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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.

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 Magersfonten, 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 specials estimate the Boer loss at Magersfonten 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 High land 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 the divine right of men.

"If we should speak and speak

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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 Hilliputian 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.

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 grabbed 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.

The Handball Tournament.

A small crowd witnessed a very lively exhibition of handball at Ford's gymnasium last night. The players labored under disadvantages. Anyone who assumes a knowledge of the game could have given better satisfaction as a referee than did Mr. Rosenthal. His judgment, on long and short balls was frightful. It may be said to his credit, however, that his decisions were so uniformly bad that none of the teams were favored.

Barrett and Devine showed better than any of the other contestants, and barring bad luck, they will have no difficulty in securing first place tonight.

The following are the scores of each team:

Edward H. Boyer and Sam Pond, 21; Mark Bray and Patrick Malloy, 17.

William Barrett and John Devine, 21; Ben Treneman and Mr. McNamara, 8.

Bert Ford and F. Calhoun, 21; Collins Sinclair and J. Cruise, 8.

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

Last night's winning teams will contest in the final series tonight.

POLICE COURT.

So far as the police court is concerned the case of Harrison King, the second-hand dealer who is charged with knowingly receiving stolen goods, was ended this morning. King being held in \$200 bonds to appear before the superior court at the next term. The evidence of a band of young thieves, all of whom are convicted and awaiting sentence, was sufficient to warrant King's being bound over. The boys, who shamelessly confess to thefts innumerable, appeared to enjoy telling in court of having stolen goods from King's back door, carrying them around to the front door and there selling him his own goods. King's bondsmen are himself, Ebenezer S. Strait and Thomas M. Jones. All the witnesses in the case were also required to give bond for their appearance before the higher court, and as two of them had arranged to leave for Nome soon, their plans will topple like a card house.

The case of Duncan McNabb vs. Spencer, West & Vogt, claim operators, for \$368 alleged to be due for labor performed, will be heard tomorrow morning. It is an other case of "to be paid at the cleanup."

The next messenger of the Nugget Express leaves for the coast Saturday February 3-02
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FLASHLIGHT SIGNALS

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Toronto Globe Gives Interesting Information Regarding Conditions in the Land of Battle Which Is Without Telegraphy.

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 likewise 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.

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NOTICE.

When a newspaper offers its advertising space at a nominal figure, it is a practical admission of "no circulation." THE KLONDIKE NUGGET asks a good figure for its space and in justification thereof guarantees to its advertisers a paid circulation five times that of any other paper published between Juneau and the North Pole.

A GUILELESS 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 numerous 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.

The new theater building is being rushed through in a manner that indicates most conclusively that the promoters of the enterprise mean business. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy in about three weeks and possibly less. It speaks well for the local members of the profession that they have been able to get together and undertake a work of such magnitude. The Nugget wishes them all success in their undertaking. We believe that the construction of so large a building at this particular time plainly indicates that the company possesses confidence in the future of Dawson which will be amply justified by the results. This little Klondike city has a future before it that we opine will prove an agreeable surprise to a great many people.

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.

The bicycle as a means of rapid transit in the Yukon country seems to have become a fixture. Records of 100 miles a day over the ice, where the trail is in good condition, are being made very frequently. It will not be long until we will be announcing the arrival from Bennett of ice automobile machines. Verily the world do move.

A considerable interest is being manifested in athletics locally. Men who pursue sedentary occupations require a certain amount of physical activity to preserve themselves in a healthful, physical condition.

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.

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 Dunnerberg 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 passengers 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 Minjo 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 roadhouses between Dawson and Five Fingers are well kept, but that others are terrors to all who are forced to patronize them.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The electric light company is engaged in improving its line running along Third street.

A regular meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood will be held tonight, at which several new members will be made.

S. W. Leonard has reopened the McDonald hotel dining rooms and is now in entire charge of that department.

Senator Lynch is making arrangements to give a grand banquet on the anniversary of Washington's birthday, February 22d.

The meeting of the Yukon council, which was to have taken place yesterday afternoon, was adjourned until next Thursday. A quorum of members was not present.

An excellent literary and musical program has been prepared for presentation at the Eagle's social Sunday night. The best talent, both male and female, in the city has been secured and a pleasant evening is promised.

The time limit at which members would be received into the Board of Trade on payment of an initiation fee of \$10 expired with January, and with 112 names on the roll. Henceforth the initiation fee will be \$40. The dues are \$10 per quarter. The board now has a strong working membership.

F. A. Ames, of the Ames Mercantile Company, and W. H. Parsons, together with his wife and child, will leave for the outside via Skagway on Sunday. The party will travel as far as Selwyn with two horse teams, which will be furnished by Bartlett Brothers. If it is impracticable to use horses past Selwyn the travelers will resort to dog teams. Both of the gentlemen are making the trip on matters of business pertaining to their respective stores in Dawson, and both expect to return here early in the spring.

Three weeks ago the Daily Nugget asserted that the number of people to leave Dawson over the ice for the outside was, up to that time, in excess of the number to arrive in over the ice. The same statement holds good yet. It is estimated that between 200 and 300 persons have gone outside from Dawson over the ice while not to exceed two-thirds the former number have arrived. From now on, however, the inbound travel will be much heavier than the other. The best time is usually made by those going out for the reason that they travel light.

The sneak thief seems to be abroad in Dawson. This morning about 11 o'clock one of these gentry helped himself to a small pile of boards from in front of the Pavilion grill room. The boards had been matched and varnished preparatory to being transformed into shelving. Mrs. Hough the pleasant little proprietress says that if the shelving is returned she will consider the matter a case of kleptomaniacy and will ask no questions. She also offers to present the perpetrator with a cup of coffee and a piece of pie.

The sound of the hammer and saw in Chisholm's Aurora attracted the attention of a representative of the Nugget this morning and noticing the beaming countenance of Uncle Hoffman in the doorway, the scribe surmising something was in the wind, inquired what was up. I am again in business said Uncle with barrels of money and a safe

full of jewelry and watches which I am going to mark in plain figures and place on sale in this new office I am fixing up. Business is promising and I have employed a competent jeweler to look after the watchmaking and repairing branch of the business, while I attend to the purchase of gold dust and loan my money. While I am not working today, I have the price will you join me? With best wishes for the success of the enterprising Uncle, the pencil pusher joined and munched.

Sonr Dough, Letter-Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Are you planning any improvements in the building line? Place orders for lumber with the Nugget Express. Office, Boyle's wharf.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Don't forget the grand sacred concert at the Palace Grand on Sunday night. Tickets at Reid's drug store.

Nugget Express messenger leaves Saturday for Bennett.

M. McDermott, please call at this office. Important.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

Frank Belleau, please call at this office for important letter.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

Send your express packages by Nugget Express. Leaves next Saturday.

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MAKES HURRIED ROUND TRIP

Dell Clark Arrives Wednesday and Returns Sunday.

Will Take Five Passengers on Horse Sleds—Trail Is Much Better Than Last Year.

Dell Clark, a partner in the mercantile firm of W. H. Parsons & Co., and a former resident of both Dawson and Circle, arrived here Wednesday over the ice from Skagway. With him were Pat Doyle, Geo. Wrenn, Dan McDonald, Pete Black and Andy Horne, the latter a brother of Jack Horne who owns claim No. 15 on Dominion. The party was 19 days coming in from Skagway, but they did not attempt any record breaking trip. Clark brought a horse as far as Selkirk and reports the trail in fine condition for horse travel.

On the last day of January of last year Clark left Circle City for the outside, coming over the river by Dawson and on to Skagway. After navigation opened he returned to this place and last September left on the steamer Tacoma for St. Michaels en route to Nome, taking with him a large stock of liquors. On reaching St. Michaels the stock of liquors was transferred to a barge, the same one on which was also stored the newspaper outfit which was being sent by the Klondike Nugget to Nome in care of Geo. E. Storey, now foreman in the Nugget office. The story of the floundering and sinking of the barge and loss of her entire cargo is an oft-told story. All Clark ever saw of his stock of liquors was an occasional case that was washed ashore and which caused a large amount of drunkenness among the Siwash and soldiers stationed at St. Michael. Clark continued his trip on to Nome, leaving there October 18th for Seattle. After traveling extensively through the states, he came to Dawson reaching here, as before stated, on Wednesday. His stop here will be a brief one, as he will start Sunday on the return trip to the coast. Clark will take two horses as far as Bennett, and on to Skagway, in case the W. P. & Y. road is still blockaded. As passengers on the outgoing trip Clark will have his business partner, W. H. Parsons, with his wife and child, Miss Barber and F. A. Ames. Mr. Clark says the trip to Bennett will be made with ease and comfort in 12 days. He says the river portion of the trail is very much better now than a year ago, while the cutoffs are even more accessible to travel than the trails over the ice. Clark will send the horses back from Bennett or Skagway, but will not return in person until the opening of navigation, at which time he will come this way en route to Nome.

the plot book, he staked opposite the upper half of No. 30 below discovery, and above the McDonald claim; where as, 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.

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 Transvaal'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 thunderous roar Or crash and crash of field artillery Are the sounds of wailing on the home-land's shore— The bitter cry of those left solitary.

And Yes, those tears of hearts bowed down with woes Will form an ocean that will far outflow The gory stream which through the Transvaal flows. The widow's tears outvie 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? HENRY COWLEY. January 31, 1900.

Trail Stories Obsolete.

The stories of trail experiences have passed into innocuous desuetude. A year ago the man was rare who resisted the temptation of telling the history of his trip down the Yukon to every chance acquaintance. Those who told such tales were particular respecting the details. Each night's camping place along the river was minutely described; the manner in which sandbars and rocks were avoided, was carefully explained, the sensations of the navigator, as he shot the canyon and rapids, were the subjects of specious elaborations. Indeed the shortest tale took two hours to recount. In the beginning the new arrival told a truthful story, but after hearing others speak of the innumerable hardships which had been overcome, he exaggerated his own adventures until they lost all semblance to the real facts. Such people were ubiquitous, and to avoid them one would have been compelled to leave the country. The disease of relating these experiences, which at one time became epidemic and threatened to become chronic, has been eradicated. Perhaps the imaginations of this class of persons were limited, and being unable to conceive of more hardships and adventures, they themselves became weary of continually repeating a tale, which had lost long since the color of truth. Perhaps the advent of steamboats on the up river route rendered the recitation of their hardy experiences rather prosaic. Prob-

ably the reports of the strike at Nome and of the wondrous richness of the Alaskan beach occupied the attention of people to the exclusion of everything else. Irrespective of the cause, it is certainly true that a most efficient way to rid oneself of undesirable company is to commence telling of things that occurred on the trail and river in 1897.

PERSONAL MENTION.

John Riordan, a miner, is in Dawson on business. C. R. Garner and O. McMahon are visitors to the city. Al Reese, a claimowner on Gold Hill, is in town. J. McNeil and J. W. Scurr are spending a few days in Dawson. John Collins arrived in town last night and will remain here a few days. Archie Grant of American gulch, is spending a few days in town. James B. Young and J. P. O'Connor, from Gold Hill, are visiting the city. Frank Beans is in from the creek and will not return till the latter end of the week. W. W. Roberts is spending a few days in town. He is at the Fairview hotel. L. R. Fulda entertained Governor Ogilvie at an informal dinner Wednesday evening. Wilfred Menotte, a former prominent Skagway hotel man, is in the city a guest at the Yukon. C. E. Metcalf, known as "Jibboon," will start to Nome in a few days with a team of eight dogs. Mr. and Mrs. Shea came from Sulphur creek Wednesday evening. They will remain in Dawson for several days. Walter McNabb and Jack Kelly will get away for Nome next Monday or Tuesday. They are well equipped for the long journey. T. M. Jones left Wednesday for Seattle, where he will purchase cattle which he will bring to Dawson as soon as navigation opens. G. Leonard came up from Eagle City yesterday and is quartered at the Yukon. He reports the trail traveled by him as being in fine condition. H. S. and J. B. Corbin and W. F. Bultz of Seattle, arrived in town today. They brought a load of 500 pounds and are 30 days out from Skagway. Eugene Simpson arrived yesterday after an uneventful trip down the lakes and rivers. Mr. Simpson is a brother-in-law of F. J. Heffer, business manager of the Daily Nugget. Al Beede, who owns 31 on Sulphur, is in the city today for the purpose of securing additional machinery for his claim. His prospects for a big cleanup are very flattering. Henry Hyde, D. C. McArthur and four others arrived at 11 o'clock this forenoon 18 days from Skagway. Mr. Hyde owns No. 40 on Hunker and other valuable mining property. Frank A. Ames, senior partner in the Ames Mercantile Co., and first vice president of the Dawson Board of Trade, expects to leave next Sunday on an extended business trip to the large cities of the states. He hopes to get his business transacted sufficiently early to enable him to return over the ice. Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Dees left for Cape Nome on Monday. The doctor has four good dogs, and is an experienced musher and promises to be among the first that arrive at Nome over the ice. Mrs. Dees is equipped with one of the best traveling outfits we have seen and anticipated much pleasure in this long trip.

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.

Notice.

SKAGWAY, Jan. 27. To the Daily Klondike Nugget: 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 Minfo and Hutchiku on Christmas day. Please insert this notice in your paper two weeks. (Signed) WILL CLAYSON.

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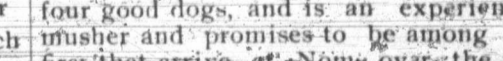
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The coming spring cleanup will for the first time in the history of the world's mining afford an opportunity for a demonstration of the result of mining by the means of steam thawers. In no other section of the known world has the machinery thawing 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 results 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 horse power 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 under ground 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 ceases.

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."

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.

Weather Report.

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