its cargo lost through the negligence of the defendant. The company deny responsibility. The amount involved is \$13,604. The evidence was not concluded when court adjourned last night, and the case was continued until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

No actions were tried by Justice Dugas this morning, but a number of motions were submitted, some of which were determined.

The defendant in Ashelby vs. Fay moved to be discharged from custody. Judgment was reserved.

In Lemon vs. McCormack et al the defendants asked to have the judgment, which has been entered in the cause set aside.

The defendant in the case of Cambridge vs. Kelly made an application for an extension of time in which to file a statement of defense.

An order was entered granting the motion made by plaintiff for judgment in the suit of Lancaster & Calderhead vs. Moulton.

In Driscoll vs. Dawkins, the hearing on the motion for an injunction was suspended for ten days.

In Spencer vs. Spencer, the hearing on the motion for judgment was continued until Monday.

### Gold Commissioner's Court.

Yesterday afternoon Commissioner Senler rendered a decision in the case of Troy vs. Jacobs. The action involved the title to the bench claim, left limit, second tier, opposite the upper half of No. 31 below on Hunker. The judgment is as follows:

"The defendant Jacobs bought from one Norton, who recorded the above claim on October 7th, 1898, his claim being described as lying between the McDonald claim on the upper side and the Buckley claim on the lower side. The plaintiff, on August 28th, 1898, applied for record of a relocation of bench claim in the second tier, opposite the upper half of the left limit of No. 30 below discovery, which was originally recorded by one Heath on September 28th, 1898. The plaintiff now claims that the original Heath location and the Norton location cover the same ground, and that Norton, being subsequent to Heath, his location is invalid, and that he, the plaintiff, having re-located the ground in dispute after the Heath location had expired, is entitled to a grant thereof. According to Heath's application also, as shown in the plot book, he staked opposite the upper half of No. 30 below discovery, and above the McDonald claim; whereas, the ground in dispute is opposite the upper half of 31 below discovery.

The presumption is that he (Heath) staked the ground he re-recorded. In order to rebut that presumption there must be evidence of the actual staking of the ground by Heath, especially in a case where a relocater is attempting to take the ground from the defendant who has purchased in good faith from the original locator, who staked long before the relocater entered upon the ground. Mr. F. Ensel is the only witness for the plaintiff. He does not know Heath's writing, and was not on the ground until the claim had been surveyed in July, 1898, when he saw Heath's name on the survey stakes. I do not think this is sufficient evidence to rebut the presumption that Heath staked the ground he applied for. The case is dismissed."

The time of the commissioner is occupied today in hearing the action of Thompson vs. Johnson. The plaintiff is the owner of the bench claim on the second tier, right limit, opposite the upper half of No. 7 below A. Mack's discovery on Quartz. He alleges that the defendant, who is the owner of No. 6, an adjoining claim, is trespassing within the lines of No. 7.

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### A GUILILESS HUMORIST.

The editorial and "comment" columns of the ex-organ are a source of continual delight to those people who appreciate real, genuine, spontaneous humor. An instance of the remarkable extent to which Editor Woodside possesses this happy quality of unconscious humor is well illustrated in a recent Sun "extra."

Referring to the fact that the News published a cartoon of himself, the valiant Sun editorialist thus delivers himself:

"The Dawson Daily News lacking the ability and grit to answer the Yukon Sun, has had to hire an artist to cartoon the Sun's editor. This in itself is a confession of weakness."

There is nothing particularly striking in the above, but taken in connection with what follows it forms a gem which rivals anything ever produced by Artemus Ward.

"We," continues this guileless Sun writer, "ordered last fall a set of each of the photo-graving and chalk-plate necessities to produce pictures, but the order could not be filled in time. We have ordered another outfit and as we have a first-class artist on the premises, we think when the goods come we can produce some etchings of the Boer gang here that will make the old masters turn green with envy."

Now, in view of the fact that the News has taken to the cartoon business to supply a lacking of "brains and grit," it will occur to a great many people to wonder just what deficiency Editor Woodside expects to supply in his own mental paraphernalia by the introduction in the Sun office of so extensive facilities for the production of cartoons. It certainly cannot be that he requires in any manner to increase his stock of courage, because he himself has assured the public that he possesses extraordinary valor and in fact to such an extent that he once narrowly escaped being made a major—and certainly no one ought to know more about Capt. Woodside's bravery than the valiant captain himself. In fact it is a very fortunate thing that the captain has informed the public in regard to the matter or the public might never have known.

But this is aside from the question. What we wish to determine is this: Just where in Editor Woodside's mental apparatus is the loose screw which he hopes to tighten up by means of chalk plates and zinc etchings. We confess that the question is too deep for us, and so we pass it up.

### A MILITIA COMPANY.

A suggestion has been made to the Nugget recommending the organization of a local company of militia. The Canadian militia is organized on lines similar to those upon which the National Guard is based in the United States. Should a local company be organized in Dawson no further necessity would remain for the presence of the Yukon field force, and a movement for their withdrawal would probably meet with success. Aside from the advantages from a military standpoint which might accrue to the members of such an organization it would in all probability become the center of numer-

ous affairs of a social nature which would assist wonderfully in causing the tedium incident to winter life in the Yukon to vanish. It cost the Yukon territory somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 to land the troops in the country which Col. Evans brought in, and how much additional it has and will cost the territory for their maintenance is a matter of speculation. If by the organization of a force of militia we could secure the withdrawal of the troops, it would mean in the end a lessening of the taxes which the territory is now compelled to pay. We should be glad to hear from Canadian citizens on the subject.

### A JUST DECISION.

A decision respecting payment of wages upon the discharge of an employe was rendered in the police court yesterday which employers and employes alike would do well to bear in mind.

The decision dealt with a written contract wherein a mineowner agreed to employ the complainant in the case until the cleanup at a certain stipulated wage, payment to be made at the time of the cleanup.

It appeared in the evidence that some difficulty having arisen the complainant was discharged and his employer, taking refuge behind the contract, refused payment of accrued wages until the cleanup.

At the trial of the case judgment was given for the complainant, it being held by the magistrate that the contract in so far as the time for payment of wages was concerned terminated with the discharge of the complainant, and that the wages earned up until that time became immediately due.

Similar decisions have been handed down before, but ordinarily there has been nothing in the nature of a written contract between the parties.

While, undoubtedly, cases will occur where the application of such a decision will tend to work a hardship upon the employer, it must be conceded that in so far as the general principle is concerned, the judgment is right and equitable. If it were possible to employ men on a bedrock basis and then discharge them at pleasure, leaving them to wait months for payment of wages, an untold amount of hardships would result. In many cases the wages would never be paid, for the simple reason that the arrival of the cleanup season would find that many of the parties had left the country, or in some other manner had been placed in such a position as to be unable to press their claims.

A knowledge of the position which the local courts have taken in the matter ought to prevent resort to the courts in future cases involving similar points.

Men are going and coming over the ice between Dawson and the coast with as little concern as though they were stepping aboard a Pullman car and starting across the continent. From now on the time between this city and Bennett should be very considerably shortened. The trail is in good condition and naturally will improve as the season advances.

Several women have already started for Nome over the ice. Bon voyage, ladies, but don't blame us if you find it necessary to locate in a deserted cabin along the river some place and wait for the break up.

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# WARREN IS WATCHFUL

Sizing Up the Boers Before He Moves.

HE CONFRONTS A HARD PROBLEM

Boers Brought From Ladysmith to Defend the Trenches.

Talk in London Takes a More Hopeful Strain—Times Praises Warren for His Caution—7,500 Boers at Colesburg.

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 31.—Gen. Warren is reconnoitering the Boer position and endeavoring to ascertain the strength of the enemy and the character of the defenses which they have thrown up between Speonkoug and Ladysmith. It is stated in the dispatches from Capetown that 5000 men have been recently withdrawn by the Boers from the vicinity of Ladysmith and are now filling the trenches preparatory to opposing the advance of the English forces to the relief of the latter town. Reports have come out as to sickness in Ladysmith resulting in lack of sanitary precautions, but the reports are believed to be unfounded. Warren's position is less than 2000 yards from the Boer line. A sharp exchange of artillery is going on continuously. The Boers have made an effort to recapture the town but without results. Warren will advance as soon as practicable.

**More Hoopful.**  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 31.—A more hopeful view is taken of affairs in the war office and in the clubs. No doubt is expressed that the relief of Ladysmith will soon be an accomplished fact although much stress is laid upon the character of the country through which our forces must pass to reach the beleaguered town. The Times continues in its somewhat pessimistic strain and points out the serious character of the obstacles against which the British forces are contending. It praises Warren for what he has thus far accomplished and urges that the caution with which he is proceeding is absolutely necessary to success although giving the Boers time to prepare for a more protracted contest than otherwise would be the case.  
The Boers occupy a strong position at Colesburg where they have about 7500 men.

**War Correspondent Dead.**  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 31.—War correspondent Stevens, whose graphic descriptions of the war have been eagerly read all over England is reported as having died at Ladysmith.

**Diamond Market.**  
New York, Jan. 18.—There is quite a commotion at present in diamond circles brought about by the unfavorable reports from the diamond fields in South Africa. The latest from Kimberley is most discouraging, the mines having been compelled to close down, causing dire depression bordering almost on famine, affecting thousands of work people who thrive by the cutting of the rough stones preparatory to their being placed on the Paris, London, New York and Toronto diamond markets. Antwerp and Amsterdam are the direct sufferers, and until the mining of the rough gems which these expert artists cut into perfect shapes again revives there is no telling how many other interests will be affected.

**Murdered in Frisco.**  
Skagway, Jan. 31.—Further details of the murder of Fannie Hall state that the affair occurred in San Francisco, to which point the girl went after leaving

Dawson. As indicated in a previous telegram the murder was the result of a lovers' quarrel.

**A Failure.**  
Capetown Jan. 10.—The troops in the British camp of Victoria West turned out last night to repel an attempt of the Boers to cut the railroad next to the station.

A patrol reported early in the evening that they had sighted the Boers in the neighborhood.

At 10 o'clock at night the Boers opened a heavy fire near the station. The British replied and the Boers retired at daybreak their attempt having turned out a failure.

**German Steamer Captured.**  
Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay Jan. 14.—The German steamer Bundesrath belonging to the German East African line, has been captured as a prize and taken to Durban.

London, Jan. 10.—Regarding traffic generally on the east coast of Africa, the British Admiralty officials say the British government desires that all ordinary and legitimate trade conducted by foreign vessels should suffer as little restriction as possible.

Hamburg, Jan. 10.—The directors of the German East African line have received news of the arrest of the Imperial mail steamer Bundesrath. It is declared here that there was no contraband of war on board.

**Boers Near Kimberley.**  
Kimberley, Jan. 14.—Before dawn today a detachment of the mounted forces, with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction.

Boer artillery from Kamperdam opened fire at Ott's Kopje, Kimberley fort replying with 20 shells.  
The British force reconnoitered out posts along Laceratto Ridge, the Boer patrols retreating. Having accomplished this and having discovered reinforcements approaching from Wimbledon Ridge, Col. Chamier, with Royal Artillery, exchanged a dozen shells. As soon as the guns could be limbered up some 500 Boers poured in a heavy fire from their earthworks.

The British finally retired with the loss of one horse.  
The movement showed the Boers were still keeping three guns in the vicinity of Kimberley and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly.  
It also showed their proneness to vacate a position immediately when weaker than the opposing forces.

**British Attack a Fort.**  
Pretoria, Jan. 14.—Commandant Smyman reports as follows from Molo: "On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force with cannon, Maxims and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported at 55."

**The Circulating Library.**  
The Standard Circulating Library, at 210 Second avenue, is a well patronized institution. Under the careful management of Mr. W. Harkman the books and various reading matter have been increased, until the fields of science, literature and art, history, biography, fiction, philosophy, geology, and mineralogy have been completely covered. The reading room is becoming a popular resort for those who have the time and inclination to read. Members have the privilege of taking books home to read at pleasure. The terms of the subscription are \$1 per month.

**Major Perry Returns.**  
Police Magistrate Perry is back from an extended trip of three days duration, on which he was accompanied by Judge Dugas, over the various creeks. In conversation with a Daily Nugget representative and in reference to the Clayton party, Major Perry said that every effort is yet being made by the police to discover the bodies and ferret out the mystery of their disappearance; that the search would have been carried on with as much vigilance had no reward been offered. The men arrested as suspects are being closely held at Tagish where they will be kept until the mystery is wholly cleared up.

# AN ECHO FROM NOME.

Why the Cleveland's Stores Were Left at the Beach City.

Food Scarcity Was Feared and Judge Wood of the S.-Y. T. Co. Left the Ship's Grub With the Miners.

Some time ago, reports reached Dawson of a misunderstanding which had occurred in Seattle between Judge Wood of the S. Y. T. Co. and certain persons who had taken passage on the steamship Cleveland from Nome City to Seattle. It seems that the Cleveland, under charter to the S. Y. T. Co., arrived at Nome last October, having aboard considerable cargo and besides her own passengers those of the steamship Laurada, which vessel had been wrecked a few days previously, and her entire cargo last. There were some fears at Nome that there would be a scarcity of provisions during the winter, and when it was learned that the cargo of the Laurada had been lost, such fears became more prevalent among the people, and the prices of all sorts of commodities increased immediately. To make the situation worse, one of the barges on which the Cleveland had loaded a portion of her cargo, broke its anchor chain and was wrecked.

Judge Wood, who was aboard the Cleveland, was strenuously urged to leave at Nome the greater portion of the ship's stores; and in view of the scarcity of winter supplies there he did so, thinking that he would be able to purchase sufficient provisions for the trip back to Seattle at Dutch Harbor. In his particular, Judge Wood was disappointed; no supplies of any consequence could be secured at Dutch Harbor. The trip was continued to Seattle, and the passengers were compelled to subsist on rough fare, such as pork and beans, hash, etc. Arriving at their destination a meeting was held at which, according to the reports received here, the passengers severely censured Judge Wood for leaving Nome without enough provisions. The facts fail to confirm this report.

Mr. C. F. Metcalf, who recently arrived from the outside, was at Nome at the time in question and at the meeting held by the passengers in Seattle afterwards. With reference to the matter, Mr. Metcalf said:

"When it was learned at Nome that the steamship Laurada had been wrecked near St. George's island and her entire cargo lost, the people feared a scarcity of provisions, and the season being late—it was then about October 10th—the prices of supplies greatly advanced. The Cleveland was in port with a small cargo and her manager, Judge Wood, was urged to dispose of it and also to sell the greater portion of the ship's stores. Probably 250 passengers were aboard the Cleveland when she left on October 23d for Seattle. When she reached Dutch Harbor an effort was made to supply her with a variety of food for the rest of the trip, but aside from a small amount of provisions which Judge Wood secured, nothing could be purchased. The voyage was continued to Seattle and the passengers were provided with rough fare. I was present at the meeting held in Seattle. No resolutions were passed which censured Judge Wood for disposing of the ship's stores at Nome for it was realized that it was better to have left the provisions at Nome than to have taken them away, and to have eaten them on the return trip. The meeting, however, did censure the steward and cook of the Cleveland; for it was proven that supplies which were aboard the boat were neither well cooked nor properly served. No blame attaches to Judge Wood, nor none was imputed to him."

**Afternoon Whist.**  
At her beautiful little home on Fourth street, between Second avenue and Third avenue, Mrs. T. Mahoney on

Tuesday gave an afternoon whist complimentary to the ladies who assisted the hostess in her booth, the Palace of Sweets, during the progress of the late bazaar. Four tables were occupied by devotees of the popular game, whist, but it is not stated how many times during the afternoon the question "What are trumps?" was heard. The first prize was won by and awarded to Mrs. F. M. Smith, while the honors incident to the consolation were borne off by Mrs. Roberts. The ladies who do not play whist were charmingly entertained by the hostess during the progress of the game.

Those present who were associated with Mrs. Mahoney in the booth were Mesdames, S. H. Stewart, F. M. Smith, Hostetter, Timmins, Leslie, Bray, Merriman, Jackson, Kelly and Miss Booge. Besides the foregoing co-laborers in the Palace of Sweets were Mesdames Starnes, French, McDonald, Seely, McDunell, Booge, W. J. Stewart, Clayton, Roberts and the Misses De Lobel.

Elegantly prepared and daintily served refreshments were enjoyed by the guests during the afternoon.

**The Sunday Concert.**  
Mr. C. N. Pring will resume the weekly musicales on the next Sunday evening. The Dawson Philharmonic orchestra will render excellent selections, and Miss Beatrice Lorne and Mr. F. W. Zimmerman will assist with the rendition of vocal music.

The program will consist of ten numbers, as follows:  
March, "Manhattan Beach"..... Sousa Orchestra.  
Gems from opera "Faust"..... Gounod Orchestra.  
Miss Beatrice Lorne as Marguerite. Mr. F. W. Zimmerman as Faust.  
"Echoes From Manila Bay"..... Watson Orchestra.  
"Stephanie Gavotte"..... Czibulka Orchestra.  
Trombone solo, "Cavatine," from "Robert's La Diabla"..... Mr. Martin Hobbs.  
Grand selection from the opera "Gasparone"..... Millocker Orchestra.  
Song, "Then You Will Remember Me"..... Ball Medley overture..... Catlin Orchestra.  
Song, "Dear Heart"..... Tito Mattos.  
Serenade, "Espagnole"..... Miss Beatrice Lorne.  
Orchestra..... Metra Orchestra.

This program was to have been rendered on last Sunday evening and Mrs. Leroy Tozier and Mr. Erhardt had been engaged to appear this Sunday; but circumstances compelled the postponement of the entertainment last week, an Mrs. Tozier and Mr. Erhardt will be retained for some future Sunday occasion.

**Mr. Fahnestock Will Leave Soon.**  
Early next week, Mr. Gates D. Fahnestock, general agent of the Empire Transportation Company, and Mr. W. H. Chisholm, one of the local resident agents, will depart for the outside via Skagway. The gentlemen will be provided with a good dog team.  
Mr. Fahnestock has been in Dawson for some time. Upon reaching the coast, he will proceed to the head office of his company at Seattle, and from there to San Francisco.

When asked respecting the future intentions of the company in the Yukon, the gentleman replied:  
"We are satisfied with the country. Our business in the past has been exceptionally good. I do not anticipate a dull summer season, and we shall continue to do business in Dawson."

"The Nome excitement will offer opportunities to steamship companies, and we propose to secure our share of that traffic. All of our big steamships are still in the United States' government service as transports between the Pacific coast and the Philippines, but now most of the soldiers have been returned from Manila, and we expect to have our vessels released in the near future. We shall put two steamships, possibly more, on the route from Seattle to Nome. I may return to Dawson via Nome and St. Michaels, or I may come down the river with the first boats, remain here for a short while and then proceed to Nome. In this respect, I have not determined on any particular plan, and shall be unable to do so, until I confer with my home office. Mr. Chisholm and I expect to make a reasonably quick trip to Skagway."

# O'BRIEN

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WILLIAM

Constable Chase

Handicapped takes His Travel—Nome

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# O'BRIEN OUT-MUSHED!

Overtaken and Brought Back to Dawson.

WILLIAM BRAYTON WANTS HIS DOUGH

Constable Allmark's All-Night Chase a Record-Breaker.

Handicapped by 30 Hours, He Overtakes His Plan After Six Hours' Travel—A Contemplated Trip to Nome Ruthlessly Shattered.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Monday at noon Martin J. O'Brien and a man named Derick left Dawson for the long and perilous journey over the ice for Nome. Their start was auspicious and with four intrepid malamutes and a good outfit everything looked favorable to a successful expedition. But, alas! for human expectations and calculations. O'Brien left behind a monument in the form of an alleged debt of \$800 due William P. Brayton, formerly of the Galvin Meat Co. Brayton sets forth that several months ago he loaned to O'Brien and D. D. Bogart, who were then interested in the late Opera house, the sum of \$1200, only \$400 of which has since been returned, and as he learned of the departure of O'Brien for down the river he reasoned that his chances for ever again gazing on the \$800 were growing quite slender unless he could have the Nome-bound pilgrim overtaken and brought back. With this object in view he sought the aid of the law, with the result that a warrant was duly issued from the superior court and placed in the hands of Constable Allmark, police court officer, for service.

The curtains of night were already pinned down by the stars when the warrant was placed in the hands of the constable, 30 hours after his man had started, and it was three hours later before the officer, with the Madden house crack-dog team as a means of rapid transit, cast off his lines and started on the chase. After a run of but little over six hours Allmark sighted a cabin on the river's bank, 14 miles this side of Fortymile. Ringing his slow-down bell, he brought his dogs to standstill and approached the cabin and entered, and there, wrapped in the arms of Morpheus and a fur robe, lay the object of his chase. O'Brien was very much disconcerted at thus having his plans broken into and his journey so abruptly terminated, but he made the best of the situation and in a short time announced himself in readiness to accompany Constable Allmark back to Dawson, at which place they arrived at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. The constable figures that he played in big luck as he did not have much hope of overtaking his man this side of Fortymile.

On their return to Dawson O'Brien was taken to the guard house and locked up. As he wanted time to collect his thoughts and calmly size up the situation in which he found himself, he requested that his friends be notified of his return to the city until this morning. O'Brien was formerly in the employ of the Cattle Syndicate of this city and is very well known. He has many friends and it is probable that they will rally to his support and that he will not be required to remain in jail over tonight.

Great credit is due Constable Allmark for the success with which his night chase was crowned, and for returning with his man in such almost incredibly short time.

O'Brien's partner, not caring to continue the trip alone, returned by easy stages, reaching here this afternoon.

### Trustees Did Not Meet.

There was no meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade last night owing

to the fact that there was not a quorum present, however, as there was no business of importance demanding attention, no interests will suffer through the apathy of the members. Next Wednesday a meeting of the full board will be held in its rooms and it is important that every member be present. As the committee on mines and mining will submit its report at that meeting it is urged that the mine owners and laymen make it a point to attend on that particular occasion.

### A Musical Entertainment.

A high class entertainment will be given in the First Methodist church of Dawson on Thursday evening, February 8th, at 8 o'clock. A splendid program has been prepared. Mr. Boyle of the Dawson Choral Society, Mr. Chisholm and other prominent soloists and musicians, have kindly consented to take part.

The Dawson public may confidently expect an excellent musical entertainment. The proceeds will be devoted to the purpose of securing an organ for the church and in view of the object of the affair a large audience is anticipated. The price of tickets is \$1.

### Superior Court.

Judge Dugas returned yesterday evening, fresh and exhilarated from a three days' journey up the creeks. Court was duly opened at 11 o'clock this morning, the trial of the case of McRae vs. Pinkham, which was on when court adjourned last week, being resumed.

### Missing Persons.

Letters of inquiry have been received at the town station of the N. W. M. P., respecting the following persons: J. S. Johnson, of Salt Lake City; James Lindsay Mulholland of Liverpool, England; William Johnson of Ayrshire, Scotland; Mr. Petery of Prescott.

### POLICE COURT.

Immediately on the opening of police court this morning Captain Starnes rendered a decision in the case of Henry Cassells vs. A. E. Sola, in which the former sued for \$250.75 for labor performed on the latter's mining claim. The decision was that the amount claimed, with costs, be paid within 15 days.

Jacob Nowfak, whose case against Chas. Carroll, of the California bakery for \$28 was begun yesterday morning, was awarded \$8. In explaining it to the reporter afterwards Nowfak said he did not think the case was in the "jurisdiction" of the court.

The regular police magistrate, Major Perry, who returned last night from a three days' business trip up the creeks, was present and took the bench after the disposal by Captain Starnes of the cases which had been heard before him. Major Perry's first case this morning was one against John Olsen for violating the health ordinance, the trial of which was set for this afternoon.

Hinkle vs. Levy for \$350 for labor performed on the latter's claim was up, but in the absence of witnesses was continued until Monday afternoon.

Suleman Jeha, the Ara' of whom mention was made several days ago as having a claim for \$504 against Chris Hemple, and who cannot make himself understood in English, was again in court and by signs and gesticulations made it apparent that he is suffering for the necessities of life. He was given an order on the royal commissary for a two weeks' stock of provisions.

### Theosophical Society.

The Yukon Theosophical Club held its initial meeting last evening in its new permanent quarters over the Juneau hardware store on Second avenue. The comfortable hall was well filled with a sympathetic and appreciative audience of ladies and gentlemen, whose intellectual development reaches out for more scientific proof of the great unseen forces of nature that surround us, and which they believe are intended for man's use when he knows enough to utilize them.

The steady increase in membership and the deep interest manifested proves that the club fills a popular want, while the practical methods of dealing with practical subjects makes it useful to the entire community. Next regular meeting on next Wednesday evening.

# TOMORROW "SAUSAGE" DAY

Should Old Sol Shine, Spring Will Be Delayed.

Groundhog Legend Has Many Believers in Rural East—Prayers for Clouds Offered Tonight.

If the sun shines tomorrow the residents of this section of the country will do well to duplicate their orders for wood, for it will mean that the advent of spring will be long delayed.

In other parts of civilized North America a clear 2d of February is sure to throw spring back for six weeks, but here its coming may be delayed from the same cause several months. The legend is that when the first snow comes in the fall of the year the groundhog, a festive animal which is indigenous to the central and eastern portions of the United States and Canada, but which is rare on the Pacific coast and seen in the Gulf states, hies himself to his lair beneath a rock or in the ground and there remains until the second day of the succeeding February, when, with fear and trembling, he emerges from his winter quarters into the heaven given light. If the day is dark, cloudy and wholly devoid of sun light the animal stays out and spring duly begins. If, however, the sun shines on that day, the groundhog sees his shadow, becomes frightened thereat and flees with all haste back into his winter quarters and there remains for a period of six weeks, during which Boreas again musters his frigid forces and exerts his full strength and influence with the result that winter lingers in the lap of spring until the following month is well advanced. In many of the rural agricultural sections of the east firm belief is reposed in the legend of the groundhog and his shadow, and a 2d of February on which the sun shines is productive of gloom and sadness of heart on the part of the people. Residents of this section, however, have no cause for alarm as we are somewhat shy both on sun and groundhog.

For the benefit of the readers of the Daily Nugget who may be afflicted with "denseness" we will add that tomorrow is called "sausage" day for the reason that sausage is ground hog.

### Respecting Registered Mail.

The following letter of inquiry was received by the Daily Nugget last night:

Dawson, Y. T., Jan. 31, 1900.

Editor of Klondike Daily Nugget, Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Sir: Can I find out through your paper why it is that a registered letter, addressed to me, lay in our post office for 31 days, although I had inquired punctually once a week, at the window designated by my initial?

By mere accident I inquired at the registered letter window, and upon receipt of my mail I ascertained that it had been there for the above mentioned time.

Surely there ought to be a system in vogue here whereby one to whom registered mail is addressed could be notified through the general delivery so call at the registered letter window.

### INQUIRER.

Postmaster Hartman, when asked respecting the matter, said:

"We do not notify people, to whom registered mail is addressed by sending them cards through the general delivery asking them to call at the registered letter window. Every once in a while we advertise the registered mail by publication in the local press, and by posting lists in the postoffice.

"I have sent out for cards and when they arrive I shall use them to notify people through the general delivery of registered letters. At present those who have boxes are the only ones who receive such notification. We hold registered mail three months and if uncalled for at the expiration of that time we return it to the sender."

### Masquerade at the Forks.

Monday night was the occasion of a grand masquerade ball given by the

Grand Forks Social Club. It proved to be the crowning event in the social history of that enterprising young city, and was attended by the youth and beauty, grace and loveliness of that place. A 12 o'clock the gay participants unmasked and an elegant supper was partaken of, after which the merry dance continued until the near approach of another day.

Those present and en masque were:

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey, Misses McMullen, Stansfield, Lamb, Kutz, Croft, Mrs. Primes, Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Ruppel, Messrs. Ask, Hickey, Hutcheson, Cribbs, Drs. McLeod, Edwards, Ramsey, Messrs. Hamnell, Murphy, Boyle, Bell, Mitchell, Hunter, White, Walling, Raymond, Hustus, Capt. Cartwright, Sergt. Marshall H. B. Keif, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Messrs. Matheson, Carroll, Walkins, Cobb, Cupe, McDonald, Miss Rustrom, and others.

Club committee: Messrs. Sergt. Marshall, Eul, Hutcheson, McGreggor, Ferguson and Boggs.

### Appealed His Case.

J. W. Murphy of claim 43 below on Sulphur, against whom a decision was rendered yesterday in police court, in favor of Joseph Smith for \$60 due as wages, has retained Attorney McCaul and appealed the case to the superior court, having given satisfactory bonds in the lower court. The result of the trial will be anxiously awaited, involving as the case does, the points of law usually brought up in disputes of the masters and servants sort.

### Outgoing Mail.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday evening 12 sacks of mail, comprising a little less than 300 pounds, were dispatched for the outside. The usual hour for closing the mail is 12 o'clock on Wednesdays and it is then started at about 3 o'clock Thursday morning. But yesterday evening the work of making up having been completed, it was decided to start it a few hours earlier. The carriers expected to be at Ogilvie by 3 o'clock this morning, the usual hour for leaving Dawson.

### The Orpheum Theatre.

The new theater building now being erected on the site of the old Board of Trade will be called "The Orpheum."

The stock company which will conduct business in the Orpheum is comprised of the following men and women:

Alex Pantagia, William Brennan, Claude Staton, E. B. Lyons, Theo. Eggert, Martin Hobbs, John Kirk, Harry Lawier, Daisy D'Avra, Cecil Marion and Miss Blossom.

The following directors have been elected: Theo. Eggert, Claude Staton, E. B. Lyons, Alex Pantagia and Miss Blossom.

Mr. Pantagia has been selected as manager.

The Orpheum will be opened about February 19th.

### Handball Tournament.

Preparations have been completed at Ford's gymnasium for the handball tournament, which will commence tonight, and terminate tomorrow night. A good alley has been constructed, and the room is arranged to accommodate a large number of spectators.

Six teams have entered for the contest, and some good playing is expected.

The following are the teams: Edward H. Boyer and Sam Pond, Collins Sinclair and George Mutchler, Mark Bray and Patrick Malloy, John Devine and William Barrett, Fred Cahoon and Bert Ford, Ben Trenaman and William Norval. The sport will commence at 9 o'clock.

### Weather Report.

The minimum temperature registered at the barracks last night was four degrees below zero. At noon, the instrument pointed to two degrees below.



# BOER LOSS, 2,000!

At the Battle Which Occurred at Magersfonten.

## SENATOR MASON TALKS FOR KRUGER

Thinks American People Should Extend Sympathy.

Speech in the Senate Draws a Big Crowd—Filipino Insurgents Will Be Summarily Treated If They Continue to Show Fight.

(From Friday's Daily.)

London, Jan. 8.—There is little news this morning to throw fresh light on the situation at the seat of war. The artillery firing heard near Colenso is taken to indicate a preliminary to the expected big battle. Gen. Barton is reported to have 38 guns in good positions and the Boers are apparently pursuing the same tactics as at Magersfontein, not replying, with the view of concealing their position until the infantry is brought into play.

It was feared that the first war office dispatch, announcing fighting at Zoutspan Drift, indicated that General Methued had been forced to return to the Orange river. But, apparently, it only involved a brush with the troops protecting the line of communication, as Zoutspan Drift is considerably southwest of the Orange river base. Some of the special estimate the Boer loss at Magersfontein at 2000 men.

Considerable satisfaction is felt both in military and civilian circles by the announcement that Gen. MacDonald, whose splendid defeat of the dervishes' flank attack at Omdurman turned a critical situation into a British victory, has been ordered to leave India immediately, to succeed the late Gen. Wauchope in command of the Highland brigade. Gen. Tucker, commanding at Zecunderabad, has also been ordered to the Cape, to command a division.

### Senator Mason Talks.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Senator Mason has delivered his long expected speech of sympathy for the Boers. He called up his resolution offered a few days ago, expressing the sympathy of the senate with the South African republics in their war with Great Britain. His speech was long and was delivered with characteristic vehemence. He was accorded careful attention by his colleagues and by the gallery auditors.

He maintained that under the Monroe doctrine and precedents previously established, the United States had the same right to extend its sympathy and hopes for success to the Boers in the struggle for liberty as it had to interfere with Spain in its conduct of affairs in Cuba. He urged that the interest of the United States was aroused by the fact that the South African war was a struggle between democracy and royalty—between the divine right of kings and divine right of men.

"If we should speak and speak quickly, it would sting the politicians who brought on the war for greed of gold and cheer the poor brave Dutch defender of his home."

He cited a large number of authorities in support of his position. He declared that "the lilliputian states man, rattling around in Gladstone's shoes, trying to undo his work and break his promises, is deceiving no one except possibly himself."

Senator Mason adverted to the conditions which brought on the war, entering fully into the question.

At 3:10 p. m. the senate went into executive session.

### \$150,000 Fire.

Pittsburg, Jan. 10.—The Western Pennsylvania institute for the deaf and dumb, situated at Edgewood, was completely destroyed by fire last evening. The 500 pupils in the building were panic stricken, but the teachers quickly secured control of them, and it is believed that all were saved. The institute was an immense four-story brick building, which covered an acre of ground, and was considered one of the best institutions under the care of Pennsylvania. The loss will reach \$150,000.

### To Be Summarily Treated.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Isolated bands of bushwhacking insurgents who are caught by our forces in the Philippines are likely to be summarily dealt with. At the cabinet meeting Friday the matter was discussed at some length, and it was the general sentiment that the situation demanded vigorous treatment. As long as the insurgents keep up a show of any army under a semblance of discipline, they will be treated as prisoners of war when captured, but when they degenerate into isolated bands of marauders, harassing our forces by cold-blooded assassinations, it is the judgment of the officers in command in the Philippines and of the president and the members of the cabinet that the situation demands summary action.

### THE BEREAVED.

THOSE HARDEST STRICKEN BY TRANSVAAL WAR.

The heroes lying cold in honor'd grave  
Do rest oblivious to pain or fear;  
Not they are stricken most by war's dread  
Wave,  
But those who, broken-hearted, mourn them  
Here.

Our hearty cheers burst out to those brave men  
Who gallantly defend their flag and country  
Quite right! All honor to such deeds—but then  
The lonely ones most need our sympathy.

Draw in the telescope that scans the Trans-  
vaal's skies  
And focus it on families bereaved at home  
There—there you'll see and hear the anguished  
cries  
Of bursting hearts for those who'll never come.

A Boer and Briton dead, together lie;  
Beside them, on the field their sobbing  
wives  
They have no thoughts of animosity,  
For common is the grief that wrecked their  
lives

Much louder far than cannon's thund'rous roar  
Or clash and crash of field artillery  
Are the sounds of wailing on the home-land's  
shore—  
The bitter cry of those left solitary.

Ah! Yes, those tears of hearts bowed down  
With woe  
Will form an ocean that will far outflow  
The gulf stream which through the Transvaal  
flows—  
The widow's tears on vie the trickling blood.

In Heaven's calm peace, what think you first  
is known  
The men's tumultuous, furious battle cry,  
Or women's heart-wrung sob and hopeless  
moan?  
The roar of guns, or grief's pathetic sigh?

January 31, 1900. HENRY COWLEY.

### Why Is He Branded?

Among the prisoners who are very much in evidence in the neighborhood of the barracks during working hours is one to be seen with the letter "P" painted in yellow on the back of the overcoat he wears. The sight of this brand on the prisoner's coat always brings to the reportorial mind thoughts of Julian Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter," but on reflection comes the two thoughts, namely, this is not Salem, Mass., neither can the prisoner be wearing the mark for the same cause as did Julian's heroine. However, the prisoner thus branded is doing a four months' sentence on the charge of vagrancy and the "P" may stand in his case for "Provisions Plenty."

### Probst Obtains His Pay.

The fire commissioners concluded to continue Mat Probst, the injured fireman, on the department payroll, and on the first of the present month he received his full salary for January. This amounts to \$150, and the sum is exactly the same as that which he is required to pay for his treatment at the Good Samaritan hospital.

The boys of the fire department are thinking of giving a fireman's ball for the benefit of Probst and his dependent family.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

## MINERS MAKE MISTAKES

In Not Operating the Largest Machinery Obtainable.

Many Mine Owners Will Profit by Costly Experience and Be Prepared for Next Season.

The coming spring cleanup will for the first time in the history of the world's mining afford an opportunity for a demonstration of the result of mining by the means of steam thawers. In no other section of the known world has the machinery thawing process been applied so generally, if indeed it has ever been elsewhere applied, as here, and previous to the present season the machine was used more as an experiment than as a permanent labor saving output increasing factor in the work of extracting from the bowels of the earth the precious metal. That the thawing machine is a successful factor in the work of mining has been thoroughly demonstrated. In comparison with the primitive method of building a fire to thaw the ground beneath where nine tenths of the heat is wasted or spent on waste earth the patent steam thawer is more of an improvement than is the Aultman & Taylor grain separator over the flail and threshing floor in vogue in Biblical days.

Now that the usefulness of mining machinery has been so clearly demonstrated in many hundred instances in this district, the question of how to most economically apply the new method in order that the best result may be obtained is one to which many of the most extensive mine owners and operators are now devoting considerable study, and on which question the writer has obtained a number of expressions within the past few weeks, and since the operation of thawers on the various creeks became general. A careful summing up of the various opinions of those who have carefully studied the situation shows the preponderance of opinion to be in favor of large machinery as against that of lesser capacity. The additional cost of operating a 20, 25 or even 30 horsepower machine over one of 6, 8 or 10 horsepower is but trifling in comparison with the rapidity with which the size of the "dump" will increase. Two men, an engineer and assistant are required on the surface regardless of the size of the buckets, and one man will look after the dumping as easily as of one containing only half that amount; the amount of repair work on the heavy machinery is no greater than on the lesser; the mechanism is no more intricate and the total additional expense of operating the former as compared with the latter is but trifling. The use of the heavier machinery will, of course, necessitate the employment of more labor underground for the reason that more dirt is hoisted, with the result that the claim is sooner worked out and the accompanying heavy expense incident to the working of a claim sooner cease.

The object of employing machinery in mining is simply to increase the size of the "dump" as rapidly and as economically as possible and just how to combine the two factors, rapidity and economy, is the question for solution. Many mine owners and operators express themselves as having solved it to their entire satisfaction, and they are unanimous in the belief that with the employment and use of heavy machinery a claim can be worked at two-thirds the outlay required by the use of machinery with only one-half the capacity of the other. In the meantime the amount of gold mined this winter and washed out in the early summer will be from one-half to two-thirds larger than it would have been had not the means of machinery been employed as the most potent

agency by which the ground was thawed and the gravel hoisted to the surface.

### Ogilvie's Opinion of Roads.

Governor Ogilvie is of the opinion that the government ridge road is a success. He thinks that the expectation of those responsible for its construction have been fully verified. Next spring and summer the trunk line will be continued to Stewart river. It may surprise many claim owners and freighters to learn that the ridge roads are even now being traversed daily—so the Yukon commissioner asserts.

Governor Ogilvie disagrees entirely with Mr. D. L. S. Barwell, Dominion land surveyor, who stated some few days ago that out of 40 miles of government trail only 12 miles are traversable.

When asked for his opinion regarding the ridge road, the governor replied: "The government trails are all right. The recent storm drifted snow on them in several places; but this unavoidable damage is being repaired. Eight men are now engaged in keeping the roads in proper condition. It is idle to say that the government trails are not being used by the miners and freighters; and when Mr. Barwell asserts that only 12 miles out of 40 are traversable he is ignorant of the subject concerning which he speaks. I still adhere to the opinion that the ridges are the proper places on which to have the trails located. If situated in the gulches, it would be impossible to prevent miners from operating on and under them, and at the end of one season the government would have nothing to show for its expenditure. During the past three years, three trails have been built on Bonanza creek, and at the close of the cleanup seasons they became obliterated. "We have now established a system of trunk roads on the ridges. Next season it will be continued to Stewart river. The government ridge roads are proving of incalculable benefit to travelers."

### Richard's Disappearance Confirmed.

Mr. F. W. Payne of the Yukon store and hotel, returned yesterday evening from a business trip to Five Fingers, which journey was made on a wheel. On the way back he was accompanied by J. J. Galbraith, Fred Dunneberg and Geo. Pickell, all of whom were on wheels, and day before yesterday the quartette covered a distance of 101 miles. Payne says the trail is in fine condition for wheels, foot passenger and narrow dog sleds, but says horse sleds must run with one runner out in the snow, which makes travel by that method very hard.

Mr. Payne confirms the report received by wire by the Daily Nugget from Skagway of the disappearance from the trail of a man by the name of Richards about three weeks ago. Richards was traveling alone and left Hutchiku in the morning and never reached the next station which is called Mackey, and where Wilson's roadhouse is located. Mr. Payne says that between Minto and Hutchiku where the Clayton party disappeared are numerous air holes in the ice, but that between Hutchiku and Mackey where Richards disappeared there are no air holes and no way by which a man could get into the river without chopping through the ice.

Mr. Payne says many of the road houses between Dawson and Five Fingers are well kept, but that others are terrors to all who are forced to patronize them.

### A Fire Alarm.

About 10 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the roof of the A. C. Co.'s bunk house, which is located to the rear of the A. C. store. The boards of the roof were so near a stove pipe that they caught fire. The A. C. Co. strung their own hose, but it was not required. The apparatus from No. 2 hall and the chemical engine from No. 1 responded promptly to the alarm and the blaze was soon extinguished with the assistance of the chemical engine. 1900 calendars, very well. Nugget office.

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# NEWS FROM DOWN RIVER.

## N. A. T. & T. Co.'s Store at Fort Yukon Destroyed by Fire.

### Miss Gates at Fortymile—Mrs. Burnham Broke Through the Ice Below Half Way House—The Stampede.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Numbers of people are now on their way to Nome. Many more are thinking of attempting the trip. Before the first of March, hundreds will have started from Dawson.

During the past month the trail between Circle City and Fortymile has been in very poor condition. Frequent storms have drifted the snow over the road, and travelers are compelled to break trail for their dog teams every day. Between Fortymile and Dawson the river affords fairly good traveling.

There are numerous roadhouses between Dawson and Circle City, which are situated about 20 miles apart and which provide accommodations for men and dog teams. Between Circle City and Fort Yukon there are only two roadhouses.

Until Fort Yukon is passed no one need entertain the fear of becoming short of provisions.

Fortymile and Eagle are almost deserted on account of the stampede to Nome. At Circle, there are more men than there were a month ago. This is because a number of those who went to the new strike on the Koyukuk have returned. They report the new diggings to be fairly rich, but not extensive. All the properties which show any prospects were staked and recorded a year ago. Most of those at Circle are preparing to go to Nome over the ice. At Fort Yukon, there are only 14 white men.

On January 9th, the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s store at Fort Yukon was destroyed by fire. The company's warehouse was saved, but the entire stock in the store was lost. In order to replenish the supply of provisions at this point, the company is hauling from Circle City with 17 dog teams.

Mr. John Kiolet arrived in Dawson from Fort Yukon last evening. He made the trip in 23 days, and started with seven husky dogs.

Speaking of affairs on the lower Yukon, Mr. Kiolet said:

"I left Fort Yukon on January 10th. The day before a fire occurred which destroyed the store, stock and fixtures of the N. A. T. & T. Co. The warehouse and its contents were not injured. On the morning following the fire, the company sent 17 dog teams to Circle City for merchandise and provisions.

"From Fort Yukon to Circle the trail is good, and between these two points there are two roadhouses. At Circle there are more people than I expected to see there. Most of them had just returned from the Koyukuk country. They report the new strike to be genuine, but limited in extent, and found all the ground in the vicinity located and recorded. Most everyone at Circle is making preparations to go to Nome over the ice. About 20 miles this side of Circle I encountered a snow storm, and every day I was obliged to break my own trail. Things are very quiet at Eagle; the few who are there will soon leave for Nome. Fortymile is also very dull.

"There are plenty of roadhouses between Dawson and Circle City, and travelers have no difficulty in securing good accommodations every night, if they so desire.

"As I came up I met from 200 to 300 people on their way to Nome. Most of them are between Charlie river and Circle City. I started with seven dogs, but was induced to sell six of them to Nome stampede before I reached Fortymile. I received, on an average, \$150 per each dog."

"Do you know anything of the Betsch party?" was asked of Mr. Kiolet.

"No," he replied, "but I passed several parties among whom were some women. I did not hear particularly of the Betsch party until I reached Dawson."

"Did you see Miss Gates?" inquired the reporter.

"Yes, I saw Miss Gates and her two companions at Fortymile on Wednesday," answered Mr. Kiolet. "She was in good health and spirits, and seemed to be enjoying her trip."

"Where did you pass Mr. and Mrs. Burnham?" was then asked.

"I probably would not have known to whom you refer," replied Mr. Kiolet, as his tanned and weather-beaten face relaxed into a smile, "if it were not for an accident which befel the young woman about two miles below the half way house between here and Fortymile. She was riding on the sled and it broke through an air hole in the ice, but with the exception of a slight wetting of herself and outfit no damage resulted. This was on Thursday. That afternoon the party returned to the half way house where they remained for the night. Friday morning they continued their trip down the river."

"I would advise those who contemplate the trip to Nome," continued Mr. Kiolet, "to be well provided with dogs. I am not acquainted with the trail north of Fort Yukon, but I have heard that it averages about the same below there as it does above. I intend to remain in Dawson about a week, and then I shall leave for the great Alaskan camp myself."

**L. B. Roadhouse Dance.**  
An enjoyable dance was held at the L. B. roadhouse at No. 30 below on Bonanza last night. Mrs. Robert Birch acted in the capacity of hostess. Many persons from Dawson attended, and the dancers had a most delightful time.

The affair was managed by Prof. James Duffy and an orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Majuy, furnished excellent music.

**Weather Report.**  
There have been no material variations in the temperature of the weather during the past 24 hours.

Last night the minimum temperature registered at the barracks was 3.5 degrees below zero.

At noon the instrument recorded 1 degree above.

## WALTHERS V. WALTHERS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

written in endearing terms and addressed by his wife to a prominent local business man, Walthers says that this difficulty was settled; that his wife promised never to compromise herself again, and that, in order to avoid remarks and criticism she soon afterwards left for the outside.

Mr. A. G. Wissel, who is named as a possible co-respondent in the case, when questioned respecting the troubles of Walthers' family, made this statement:

"I have known Mr. and Mrs. Walthers for several years, in fact, I was acquainted with them on the outside. I have been interested with Mr. Walthers in business during the past year; but some months before his departure for the outside we dissolved our partnership affairs. I know Mrs. Walthers well, and always considered her to be a woman of exceptional conduct and deportment. A few days ago I learned that she had instituted proceedings for divorce against her husband. I am surprised that my name has been mentioned in connection with this domestic trouble. I am not aware that Mr. Walthers ever chastised his wife, and have no recollection of writing her a note. When Mr. Walthers left here he took with him some of my dogs, and we parted the best of friends. I know nothing of Mrs. Walthers' inconstancy, and do not believe such report to be true."

The management of the Yukon Iron Works is under the control of Bob Roberts, who is a brother-in-law of Walthers. Mr. Roberts disclaimed any

knowledge of the trouble between Mr. and Mrs. Walthers.

Walthers is well known in Dawson. He came to Dawson in the fall of 1897, and during the following summer his wife joined him here. Both went out over the ice in January of last year, and returned in June. Matters of business obliged Walthers to make another trip to the states during the past summer, and he arrived in Dawson on his return just before the river closed.

**A New Restaurant.**  
Mr. R. J. Hilts, proprietor of the Popular lodging house, and Miss McCrea will open a first-class short order restaurant Monday on the ground floor of the lodging house building. Miss McCrea will have charge of the cuisine. The interior of the restaurant room is neatly and artistically arranged.

Fresh drugs, accurate prescriptions, Cribbs & Rogers.  
The Rochester bar opened, cor. 3d and 2d av.

Tickets for the grand Sunday night concert can be secured at Reid's rug store, opposite the Pavilion.

**Notice.**  
SKAGWAY, Jan. 27.  
You are authorized to offer the sum of \$1,000 reward for the return of Fred Clayton, dead or alive. Supposed to have been murdered between Minto and Hutchiku on Christmas day. Please insert this notice in your paper two weeks. (Signed) WILL CLAYSON.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

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## HOSTILITIES ON ELDORADO.

### Report of Trouble on Claim No. 2.

**A Shotgun Is Said to Have Played a Prominent Part in the Affair—Neither of the Principals Seen.**

From Saturday's Daily.  
A report of trouble which occurred on Eldorado creek during the week has reached town. A Nugget representative endeavored to find the principals in the affair but was unable to do so, and the story is therefore given as it gained circulation in town.

According to the report R. P. Elliott, who brought in a lot of mining machinery last fall made arrangements with foreman Miller of No. 2 Eldorado to place a portion of the machinery on that claim. Everything went satisfactorily and the machinery, which included several boilers of the most improved pattern, was placed on the claim, which, by the way, is owned by Frank Phiscator, who went outside in August last. A few days ago it appears that some disagreement arose between Miller and Elliott as to the terms upon which the machinery was being used and the latter went to the claim and made a demand upon Miller for the boilers. Miller refused to deliver the goods and upon Elliott insisting upon getting the boilers Miller retired to his cabin and returned with a shotgun with which he announced his intention of repelling all invasions upon his territory.

Elliott, so the story goes, upon seeing that all negotiations were thus summarily suspended, decided that discretion would be the better part of valor, retreated in good order with the intention of working the strong arm of the law in his behalf. So far as known, however, he has not as yet done so.

#### The Reading Room.

The board of control of the Dawson reading and recreation rooms acknowledge with thanks the receipt of books, papers and magazines for the month of January, from the following ladies and gentlemen:

Mrs. Jephson, 7 books; Mrs. West, 2 books; Mrs. W. C. Thompson, 1 book; Mrs. Alex McDonald, 1 book; Capt. A. Stewart, 7 books and 5 packs of cards; Mr. Hartman, 4 books and papers; Mr. H. Te Roller, 4 books and 17 magazines; Mr. E. G. Shorrock, 5 books and 13 papers; Mrs. J. Ferguson, 1 book; Mrs. W. Harkan, 24 books; Mrs. A. J. Mangold, 1 book; Mrs. H. G. Herbert, 12 books; Mrs. I. O. Bozarth, 1 book and 4 magazines; Capt. Woodside, papers; Major Perry, papers; Mr. Woodworth, 4 magazines; Mr. C. H. Pepps, illustrated papers; The Daily Nugget, papers; The Sun, papers; The Daily News, papers.

#### Handball Tournament Ended.

The closing series of games in the handball tournament at Ford's gymnasium were witnessed by a small crowd of spectators. The features of the contest were the serving of Barrett and Pond, and the decisions of Rosenthal, acting as referee. The initial game between Edward H. Boyer and Sam Pond, on one side, and Bert Ford and F. Calhoun, on the other, was won by the former team by a score of 21 to 2. In the final contest William Barrett and John Devine defeated Boyer and Pond by a score of 21 to 9.

To the victors were awarded the prize of \$35; and Messrs. Boyer and Pond secured the second money, amounting to \$15.

The official scorers were H. L. Stull and Merritt Barnes.

#### The Sunday Concert.

Arrangements have been completed for the concert to be given tomorrow evening at the Palace Grand theater by the Dawson Philharmonic orchestra under the management of Mr. C. N. Pring. As published in the Daily Nugget of last Thursday, the program will consist

of ten numbers. Mr. F. W. Zimmerman and Miss Beatrice Lorne will render vocal selections. Tomorrow evening's entertainment promises to excel anything of the kind ever attempted in Dawson.

The management has strictly forbidden the use of tobacco and liquor in the house, and it is earnestly endeavoring to secure the patronage of the best class of people.

#### POLICE COURT.

In Major Perry's court this morning Thomas Dawson, a strawberry blonde, was up on the charge of being drunk and disorderly on the streets of the city of his name. He admitted having cultivated a lurid jag but did not remember having used language unbecoming a gentleman and scholar. He was fined \$10 and trimmings, or seven days' work on the royal woodpile. He is now manipulating one of the royal saws.

After being rocked for some time by the ripples of domestic infelicity the bark in which Walter and Mary Sweetman were drifting adown the sea of matrimony has finally been wrecked on the sand bar of incompatibility, one of the occupants, metaphorically speaking, escaping to either shore. Walter and Mary were both in court this morning, the former on the charge of having assaulted his wife and the latter, beaten and pummeled until her face looked like the front ranks of a funeral procession, in the role of prosecuting witness. When Sweetman entered the courtroom from the jail he held a brief consultation with his wife, after which both stood up before the judge. Sweetman acknowledged having beaten and abused his wife. "But judge," said he, "I was just now telling her that if she won't push this charge I'll leave the country and never bother her any more." When asked what she had to say the lady with the battered countenance told of how Sweetman had never supported her during their two years residence in Dawson, and of how he had on returning from the creeks yesterday evening, insisted on her accompanying him to their cabin from the house of a lady with whom she had been staying, and on their reaching the cabin of how he had set upon and beat and bruised her. She closed by telling Sweetman she would never live with him again, and addressing the court said: "Major, he is not a fit man to be around a woman." The court gave him seven days in which to get out of the territory, adding, "If you are here at the end of that time you will go to the woodpile for six months." Mary asked for immunity from Walter's fists during the seven days, but Walter promised to not "pester" her again. Thus was disposition made of the case.

Considerable time was devoted to the hearing of the case of Duncan McNabb v. Spencer, West & Vogt for \$368, labor performed, which bill is admitted by defendants, the time of payment being the disputed point, the case being continued until certain points in law can be argued by the attorney in the case, McDougall for plaintiff, and Clark for defendants.

The case of the Crown vs. Stephenson, Williams prosecuting witness, was on when the noon hour arrived. This case is an aftermath of the closing of the Hoffman grill in which Stephenson and Williams were at one time partners, the disagreement being about the distribution of money collected after the business closed.

A warrant for Chas. Meadows, charged with running a music hall without license, was issued today, the officer being instructed have "Arizona" in court this afternoon.

Major Perry expressed himself as being very much retarded in the matter of making progress in his court by the fact that attorneys are very often, in fact almost invariably, late in their arrival and very frequently do not show up at all, thus necessitating continuations.

#### Improved Machinery Introduced.

That the demand for improved machinery is rapidly increasing is denoted by the fact that several orders for pumping plants of capacity sufficient to pump one and two shaft-heads upon hillside properties have already been secured by Mr. Charles E. Severance, general agent for Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co., and will be put in operation as soon as navigation opens. A representative will be despatched to the outside March 1st to accompany shipments and insure their prompt delivery. Mine owners requiring any machinery for early spring can secure standard machinery and be certain of prompt delivery by placing their orders with Mr. Severance, Room 15, A. C. building.

#### Safe From Fire.

A new building material is being introduced in Dawson which will very materially lessen the loss by fire if generally used. The A. E. Co. is offering to the public at a price very little in excess of the ordinary inflammable tar paper, a composition of asbestos which, it is said, is not only an absolute non-conductor of heat, but is as well absolutely indestructible by fire. When used in the con-

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For further particulars visit the A. E. Co., Front street.

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