

INCORPORATION ORDINANCE

Bill With Amendments Receives Its Second Reading by the Yukon Council Yesterday—Wilson Memorial to Ottawa Finally Passes and Will Be Forwarded at Once.

From Tuesday's Daily.

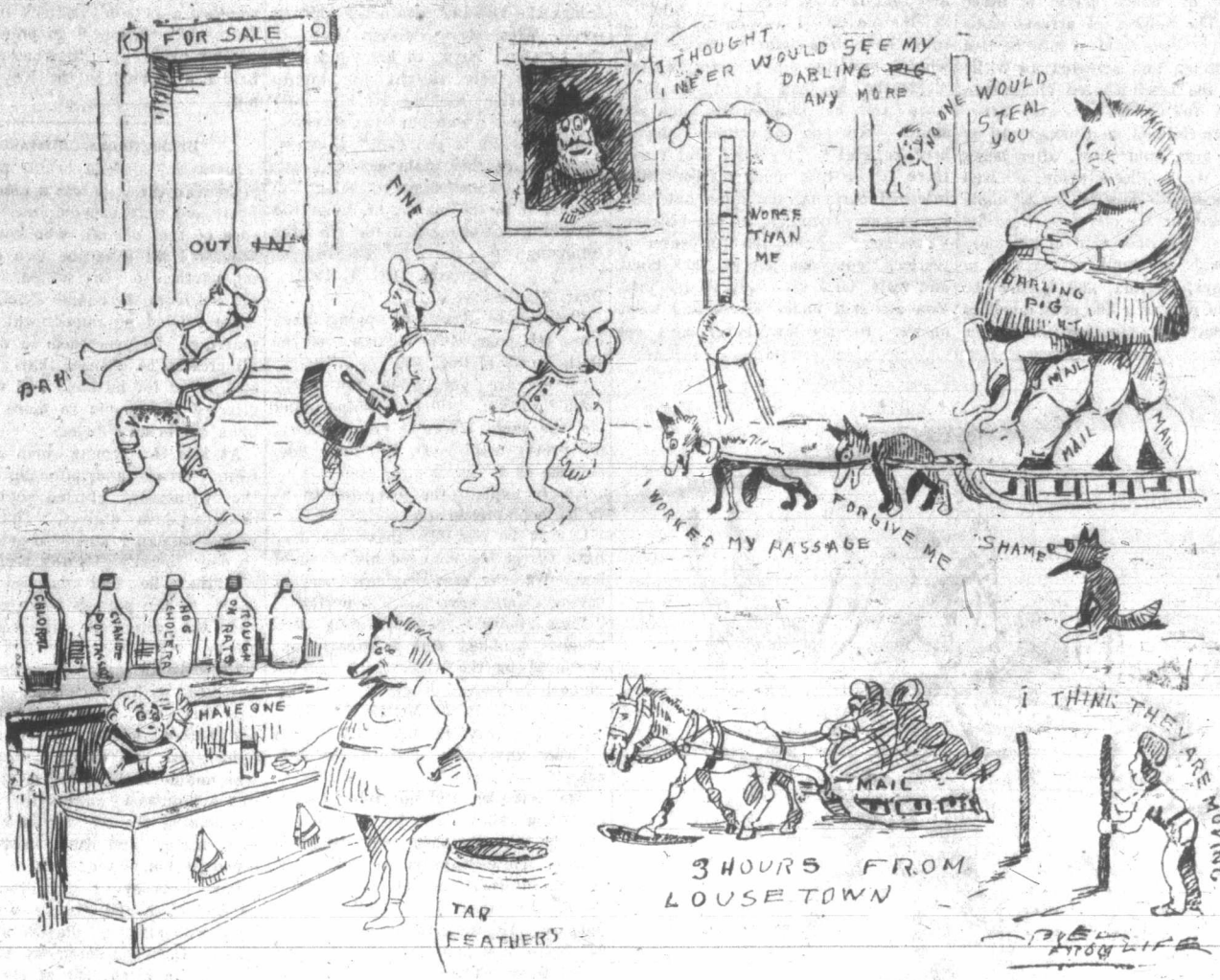
The Yukon council met in the council chamber yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the express purpose of reading to its second reading the bill providing for the incorporation of the city of Dawson. For the first time in several months all the members of the council were in their seats, Registrar Howard coming in late in the session. The body sat until half past five and then the second reading of the bill was taken up. At the evening session the ordinance was again taken up. Upon its completion with such amendments as were made, Mr. Newlands moved its reading as amended the second time. Carried. To the petition by the commissioner when it should be read a third time and receive its final passage Mr. Newlands moved the third reading to be taken at the next regular meeting of the council. The commissioner stated that it was his intention to call a special meeting of the council in a very few days and suggested that the third reading of the bill and final passage be taken up at that time, it being understood that the decision was taken in response to the request from a committee from the citizens' meeting held Friday evening last in order to allow the voters assembled in the mass meeting to pass an opinion upon the many provisions of the bill containing. After adjournment yesterday evening the commissioner stated he did not know the precise date upon which he would call the special meeting, but that it would be soon after the citizens' mass meeting as was practicable—probably Friday or Saturday. As far as is known the bill will pass as amended.

Query 3. Has the commissioner or the government promised the present holders of permits a renewal for the next year? To this the commissioner replied that he had not made any such promise and also that the federal government could not either have made such an agreement or have any power to carry out any agreement of that nature without a change in the act. Query 4. Is it the policy of the commissioner or the government to allow the liquor trade in this territory to be controlled by a few? Reply—"So long as the law stands as it is," said the commissioner, "there must be some limit to the number of wholesale licenses granted, but such restrictions only would be made as are calculated to be in the best interests of the territory and of those interested."

Query 5. What was the relative cost per mile of the trail from the mouth of Quartz creek to Eureka creek and of the trail made from West Dawson to the Potyville district? Reply—"As to the cost of the Eureka creek road, it is 21 miles long and cost \$5242, or per mile approximately \$250. The cost of the Forty-mile wagon road, 48 1/2 miles, was \$25,988, or nearly \$242 per mile. These figures both include engineer's expenses and expenses of location."

The private bill of the Northern Commercial Company came up asking for the ratification of certain acts already performed and the further privilege of extending their system of fire protection and the laying of steam pipes across streets and alleys. Respecting the ordinance the committee on private bills, to whom the bill had been referred, submitted the following report:

To the Commissioner in Council: Your committee on private bills, to which was referred the petition of the Northern Commercial Company, praying that its acts in laying steam and water pipes along the streets and



ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

alleys of the town of Dawson be confined, and that the company be granted the privilege of laying further and other steam and water pipes along the streets of Dawson as it may deem requisite or necessary, begs to report that as there is nothing unreasonable asked for in the petition, and that as the object of the bill conveying them this right is not for gain but simply that the petitioners should be allowed the privilege for the purpose of fire protection, your committee recommends that the petition be granted and that the rules respecting the advertising of private bills and the payment of fees be suspended, and that the petitioners be compelled to pay simply the cost of printing the ordinance."

To the proposition, that the bill be read a second time at the next regular meeting of the council, Councilman Prudhomme considered that the council could not be too conservative in the matter of granting franchises. He was unaware of the provisions of the franchise and thought the matter entitled to a little more consideration. The commissioner stated that any amendment desired might be made when the bill was being considered by the committee of the whole.

The bill providing for the appointment of commissioners for the purpose of taking affidavits outside the territory was given its second reading.

The amendment to the ordinance affecting physicians which Mr. Wilson had presented at the last meeting of the council came up, the father of the bill expressing a desire to make a statement concerning it before it was further proceeded with. Mr. Wilson frankly introduced introducing the bill for the purpose of assisting a Canadian physician who had graduated from an American college, but he was now aware that the ordinance went further than he intended it should and he asked permission to withdraw his amendment for the purpose of submitting another at a later date. The incorporation bill was next taken up, preceding its reading Mr. Newlands making a lengthy statement concerning some of its most important provisions. It rested with the voters and with them alone as to whether or not the city should be incorporated and an attempt made to

govern themselves through the services of mayor and six aldermen, or be governed by a commission of three members to be appointed by the commissioner of the territory. The selection of aldermen it was considered advisable to be made from the city at large instead of apportioning of the town into wards. The question of whom should be entitled to the franchise had proven a vexing one and the provisions of the bill pertaining to that point had been somewhat changed since the original draft had been submitted. As first drawn the bill had conferred the franchise only on those whose names were to be found on the last assessment roll. The municipal committee to whom the bill had been referred after its first reading had decided that for obvious reasons the restrictions imposed were too great. Many who were clearly entitled to vote would not be enabled to simply because their names were not on the tax list. Then, too, the unincorporated town of Dawson as it now stands does not embrace all the land which will be taxed under the act. The amendments to the bill recommended by the municipal committee and which were finally accepted and made a part of the act are as follows:

Your municipal committee to which was referred the bill respecting the incorporation of Dawson, beg to recommend:

1. That section 6 be amended so as to extend the property qualifications for mayor and aldermen in the city council to persons who possess personal property or income to the amount of \$3,000. 2. (a) That section 14, respecting the qualifications of voters, be amended to provide that householders who pay at least \$200 a year rent, and residents who are in receipt of an income of at least \$1,800 and who have lived in the town of Dawson at least six months, shall be allowed to vote. (b) That persons with sufficient property qualifications to vote who were resident outside of the unincorporated town of Dawson upon the last assessment was made, but who now reside within the limits of the town as defined by ordinance No. 41, 1901, enacted since the last assessment, be permitted to vote. Mr. Newlands also dwelt at consid-

THE MAIL ARRIVES TODAY

Consignment of 800 Pounds Reaches Post Office at 12:30 Today After Being 25 and 28 Days Out From Whitehorse—Very Weary Trip—Office Hours 7 to 9 Tonight.

From Tuesday's Daily.

"This is the day I long have sought And mourned because I found it not." The perversion of the word "way" to "day" in the above couplet is allowable on this extraordinary occasion for the very good reason—that today witnessed the arrival of the first mail to reach Dawson since November 18th, 23 days ago. "As the devil drags his forked tail O'er the sands of the deep, blue sea"—

Likewise did two men and a horse drag 800 pounds of mail from Enslay creek to and into Dawson and right up to the very portals of the post-office today, passing under the wire at 12 o'clock 30 minutes and 12 seconds by the official Waterbury. The mail that arrived today left Whitehorse in two consignments on November 12th and 15th, respectively, of the present year of our Lord—At Lower Lehigh or Hootalinqua (it is so long ago it is forgotten) the two consignments amalgamated since which time each has been retarding the progress of the other. The carriers report a hard trip, part of the distance being made in a small boat and a portion of it through mush ice and water waist deep. The worst trail is said to have been encountered between Selkirk and Stewart. From Stewart to Dawson the trail is said to be in fine condition. So accustomed did the carriers become to sleep on the way down that notwithstanding that they reached Enslay yesterday evening and did not leave there for Dawson until 7 o'clock this morning, they went to bed immediately after delivering the mail at the postoffice. It is not known where the next incoming mail is or whether or not it is north of Lehigh. Postmaster Hartman and his efficient force hope to have all the mail distributed by 7 o'clock tonight, in which event the general delivery will be open to the public until 9 o'clock.

AUDITORIUM'S GOOD SHOW

"The Westener" Opens to a Packed House.

A big house greeted the Bitter Stock Company at the Auditorium last night in the comedy drama "Jim, the Westener," the audience giving its heartiest approval to the efforts of the cast and graciously overlooking the fact that at least one of the principals was poor in his lines and handed out ones with a recklessness that discomfited his fellow players. Though not so strong a play as that produced last week, still there is abundant opportunity for clever work, excellent comedy and inspiring climaxes, particularly in the speculator's office in the third act. The scene of the play is laid in New York city and pertains to the rise and fall of the stock in the San Diablo mine, the machinations of a broker who attempts the financial ruination of a heavy holder of San Diablo stock, the pretty love affairs of Jim, the Westener and his pal Harry Lawton, the appearance of Mart Ferris, sheriff, the downfall of the villain and the ultimate triumph of right. Jim, the Westener is portrayed by Mr. Cummings, his partner in poverty—Harry Lawton—being played by Harry Cummings. All Laine is seen in one of his best characters parts, the dignified old gentleman, Matthew Lawton. Wm. Mullen this week is impersonating a country deacon who has betting tendencies and comes to New York to see the races. His wife—Miss Winchell—has a weakness for faith likewise her pin money on the Giants. The villain, Andrew Burke, is played by Mr. Thorne and his accomplice—Charley Reid—by Mr. Lewis. Mr. Bittner is the typical Arizona sheriff with the brusque, hearty manner and a brace of six-shooters always ready for business. Miss Lovell is winsome as Mary Lawton and Miss Holden equally so as Jessie Deans. The advance sale for the week is large and the indications are that the company will repeat its success of last week.

ANOTHER MAN MISSING

Information Is Wanted Concerning Frank C. Garrison.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 31, 1901. Editor Klondike Nugget: Dear Sir—Inquiries have reached this office respecting one Frank C. Garrison, who is supposed to have gone to Klondike. He is a man about 45 years of age, large and well built. He is from Missouri, from which place his nephew writes concerning him. If you could kindly put a paragraph in the paper it might lead to his being discovered. His friends are very anxious concerning him. Yours truly, E. E. GOSNELL, Secretary Bureau Provincial Information.

A Little Tale From the Persian.

"There was a young man who loved a beautiful maiden, but he was poor. One day he asked her to be his wife, and she answered: "I love you. Still, I do not wish to be a poor man's wife. Go and get money and then return and we will live happily ever after." The young man went away and ere long began to sway the markets. He made millions and still more millions and the maiden waited. When the man had ten millions, he wanted to outshine one who had fifty millions, and when that wish was gratified he longed for a hundred millions, then he yearned for two hundred millions, and at last he set a billion up as the amount he wished to accumulate. When one day in those parts a certain old maid lay dying, she said: "There's no use expecting a hog to keep his mind on anything else but get his feet in the trough."—Chicago Times-Herald. Clothing cleaned, pressed, dyed and repaired—both men and women's.—I. GOLDBERG, tailor for Hershberg. They are warm numbers—the cartoons at the Pioneer saloon. The finest of office stationery may be secured at the Nugget printery at reasonable prices.

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The commissioner called attention to the fact that any municipality may Mr. Wilson's motion to strike out the words mentioned failed by a vote of 3 to 2, two of the members not voting. The qualifications of voters as to taxable property, etc., was reduced from \$300 to \$200. A question came up as to the marking of ballots. The ballots will contain all the names of the candidates and those for whom a vote is intended will be marked by a cross. In case there are two candidates for mayor a mark for more than one will invalidate the vote. The same is true if more than six aldermen are voted for. Mr. Wilson suggested as all the city officers were given supposition, it would be well to change that of secretary-treasurer to either city clerk or clerk of the municipal council. Upon the question of penalty provided for bribery Justice Dugas con-

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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

From Tuesday's Daily. A CHOICE MUST BE MADE.

Within a very short time the citizens of Dawson will be called upon to determine by their votes the form of government which they desire to be established for the conduct of local affairs.

Briefly stated, Dawson will be permitted to express its preference between an ordinance of incorporation which will call for the election of a mayor and board of aldermen, and a law by virtue of which the commissioner of the territory will be authorized to name a commission of three men who will be entrusted with the same powers and responsibilities as are granted the city council by the proposed ordinance of incorporation.

The determination of the questions at issue is a matter which may involve a very considerable extent the future welfare of this community. The Yukon council in whose immediate charge the affairs of the city have rested during the past three years, has looked after Dawson's interests in a manner which for the most part has been eminently satisfactory.

There have been no scandals connected with the expenditure of the public funds, and no charge of extravagance or willful disregard of the wishes of the community could be maintained. It is quite easy, therefore, to understand that with the great majority of taxpayers there is no disposition to make any change in the local government at all. It is obligatory, however, upon the community to make a selection between the two forms of government indicated above, as the commissioner and council have plainly stated their intention to wipe their hands of the affairs of the town after the first of the new year.

Under ordinary circumstances there would be little hesitation in reaching the conclusion that Dawson should become an incorporated town and elect its own officers. It is natural that any community should wish for the right to govern itself, and when the opportunity offers to secure self government the first impulse is to seize upon it immediately.

On the other hand, there is good reason for hesitation on the part of those most heavily interested—that is to say, those who bear the burden of taxation.

Government by an appointed commission means practically a continuance of affairs as they are at the present time. An elected council means an increase in the governmental machinery and a consequent increase of expenditure.

It is for the tax payers to choose whether they prefer to elect their own officers and pay an increased price for the privilege of so doing or to have the affairs of the town conducted by a commission of three men appointed by the governor, a practical continuation of the system in vogue at the present time. The whole matter as noted above is for the tax payers themselves to decide.

THE FIRST STEP TAKEN. The first step in the direction of balancing the heavy account which this community holds against the White Pass Railroad is now being taken. The heaviest patrons of the railroad have united in bringing an action for the recovery of a portion of the exorbitant rates which have

been charged and apparently with every hope of success.

The government has never confirmed the freight tariffs of the company, the policy of the railroad from beginning to end being based upon no system other than its own arbitrary actions.

It is now established beyond doubt that a rate for the ensuing year will be fixed, which will not exceed one-half of the charges heretofore asked.

In equity, therefore, every shipper who has paid the rates asked should be entitled to a rebate equal to the difference between the new and old schedules. British Columbia shippers have taken the matter up in earnest and have announced that they will carry the case to the Imperial privy council if necessary. Every patron of the railroad in Dawson should follow that example. If there is any law by which the White Pass Company can be forced to disgorge its ill-gotten gains that law should be brought in to effect without delay.

Several parties have already signified their intention to compete for the prize offered by the Nugget for a song, dedicated to this territory. We have no doubt that a production will be forthcoming which will bear close comparison with patriotic songs which have outlasted generations.

The Slav on Women. Abhorrent event to the strongest "Slavophile" is the position occupied by woman in the family and in social life. To escape the charge of prejudice I shall quote a few proverbs current among the southern Slavs—a few out of any hundreds:

"The man is the head, the woman is grass. One man is worth more than ten women."

"A man of straw is worth more than a woman of gold. Let the dog bark, but let the woman keep silent. He who does not beat his wife is no man."

"What shall I get when I marry?" asks a boy of his father. "For your wife a stick; for your children a switch."

"Twice in his life is a man happy—once when he marries and once when he buries his wife. And the woman sings, in the Russian folksong which I have freely translated,

Love me true and love me quick, Pull my hair and use the stick.

Although there are love songs of another kind, in which woman is praised for her charms, she becomes virtually a slave as soon as she marries, and the little poetry of the folksong does not accompany her even to the marriage altar. She is valued only for the work she can do in a household and for the children she can bear, and should this latter blessing be denied her her lot becomes doubly pitiable, and she often seeks release by suicide.—Ex.

His Sad Blunder. Yes, it was a sad blunder. He thought the children were in the other room, but it so happened that it was occupied by his wife and a lachrymose neighbor. We all know these sensitive women who weep on the slightest provocation, who begin to muffle when they talk of their woes, this being little more than a bid for words of comfort, and this woman was one of them. What had happened is quite immaterial. Something had been said or done that had completely upset her, and in her appeal for solace she sniffled.

As before remarked he thought the children were in the other room, and one of the children had been suffering from cold in the head. Of course everyone knows how annoying a youngster with a cold in the head can be, and he was not in the best of humor anyway.

"For heaven's sake, blow your nose!" he cried at last.

Oh, yes, it was a sad blunder, but even blunders have their compensations. The lachrymose one does not come to that house for sympathy as she formerly did.

"It takes Tom a day and a night to tell a story."

"He'd make a good book-keeper, I should think."

"Why?"

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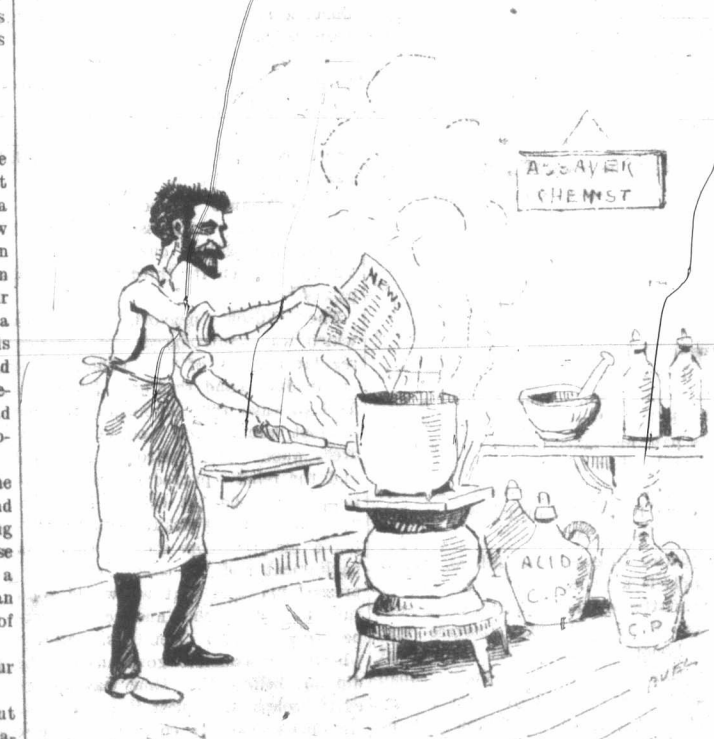
Stroller's Column.

A number of Dawsonites were standing around the stove in a well-known and much frequented cigar store a few nights ago giving personal reminiscences and relating occurrences of other days in other climes. The subject of arrests came up and one fellow told of how he had been mistaken and arrested for Willis Tascott, the much-wanted young man who shot and killed his step-father Millionaire Schnell, in Chicago, 10 or 12 years ago, and how, after being taken to the police station, he was able to prove his identity by a couple of merchants in the city who were his customers. Another told of his only arrest, made by a nigger marshal in Cedar Keys, Florida, and of how he got out of paying a fine next morning by meeting and treating the nigger



"I HAIN'T TIME TO TRY YOU TODAY."

mayor, who was also municipal judge, before court convened. At length the proprietor of the cigar, fruit and confectionery store in which the crowd was talking said: "I will never forget my first and only arrest. It was in Colorado a good many years ago. I had a business in Pueblo similar to what I have here. A number of miles up in the mountains was a thriving little resort town and I decided to start a branch store there, so I went up and rented a lot, put a tent on it and opened a cigar, candy and peanut business. Right here I must say that only a short time previous to my



AFTER BEING CANDLED THE ARTICLE IS ASSAYED.

business venture the little mountain town had been incorporated. A town marshal had been elected, also a justice of the peace, the latter being owner and operator of the only express outfit in town, a mule and cart. Well, I had a clerk running the business so one day I went up to see how he was getting along. I hadn't been in town an hour before the marshal came around and told me I was to consider myself under arrest. I thought as first he was joking, but as he looked serious I asked him what my offense was and he said I was arrested for peddling without a license and when I asked him what I had been peddling he said "peanuts."

I tried to explain that I had only sold goods from my store but he insisted that selling from a tent was the same as peddling and, taking me by the arm, marched me off toward a wood stockade they called the city jail, telling me all the way that \$10 would appease outraged law and set me free. I, however, refused to "come up" with the money but insisted that he lock me up, which he did. A merchant, hearing of my pre-

since been wondering what race of man Isaac thinks he is.

Where are you going, my pretty maid? "I am going milking, sir," she said. "Can I go with you? My pretty maid?" "Nobody asked you, sir!" she said.

The Stroller could never see anything particularly brilliant in the above four lines but there are many things the Stroller was never able to see.

When the Stroller was in the squazy days of his youth he more than once caught his parents sighing after looking at him and heard them murmur sotto voce, "Poor boy, it is too bad." In view, therefore, of this innate density, the Stroller acknowledges to being up against it in the matter of imparting the information asked for in the following:

Dawson, Dec. 5, 1901. Dear Stroller— Please note attached clipping taken from 4th page, 4th column, of the Daily News of Dec. 5th.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid? I am going a-fishing, kind sir, she said. Where is your armory, my pretty maid? O, I'm bona fide, sir, she said."

Kindly explain the joke, for to us it is incomprehensible. Can it be possible that the dear little editor has changed his brand of hop? Whoever first originated such a saying should have had a copyright.

Your kindness in explaining this weighty problem will be greatly appreciated by the undersigned readers of both News and Nugget.

R. L. MORGAN. A. E. MATTHEWS. Please answer in Saturday's Nugget.

The Stroller did not reply to the above on Saturday for the reason that he was not then ready to file a report. He endeavored to acquire the desired information and lost considerable sleep over it, but failed of his purpose. He took the clipping to an egg house and had it "candled" but failed to detect the point it is naturally supposed to contain. Failing at the egg house, the clipping was taken to the N. A. T. & T. assay office from which the following report was derived:

Paper—Fifty per cent. Ink—Thirty per cent. Tincture of simplicity—Twenty per cent.

Here, take it away and have it embalmed. Perhaps a race will come out of the foggy future that can see and appreciate the point connected with the "bona fide, sir," girl. And say, do not bother the Stroller anymore with such complications, for with corns, bunions, in-growing toe nails and a cord of spiral wood he has enough troubles of his own. The Bible says: "There be things past finding out." The point in question is one of them, so think no more about it but go back to work. Besides, this is no time of the year to go a-fishing. The very idea is preposterous. Let her keep her "bona fide" by the fire instead of being out attracting staid old editors from their business. Now, let us hear no more of this.

Dawson, Dec. 8, 1901.

Dear Stroller— I am in a box. I have a sweet-heart in Seattle to whom I have sent a Christmas present for the past two years; but the games were running then and I had a job. Now I am doing nothing, my chief concern being to divine the source from whence will come my next meal. If I do not remember my girl this Christmas it will be all of with me and as she is the only daughter of one of the best paying saloons in Seattle I am anxious to hold her affections until I can go out and be accepted into her family. Please advise me what to do, and oblige.

EX— You are not ingenious. You have nothing to worry over aside from your meals. Do not make a move until about the middle of January and then write to your girl and tell her that a portion of a consignment of mail was lost in the river about the middle of December but that you trust and pray that your little token of remembrance and love reached her safely. That is enough. Do not say more or you might stop it over, and as soon as navigation opens fly to her, join the family and by next Christmas your present period of fasting will be but a memory—a stump in the highway over which you have traveled.

The Stroller is an ardent admirer of quaint, unconscious humor and that is why the following in the Sun of this morning appeared very strangely to him:

"Superintendent Pillsbury is thought to be somewhere on the coast personally looking after the matter of hurrying the mails through from La-har-ga."

"Hurrying the mails through" is good—too good to be true.

Froze His Toes. A young man whose name was not learned, arrived in the city yesterday from 80 miles up Twelvemile creek. While coming down that stream he had the misfortune to step in the water with his left foot, the toes of which were badly frozen when he reached Dawson. He is around town today but will not be in shape for the trail for some time to come.

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He Didn't Go.

A reliable gentleman informed the Nugget yesterday that Mr. S. Archibald had gone to Koyukuk and the Nugget published the supposed news item. Now comes Archibald who is bodily in Dawson and says he didn't start for Koyukuk or anywhere else. Notwithstanding the presence of Archibald in Dawson, the other man was never known to make a false statement, so it all depends on whether a person inclines to believe the verbal statement in preference to ocular proof as to whether Archibald has started to the Koyukuk or not.

Bridegrooms' Mistakes.

Sometim' since a bridal party appeared at the registrar's office, Langport, and were ushered into the presence of the official, who courteously requested all save the two contracting parties to be seated. Having elicited from the couple standing that there existed no impediment to their marriage, he proceeded to call upon all present to witness that they took each other for husband and wife, and directed the groom to place the ring upon his bride's finger.

At this the young man awoke as from a dream, and, pointing to one of the witnesses, burst out in the Somersetshire dialect, "T'ric be the young 'ooman I wants to get married to over there." It was then discovered that he had married his own sister, so the parties were rearranged and the ceremony was commenced afresh.

Recently an obliging gentleman volunteered, with the consent of all parties concerned, to take the place of his brother whose name had been duly called, and who for some reason was unable to keep the most important appointment of his life. He did so, singing the register in his brother's name, and thus inadvertently espoused his sister-in-law.

Last February two brothers, named Emmerich and Francis Voss, married two sisters, Matiza and Mary Rinx. The civil ceremony passed off without a hitch, but at church the party got rather mixed, so that each brother at the conclusion of the service found that he had wedded his sister-in-law. At the least that followed the brides' father promised to put matters right; but when that time arrived he was suddenly called away, and was unable to fulfill his promise. Now the matter will have to be dealt with by the courts.

Julius Reinz, an Austrian, can speak but little English, and when a few months back he went with his betrothed to a London registrar's office to inquire whether his license and other documents were in order, the official, thinking that he wanted to be married there and then, made the twin one, the groom signing the marriage certificate under the impression that it was a preliminary formality. When, however, he discovered his mistake he returned to Vienna in disgust, and a few days later procured an annulment of his marriage.

Another Austrian, an official in the civil service, corresponded with a young lady, whom he had never seen, with a view to matrimony; so ardently, too, that the marriage day was fixed. The parties met for the first time at the altar, and although beneath the bride's thick veil the civil servants were unable to recognize clearly the features that had so charmed him in the photographs he had received, he unsuspectingly permitted the ceremony to proceed. When the knot was irremediably tied the lady raised her veil to disclose the features of a very mature dame, the elder sister of the girl whom he had wished to wed. The husband was, naturally, furious, and has petitioned the courts for his release.

A well-known French count lately received a letter from a lady, calling herself the countess of his title, upbraiding him for cruelty and desertion. Being a bachelor, the count at first thought the matter a hoax, but on a friend calling upon the lady and inspecting the certificate it was found apparently in perfect order, all particulars concerning the husband being correctly stated, and the document itself bearing the registration stamp of the French Consulate at New York. Extraordinary as it may seem, high legal authorities considered the count married, so that nothing remains for him but to bring an action for divorce.

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MAIL WILL DEPART. Another Consignment Will Be Dispatched Thursday. Postmaster Hartman's courage revived again and he is preparing to dispatch another mail for the outside. When it will reach its destination is another question, but it will be satisfaction in any event to find that the mail has departed.

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ACTIONS ARE TAKEN

Victoria Merchants Against White Pass Company to Force Refund

MONEY EXTORTED FROM THEM

Freight Rates Which Were Unlawfully Collected

GREATEST STEAL OF THE AGE

New Tariff Sheet Being Closely Scrutinized by Deputy Minister of Railways.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily. Victoria, Dec. 7.—Actions have been instituted against the White Pass Railway Company for the return of moneys paid for freight and passenger transportation over its line of road in excess of what the government was sure to be a just, lawful rate. A special received here from Ottawa this morning says no official announcement in connection with the rates to be charged hereafter by the White Pass Company will be made for several days. The proposed new tariff is being closely scrutinized by the western examiners and later submitted to the Dominion Council by Minister of Railways Blair.

UP FROM CIRCLE

Hunter Howison Foots It in Eight Days.

Henry Howison, a young man who left the city in a small boat last September on a hunting excursion to the American side, returned over the ice Thursday from Washington creek, a tributary of the Yukon which enters 80 miles above Circle City. Mr. Howison made the trip up alone and without dogs, stopping over night at road houses, which he says are to be found along the river at intervals of from 17 to 25 miles apart, the trip requiring eight days. He reports the river trail in very good condition with one exception. From Cassiar to the Sixteenmile road house the ice is very rough and the traveling slow and laborious, it taking eight hours to cover the 20 miles between the two points. There is but little travel on the lower river at present, only one dog team having been met Thursday and but one before. The mail is coming along well as usual, a mail coach, consisting of that from Whitehorse.

MINING CAMPS ON THE AMERICAN SIDE ARE VERY QUIET.

At Circle City there is practically nothing doing at present. The same may be said of Eagle and it is not for the presence of a company of soldiers at the latter place that the monotony would be unbroken. The boys in blue occupation is an exciting diversion. The first incident in that line was the capture of one of the soldiers who was found in the guardhouse. He had succeeded in crossing the boundary line and was on British soil when captured, but was taken back without going through the formality of securing extradition papers. The company's jury which is investigating the death of Chas. Christensen, who is said to have been killed on Hutchinson creek by Harry Owen, has adjourned to the cabin, the scene of the tragedy, to examine more fully into the details before finding a verdict.

ORIGIN OF THE LOVING CUP.

The best account of the origin of the loving cup comes from the late Lord Lyons, British Ambassador at Paris. According to his narrative King Henry of Navarre (who was also Henry IV of France), while hunting was separated from his companions and feeling thirsty, called at a wayside inn for a cup of wine.

THE SERVING MAID ON HANDING IT TO HIM WAS SO NERVOUS THAT HE CALLED AGAIN FOR THE WINE.

On the 11th he called again for the wine, when, to his astonishment, the maid (having received instructions from her mistress) to be very careful of the king's cup) presented it to him trembling like a leaf. He was so much affected by each of its quavering notes, which were quaveringly acted out of three handies, I shall never get one! Hence the loving cup.

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SAD FATE OF SKATERS

Minister Blair's Daughter and Young Harper Drowned.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Miss Blair, daughter of the Dominion minister of railways, was drowned while skating in the Ottawa river. H. A. Harper, assistant editor of the Labor Gazette, lost his life while attempting to rescue the young lady. Both were prominent in Ottawa society.

HIS WOUND WAS FATAL

Major Von Tots Dies as Result of Duel With Prince Henry.

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—Major Von Tots who fought a duel with Prince Henry, whom he rebuked for making insulting remarks to his own wife, Queen Wilhelmina, while at dinner three days ago, is dead from a wound inflicted by the prince's sword. Indignation all over Holland is bitter against the prince.

STRIKE IS OFF.

Pittsburg, Dec. 6.—Traffic is again moving on all the Pennsylvania railroads affected by the switchmen's strike. The Homestead Steel Works which shut down on account of lack of cars to transport its output, has resumed.

LAURIER DECLINES.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Premier Laurier has declined an invitation to address the students of the Cleveland, Ohio, university on Washington's birthday, February 22nd.

KILLED IN WRECK.

Moundsville, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Conductor Marietta was killed in a tail-end collision on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yesterday.

ON CASH BASIS.

The Hague, Dec. 6.—Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Henry have become reconciled. The queen pays all the prince consort's debts.

LONDONER KILLED.

Fort William, Dec. 6.—F. Parkman of London was killed near this place today by falling from a west-bound train on which he was a passenger.

WANT BACK PAY.

Constantinople, Dec. 6.—There is another threat of Turkish soldiers to strike for back pay.

TUNNEL STRIKE.

New York, Dec. 6.—A strike of the Rapid Transit employes has caused a cessation of work.

FIVE DROWNED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—Five persons who were fishing on Lake Winnipeg were drowned yesterday.

TWO MEN DROWNED.

Kingston, Dec. 6.—William Walker and Frederick George were drowned while skating yesterday.

LOCK-JAW

Bathurst, New Brunswick, Dec. 7.—Henry Rogers died of lock-jaw last night.

PLANT LIFE.

Even in the brightest room plants are never so rich a green as those grown out of doors. In a dark cellar no chlorophyll is produced at all. Every one has seen potatoes growing there, with their long attenuated stalks and little white leaves, which exist but for a time and when the reserve material in the tuber is used up wither away because they have no light. To produce chlorophyll the light must be at least of sufficient intensity that this page may be easily read by it, and to act as a reducing agent it must be very considerably stronger. Everyone has learned by sad experience how impossible it is to keep plants in their rooms for any length of time, and the reason is that the light is not bright enough, and what there is does not last long enough to produce the necessary quantity of food material to support life. There is another fatal thing to the growth of plants indoors—viz., the dryness of the air—and this can only be overcome by covering over the plants with a glass shade. As plants die from want of light, so, too, there are some which die from too much. Many of the mosses which cover damp shady walls and banks with their soft covering of green velvet die from too great an exposure to sunlight.—Good Words.

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LABORERS IN SESSION

At Scranton, Pa., Consider Many Resolutions for Their Protection.

WANT INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION

For Overthrow of Capitalist Idea of Distribution.

WOULD BAR ALL ASIATICS.

Tax Levied for General Fund—Foreign Musicians Are Not Wanted in America.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 7.—Among resolutions presented to the Federation of Labor were:

“Denouncing: Wu Ting Fang for having made the alleged remark:—‘When American people are biased

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TRAIN WRECKERS

Attempt to Destroy O. R. & N. Express Near the Dalles.

The Dalles, Oregon, Dec. 7.—Train wreckers endeavored to destroy the express train last night twelve miles east of this place. The engine was derailed and wrecked but the other portion of the train, as well as the crew and passengers, escaped harm.

CHANGES ARE SUGGESTED

The municipal committee of the council met this morning to consider the incorporation ordinance which was introduced and given its first reading at the meeting of the council yesterday. But two members of the committee, in addition to the commissioner, were present, Councilman Wilson and Legal Adviser Newland.

Another alteration that will be advised is the property qualification of voters. It is recommended that all British subjects who are assessed at or over a tenancy of any kind in the sum of \$200 be allowed to vote.

The limits of the city it is also proposed to extend so as to include all voters whose residence on the hill back of the city and those along the north side of the Klondike river as far up as the Ogilvie bridge.

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HEAD-ON COLLISION

On Iron Mountain Road Causes Five Deaths.

Malvern, Ark., Dec. 7.—A head-on collision on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad near this place yesterday resulted in the death of five persons.

HENRY O'CONNOR

American Citizen Just Out From Dawson Breaks Into Print

In the Puget Sound Newspapers And Says Mean Things About the Police of Klondike

AND NOW, WHO IS O'CONNOR?

Col. Lynch Ignores Threats of Arrest for Treason and Will Take His Seat in Parliament.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Henry O'Connor, an American citizen lately from Dawson, is publishing sensational charges in the Puget sound press about the treatment of Americans in Dawson. He accuses the police of the

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CHANCE FOR YUKONERS

Who Desire to Enlist for South African War.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The strength of Canada's third contingent for South Africa has been increased by two additional squadrons, bringing the total up to 800 instead of 600 as formerly. The additional 300 recruits will be accepted from the western portion of Canada.

SENSATION CREATED

Attack on German Land System Raises Big Row.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Herr Betse, created a sensation in the German Reichstag yesterday by making a bitter attack on the land system as being oppressive to the poor, thus raising the debate on the tariff from the statistical to the emotional level. It was necessary to adjourn the session prematurely so enflamed did some of the members become.

MUM THE WORD.

Amsterdam, Dec. 6.—Several newspaper correspondents have been placed under arrest for disseminating reports as to a rupture between Queen Wilhelmina and the prince consort.

FATAL FIRE.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—A special from East Folly Mountain, N. S., states that the home of Robert Campbell was burned, two daughters and a son perishing in the flames.

FOUND DEAD.

Calgary, Dec. 6.—David Kennalyside of Winnipeg was found dead in this city yesterday. The circumstances point toward murder.

LABOR MEETING.

Scranton, Dec. 6.—The American Federation of Labor is in session in this city. It is the greatest convention of labor ever held.

STATION WRECKED.

Frankfort, Germany, Dec. 6.—The railway station at this place was wrecked by a runaway train.

JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT

In Magistrate Macaulay's court this morning C. L. Beig was awarded judgment against Phillips & Strable, late of the Green Tree saloon, for \$48.50, claimed as due for his services as bartender. Neither of the defendants appeared in court and it being proven that they were duly served, judgment was awarded in the amount claimed.

A Profane Interruption.

The late Father Petit was one of the best known priests in the Milwaukee diocese. It may well be said that he was a fine representative of the pioneer priest. With a wide experience and an appreciation of the humor of a situation, many interesting stories are told of him.

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TIMBER ON THE KLONDIKE

Enough to Supply Dawson for Years to Come

J. A. Acklin Returns From Two Weeks—Big Game is Very Scarce Lots of Roadhouses.

J. A. Acklin and Chas. Fogleberg returned on Sunday last from a two week's trip up the Klondike. The men took the journey for the purpose of enjoying a hunt and incidentally to inspect some timber tracts upon the upper reaches of the river.

Mr. Acklin was seen by a representative of this paper today and stated that the trail up the Klondike as far as the canyon is in splendid condition.

In the canyon itself there is no ice to speak of and for many miles above the river is practically open.

There are a great many people travelling up and down the river, most of whom are engaged in hunting and trapping. Ptarmigan and rabbits are plentiful along the river but big game is rather scarce. Only one hunter was encountered who had secured any quantity of moose and caribou. He had 16 carcasses of the former, and 17 of the latter cached near the river waiting transportation to Dawson, and was in search of dogs to bring the meat to market.

The trail along the Klondike is almost as well supplied with road houses as any of the creeks adjacent to Dawson.

There is a road house at the mouth of Rock creek, 12 miles from town. Another called the Hay ranch is located 2 1/2 miles above Rock creek. A third called the 26 mile house is established 12 1/2 miles above the Hay ranch. Beyond that a distance of 12 miles is another wayside inn at the mouth of the lower north fork of the river and a man named Robinson is conducting an establishment at the canyon, a distance of 73 miles from Dawson. There is no necessity, therefore, for man or beast to go without accommodations while musing up the Klondike.

Several surveying parties were discovered engaged in the work of surveying timber tracts.

Mr. Acklin says there are millions of feet of timber adjacent to the Klondike which has never as yet been touched. Most of it lies at some little distance from the river and consequently an added cost is involved in getting it down where it is possible to drive it to the Dawson market.

"The timber resources of the country tributary to the Klondike are practically inexhaustible," said he, "and should last this community for an indefinite number of years."

Mr. Acklin did not succeed in killing a moose, although he was with a party when one of the animals was laid low. When dressed he weighed 600 lbs., and is now being carved up in a local market.

SALTMAN IN LIMBO

Charged by T. G. Wilson With Crooked Work.

John A. Saltman was yesterday arrested on a warrant sworn to by Thorp G. Wilson, the wholesale importer and dealer, charging him with obtaining on false representation goods to the amount of \$500. Saltman was released on \$1000 bond last night until this morning when, at his request and the concurrence of the prosecution, the case was continued until Tuesday forenoon, his bondsman, Ross and Barrow, standing good for his appearance until that time.

Horses in Africa.

A South African bred horse keeps his condition best, as he will get his head down and nibble whenever you get to his back. He is less excitable, too, than most English horses. An imported horse bred north of the equator takes at least a year to get used to the change of seasons, not to mention the change of food.

When campaigning it is not the last work that kills the horse, but the long hours, heavy weights and want of sleep and food. It is as well, therefore, to halt if possible where there is grazing and to dismount whenever you halt even for a few minutes.

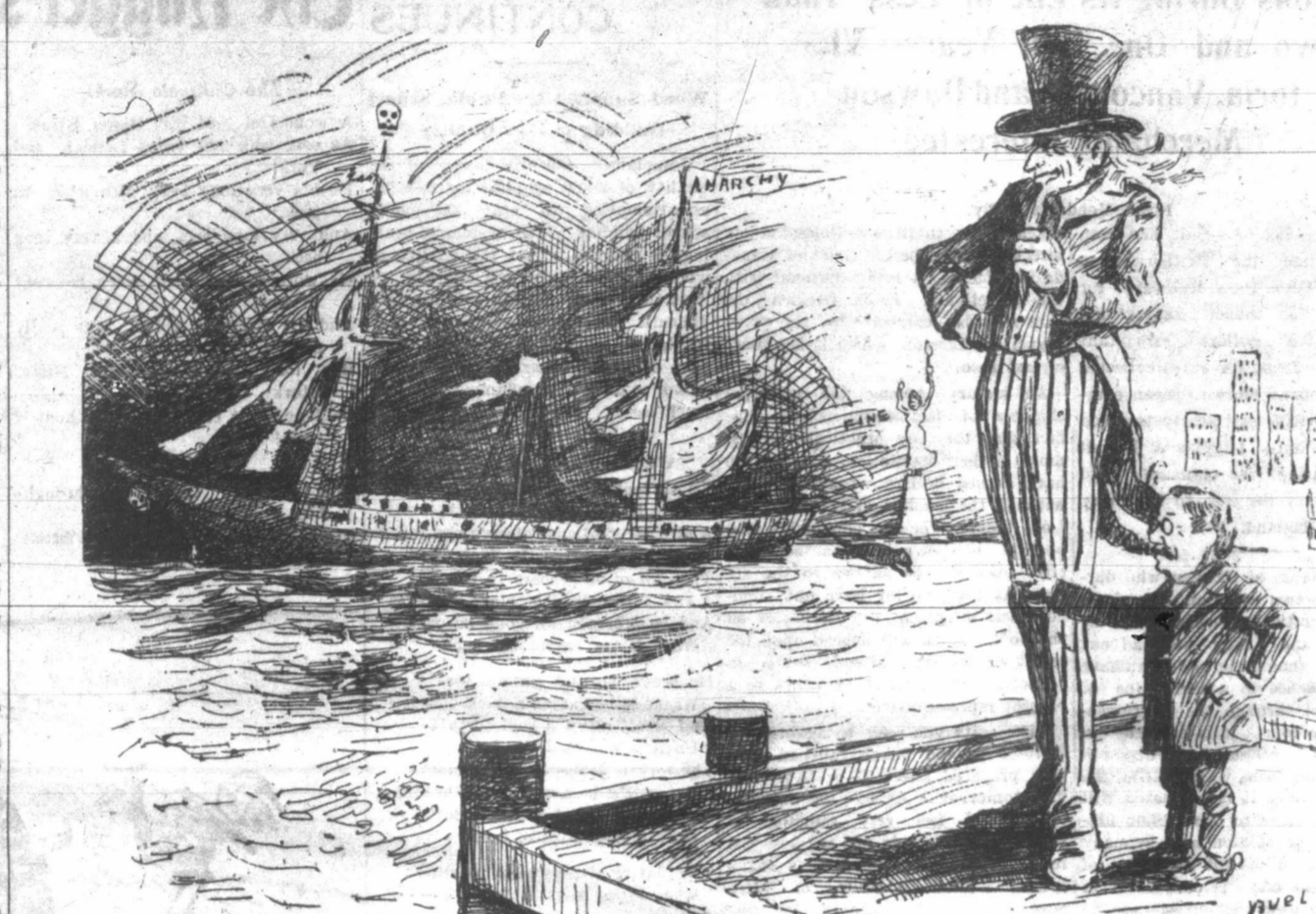
The safest way to secure the horses of a patrol on the veldt at night is to place about a dozen in a circle, each one being tied by the rein to the headstall of the next horse on his left allowing an interval of only a foot between their heads.

In this way, the horses cannot, of course, lie down, but they keep each other warm and cannot get loose without breaking two reins instead of one. If a horse is dead head, he can of course be kept haltered or tied up by himself.—Ex.

Why She Did It.

Mrs. Greene—For the land's sake, how did Miss Prettifun ever come to marry that homely old fool of a Hudgins?

Mrs. Gray—I understand he was attracted to the money she wanted.—Boston Transcript.



UNCLE SAM WILL SHIP ALL ANARCHISTS HOME.

PARENTS NEGLECT.

Quebec, Dec. 7.—A verdict of guilty of neglect was returned against Francois Gengros and wife for neglect which caused the death of their idiotic child.

REVISED BIBLE.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The new Bible authorized by the late Episcopal convention will be read in all the churches from next Sunday.

MAYOR HOWLAND.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Howland will probably be re-elected mayor by acclamation.

IRISH LEAGUE.

New York, Dec. 5.—An auxiliary branch of the Irish League has been formed in this city.

MANY IMMIGRANTS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Many immigrants from Iowa are crowding into Manitoba to secure desirable farm lands.

TRAVELERS TO KOYUKUK

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

TEDDY'S FIST.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt today signed the first bill sent him by congress, thus creating the first law enacted under his administration. It is an act to admit the transfer of foreign exhibits from the Pan-American exposition to the South Carolina interstate and West Indian exposition at Charleston.

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

Sulphur, including 21 Below	\$30.00	Month of Quartz	\$30.00
Gold Run	\$35.00	Moostone	\$60.00
		Hureka	\$80.00

DEAN IS DEAD.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Dean Omeara of this city is dead.

Call and Get Prices

Just Received Large Consignment of **Special Centrifugal Pumps** Made by Byron Jackson for direct connection to motors; thereby doing away with all belts and pulleys; also large stock of **BLACKSMITH SUPPLIES**, including horse shoes, nails, iron and genuine Pennsylvania blacksmith coal; also large stock of pipe and pipe fittings.

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The Klondike Nugget

Telephone Number 12 (Dawson's Pioneer Paper) BEUCO DAILY AND SEMI-WEEKLY. GEORGE M. ALLEN, Publisher

From Saturday and Monday's Daily. ATTENTION! POETS.

In Saturday's issue of the Nugget notice was given, which is repeated in our issue today, of a prize offered for a Yukon song.

We hope that sufficient interest will be awakened in the contest to enlist the best poetic talent in the community. That such talent exists and of a high order as well we are fully aware. There have at times appeared in the local press contributions in verse of a very creditable nature. Various occasions have called forth such efforts, but no subject could possibly inspire our poets to greater endeavor than the one proposed by this paper.

It is the belief of the Nugget, and we feel satisfied that our optimistic hopes find echo in the minds of the majority of the community, that this territory stands at the threshold of an unprecedented era of activity and prosperity.

The history of the past four years—in itself a record of marvelous things—bids fair to find itself entirely surpassed and outdone by the events which will take place within the near future.

The seal of permanence has been placed upon Dawson, and the prosperity of Dawson serves merely to reflect the general conditions which prevail over the entire territory. In an extremely short time we have seen a straggling village of tents and rough board shacks give way to a city—small, it is true when compared with the great commercial centres of the world, but possessing every attribute that bespeaks a thriving, bustling community. Splendid governmental edifices, substantial business blocks and comfortable residences, confront the observer on every hand, each and every one bearing silent testimony to the one undoubted fact that Dawson and the district of which it is the capital and trade centre, have before them a future of splendid prosperity.

It is this condition which we hope will call forth from our poets a song which will fittingly portray the greatness of the territory in which so many fond hopes are centered and in whose progress and growth such deep interest is felt by every inhabitant. Particular attention is drawn to the fact that the manuscripts must be received at this office not later than Dec. 20. The time allowed is not long, but we believe it is sufficiently extended for the purpose in view.

The prize of fifty dollars will be awarded as soon as possible after the closing of the contest. The manuscripts will be submitted to the judges on the 21st, and they will be asked to give their decision as quickly thereafter as possible.

The full particulars concerning the contest will be found published in another column.

A PUBLIC MEETING.

The suggestion that a public meeting be called for the purpose of securing public discussion as to the advisability of incorporating Dawson, or of accepting the alternative offered by the council of a commission to take the place of a mayor and council, is heartily endorsed by the Nugget.

What is wanted now is all the light that may possibly be thrown upon the situation. There is, we may say, an almost unanimous desire that Dawson be afforded the best form of government obtainable, with strict observance given at the same time to the practical problems involved. In other words, everyone wishes to see the affairs of the town conducted along lines adapted to a progressive community, but no one, excepting possibly a few individuals who may expect to profit thereby, is desirous of plunging Dawson headlong into debt.

The time for threshing these matters out is at hand, and the voters will be called upon in a very short time to decide the matter one way or another.

A public meeting, therefore, at which all who are interested may be given an opportunity to express their opinions, is decidedly in order. It is for the people themselves to say what they want and now is the time for them to make their wishes known.

ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN.

Proceedings have been begun in the courts of British Columbia against the White Pass Railway Company for the return of freight charges collected by the company, without the sanction



Yukon Song.

The Nugget this year proposes to offer fifty dollars for a song.

This Yukon territory, in the growth and prosperity of which every inhabitant takes the very deepest interest, has been celebrated the world over by newspapers and magazines, and books even, have been devoted to descriptions of its wonderful richness.

But its praises have never yet been set to music.

It is for the purpose of remedying this oversight that the Nugget makes its present offer.

We desire to publish a song which will represent to Yukon what the "Maple Leaf" is to the Dominion, what "America" is to the United States, and what "God Save the King" or "Rule Britannia" are to Great Britain.

The prize of fifty dollars will be offered for the words only. The music will be cared for later on.

We therefore invite every poet in the territory in whom the divine spark has been planted to call upon the muse and compete for the prize.

Please note the following conditions: (1) The song is to contain five stanzas.

(2) No limitation is to be placed as to the metre or length of the verses.

(3) Manuscripts signed with nom de plume and accompanied by sealed envelope containing real name and nom de plume must be received at this office not later than December 20th.

A competent committee of judges will be selected to decide upon the merits of the verses submitted and the award will be made in accordance with their decision.

Everyone who desires may compete and we hope that a lively interest in the contest will be awakened.

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Asked to Return That Amount Stolen From Patrons During Its Life of Less Than Two and One Half Years—Victoria, Vancouver and Dawson Merchants Interested.

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—Suit has been entered against the British Yukon Company (White Pass Railway) for the return of money aggregating eight million dollars exorbitant freight and passenger rates collected by that company since it began operations on British soil nearly two and a-half years ago.

ASTOUNDING JOBBERY. The offer of Premier Dunsmyth to the Labor party of British Columbia constitutes a piece of cool political jobbery which is absolutely astounding.

The merchants of Dawson who during the past two years and over have been systematically mulcted by the White Pass and Yukon railroad out of countless thousands of dollars have at last awakened to a realization of the fact that through the instrumentality of the courts it is possible to compel the octopus to disgorge illegally gotten gains which during the past season alone it is estimated will approximate close to one million dollars.

Political deals are certainly not a thing unheard of in modern times, but a transaction of the kind referred to above breaks rather harshly on the nerves.

A man who has the effrontery to offer to purchase a political party ought, at least, to possess a sufficient sense of propriety to keep the thing as quiet as possible.

The thing to be desired in the formation of a town government is to secure the utmost efficiency with the least expenditure possible. Dawson is not prepared to plunge headlong into extravagant municipal investments, and no one excepting a few irresponsible office seekers who have not a dollar at stake, desires that such a course be pursued.

The cost of transmitting the president's message by wire, under the rate first established by the department of public works, would have totaled in the neighborhood of \$100.

NEW ROUTE TO KOYUKUK

Three Swedes to Cross Country on Skies.

Three Swedes are preparing to leave this week for the Koyukuk by a route never before attempted. They expect to start back over the hill northeast of Dawson and continue in that direction until they strike the Koyukuk basin and then follow down until they reach the settlements, which distance they think does not exceed 250 miles. The men will travel on skis, and, besides their guns, carry only a few pounds of provisions.

The Audience Was Spared.

As about eight out of ten men who meet nowadays are thinking of putting up for the vestry elections, county council, or something, it is not surprising that a large proportion of obese ambitious gentlemen are of the self-made variety that could not deliver an intelligible speech if they were to be hanged. The result is that the hard-up penny- liners are turning an honest penny by supplying these tongue-tied statesmen with ready-made campaign thunder.

Some time ago there was a most enthusiastic meeting in a part of Birmingham for the purpose of introducing candidates for the vestry. A timid gentleman who was no orator was brought forward. He laid a voluminous written speech on the desk and made a start. He had got as far as "Ladies and Gentlemen," when a hungry looking party in a week-before-last shirt stood up in the front row and whispered:—"How about that little account?"

The orator coughed, colored, looked fixedly at the gallery, and strove to continue.

"I say," continued the interrupter, more loudly, "you know what I told you—cash down."

"I'll—I'll see you in the morning," gasped the mortified candidate.

"That won't do," replied the creditor, doggedly. "You can't play the morning dodge on me. I'm dead on you 'follows, I am. You've got to settle up or shut up. Fork out that

\$5 on the spot, or not a word shall you say."

"I haven't got that amount with me," murmured the distinguished speaker, fumbling in his clothes.

"Just—just sit down," and I'll see you later."

"Later be blowed," growled the other, and before the amazed audience had recovered from their surprise he had mounted the platform, transferred the manuscript to his coat-tail pocket, and walked out.

The crushed nominee took a back seat on the platform and wept like a child, while the gentlemen on the platform coughed vigorously to cover the confusion of their colleague.—Tit-Bits.

Corrected. "I—aw—undahstand you called me a milksoop," said the little dude, with some show of spirit.

"I did," replied Longley, gazing down at him, "but I was wrong."

"Ah!" "Yes, I didn't know you were so small. I really should have called you a 'condensed milk sop.'"—Philadelphia Press.

An Example. Mr. Birmingham—It is a wonderful instinct which teaches animals to seek a safe retreat when danger is nigh.

Mr. Manchester—I myself have often seen a cowhide.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.



THE HIGHEST TRIBUNAL OF THIS EMPIRE WILL BE APPEALED TO AGAINST THE WHITE PASS RAILROAD.

SHIVERING CONTINUES

Wood Supplied the Public School Building of Poor Quality.

Complaints are still heard of the quality of wood supplied for heating or attempting to heat the public school building. The system of heating is perfect, but the quality of wood used makes the diffusion of heat throughout the big building very difficult. The wood supplied is said to have lain in the water a good part of last summer and now when frozen is about as inflammable as so much ice.

When Father Carves the Duck.

We all look on with anxious eyes when father carves the duck. And mother almost always sighs when father carves the duck. Then all of us prepare to rise and hold our bids before our eyes and be prepared for some surprise when father carves the duck.

He braces up and grabs a fork. When'er he carves a duck, And won't allow a soul to talk until he's carved the duck. The fork is jabbed into the sides, Across the breast the knife he slides, And every careful person hides from flying chips of duck.

The platter always seem to slip when father carves the duck. Potatoes fly amuck, The squash and cabbage leap in space, We get some gravy on our face, And father mutters Hindoo grace when'er he carves a duck.

We thus have learned to walk around the dining room and pluck from off the window sills and walls our share of father's duck. While father growls and grunts and kicks And swears the knife was full of nicks, And mother scolds at him because He couldn't carve the duck.

Catching the Cricketer.

A well-known county cricketer visited a certain seaside resort with his team. Early on the third morning of the match he was taking a constitutional on the sands, when he was recognized by a group of youngsters who were engaged in playing cricket.

At their request he consented to bowl down a ball or two. He took several wickets in a little time, after which the youngsters suggested that he should have his innings.

He agreed, and the game came to an abrupt conclusion, as he managed to break the bat in playing the very first ball he received. The youngsters looked very down hearted, but brightened up considerably on receipt of five shillings with which to buy a new bat.

Later in the day the gentleman chanced to refer to the incident. To his astonishment the other members of the team thought it very funny and laughed.

"I can't see what there is to laugh about," he began.

"Well, you see," explained the captain, "we happen to know that hat I broke it on Monday morning, G—here broke it on Tuesday, and the smart youths have sold you on a Wednesday morning. They must have made a good sum out of that hat."—Ex.

Bargain Day.

Mamma—Tommy, do stop that noise. If you'll only be good, I'll give you a penny.

Tommy—No, I want a nickel.

Mamma—Why, you little rascal, you were quite satisfied to be good yesterday for a penny!

Tommy—I know, but that was bargain day.—Philadelphia Times.

The Nugget's Department for Children

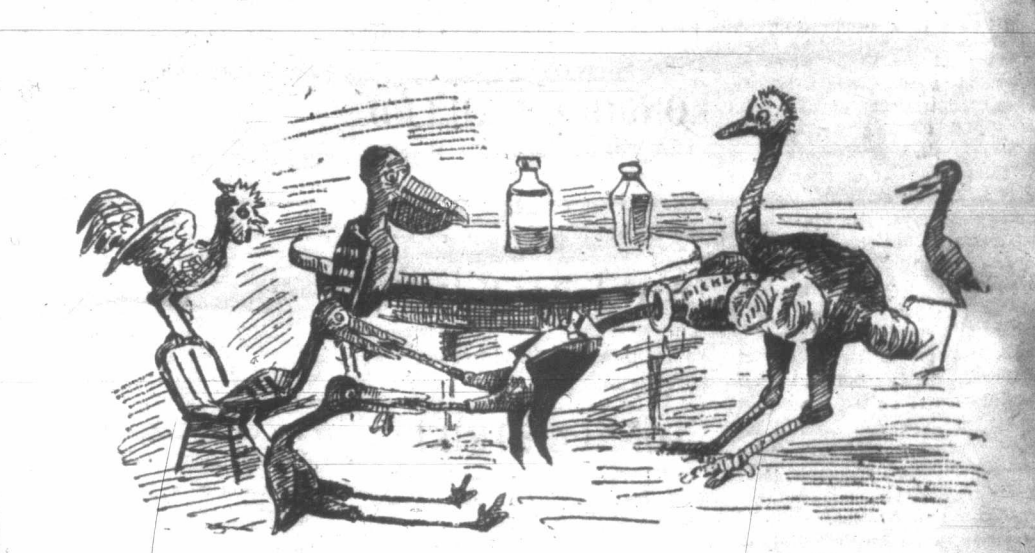
The Obstinate Stork.

A wonderful bird was Mister Stork. As ever was met 'twixt London and York; He'd a very long beak with which to peck, And very long legs, and a very long neck. He wore a dress coat when he went to dine, And his stick-up collar was really fine! But folks would talk—for Mister Stork Said he must eat pickles without a fork!



So into the jar his bill he poked, But 'twas so narrow he nearly choked; And then, when he tried to turn about— Horror of horrors—he couldn't get out! And now was a bustle, and now was a din, And all the guests cried, "What a pickle he's in!" "Help, help!" in his agony gasped Mister Stork, And he also groaned something like "pickles," and "fork."

Now postman Crane once brought him a note From Dowager Lady Slender-throat:



"Dear Mr. Stork, some friends of mine Are coming on Thursday next to dine. A good bill of fare I promise that day: There'll be plenty of bills, but nothing to pay." "I'll come like a bird," wrote Mister Stork, "But I will eat my pickles without a fork."

Behold him dressed in his evening best, And the dowager Lady received her guest. That Thursday with pride, as though to say, "I own him the handsomest guest to-day." A plentiful pickle-dinner was placed in long-necked jars of exquisite taste; And the forks were brought, but Mister Stork Said he would eat pickles without a fork.

So they tugged and they pulled with main and with might, While poor Lady Slender-throat fared with fright; They tugged and they pulled with night and with main, Till poor Mister Stork nearly died with the strain, And vowed for the future that he, Mister Stork, If he lived, would certainly eat with a fork.

At last Lord Ostreich let go, and the board. Sent the jar with a dash and a look to the ground, And broke it in hundreds of pieces and then. Poor Mister Stork breathed both again! He never forgot that dreadful day, And always, when asked to dine, would say, "As sure as my name is Mister Stork I won't eat pickles without a fork!"



Job Printing at Nugget office.

Puzzles.

PRIMAL ACROSTIC.

No. 23.—All the words described contain the same number of letters when rightly guessed and placed one below the other: the initial letters will spell the name of a large American city.

CENTRAL ACROSTIC.

No. 24.—All the words described contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed and placed one below the other: the central letters

DIAGONAL ACROSTIC.

No. 25.—All of the words described contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed and placed one below another: the diagonal beginning at the upper left-hand corner and ending at the lower right-hand corner will spell the name of a large animal.

WORD SQUARE.

No. 26.—What word is there of four letters from which if you remove one, only one will remain?

WORD PUZZLES.

No. 27.—What word is there of six letters from which you can take away one and leave eight?

Not Born to Dawson.

Word has come to Dawson, not by mail for mail except from the lever river is now an unknown quantity, that "Kid" West narrowly escaped drowning by falling through the ice into the river while musing along

ever, the report is that the intrepid "Kid" pulled himself together and at last accounts his portion of the star of empire was wending its way toward the south.

For the 24 hours previous to 10 o'clock this morning the official weather record shows the maximum temperature to have been 37 below zero, the maximum 37 above zero. Coldest yet recorded this season was 35 below.

ATTEMPTED HIS OWN LIFE

H. M. Fowle, Having Embezzled \$1600 Which He Is Said to Have Given to an Actress, Would Escape Prosecution by Traveling Chloral Route—Is Now in Jail—His Past.

From Monday's Daily. H. M. Fowle, book-keeper for Tom Chisholm of the Aurora saloon, attempted to commit suicide last night about 12:30 by taking chloral.

For some time past it was noticed by his associates that Fowle was acting in an unusual manner, arousing the suspicions of his employer who began to keep a watch on his actions and instituted a search into his accounts. A close examination of the books revealed the fact that there was a shortage, but the sum was not ascertained until this morning when it was found to be nearly \$1600.

For nearly two weeks Mr. Chisholm has been busy on the creeks and has not been able to keep as close track on his business in town as usual. But as he thoroughly trusted his book-keeper considered everything as being correct.

Yesterday he endeavored to obtain a statement from Fowle as to his book-keeping, having a note to meet today, but was put off with evasive answers until his suspicion became thoroughly aroused and the end proved their justification.

During the two months in which Fowle has been in his employ he has occupied a suite of rooms in the Aurora building and during that time has never been known to stay away from them over night.

Sunday night, however, after his conversation with Mr. Chisholm he went to the Empire hotel and engaged a room and went to bed about 10 o'clock. Jim McDonald, proprietor of the hotel, went upstairs later in the evening and as he passed down the hallway he heard through the door of the room Fowle was occupying, which was slightly open, heavy breathing accompanied by slight groans. Going inside the room he found Fowle in a stupor from which he was unable to arouse him. He became frightened and immediately sent for a physician.

Dr. Thompson and Sutherland responded to the call and found the man under the influence of an extremely heavy dose of chloral. Antidotes were applied and gradually the man returned to consciousness. However, it was fully an hour and a half before he could be pronounced out of danger.

After his consciousness returned he struggled furiously with the doctors and begged them to leave him alone as he had no desire to live and stated that he was sorry that he had not shot out on the hill and frozen to death where he could not have been heard.

After his return to consciousness he made a complete confession to Mr. Chisholm, in the presence of several witnesses, of his defalcations which he said was caused by his infatuation for a well-known actress who was recently employed in the New Savoy theatre. He also confessed to having served four years of a sentence of seven years in the Massachusetts penitentiary for defalcation and embezzlement of \$14,000 from the lumber firm of Shafford & Morse of Boston for whom he was head book-keeper for several years. After serving four years his sentence was commuted and he was released on a three years parole. His release took effect on the 17th of March, 1900, and he immediately started for Dawson, arriving here in July of the same year.

He was married in Boston but after he was sentenced his wife obtained a divorce and obtained custody of their child—a little girl.

During the summer of 1900 he worked on the steamer J. P. Light and afterwards worked for the McDonald Iron Works, and from there he went to work at the Aurora saloon. He is an expert accountant and book-keeper.

Mr. Chisholm asked him if he had been in square while working for the McDonald Iron Works and he replied that he had but he said that he was not held in such confidence as while at work for Chisholm and the opportunity did not present itself for him to go wrong.

After his return to consciousness he made his confession he was returned to the barracks. He has been very ill today from the effects of the

chloral. He is now in the hospital and his condition is improving.

It is reported that Fowle is now in the hospital and his condition is improving.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. GEN. CHAFFEE'S FIRST REPORT

Only Time Will Solve Philippine Problem.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The United States war department has made public the first annual report of Major General Chaffee, Military Governor of the Philippines. Chaffee sums up the situation in the Philippines, from a military point of view, by stating that the provinces of Batangas and Laguna, in Luzon, and the Islands of Samar, Mindoro, Cebo and Bohol, constitute an area now disturbed by an embodied force of insurgents. Owing to the physical character of the country to natural warfare of rebels, who are "Amago" and foe in the self same hour, to the humanity of the troops, which is taken advantage of by the rebels and inhabitants who sympathize with them, and to the fear of assassination on part of those natives friendly disposed, if they give information to American forces; is due the prolongation of guerrilla warfare.

NEW STRIKE ON SULPHUR

Good Pay Discarded on No. 7, Friday Gulch.

Gold in paying quantities has been struck on Friday Gulch which comes into Sulphur creek at No. 3 below discovery. But little prospecting was done further than sink one hole to bedrock, the discoverer then hastening to town to record discovery in order that others might locate and record. From 15 to 20 claims have been already staked. Plans taken from the hole already put down go from 5 to 25 cents each.

FIRST MAN OVER THE ICE

Arrived in Dawson From Outside Friday Night.

H. Mubaunier, a Chechaco Hill mine owner, is stopping at the Empire hotel resting up from a hazardous trip over the ice. He got in to Dawson late Friday and came to the Whitehorse November 10th with the mail train now on the way, but was compelled to leave that outfit about Selkirk, as the mail men made camp there for an indefinite period. He suffered no particular privations or hardships en route and reports the trail down from Stewart river a perfect boulevard.

KLONDIKE PLATINUM

Valuable Discovery Made at the Vancouver Assay Office.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—T. C. McCaffry, manager of the Dominion assay office at this place, states that his assays have found important percentages of platinum in dust and nuggets from the Klondike. In discussing methods of mining, Mr. McCaffry said that thousands of dollars worth of platinum is thrown away by miners in the ordinary course of taking gold. From experiments he is certain an analysis of the tailings from gold sluices would give valuable returns in platinum from the Klondike creeks.

GOOD FOR CANADA.

London, Dec. 7.—The Imperial authorities are considering a scheme for the extension of auxiliary military forces in Canada, thereby greatly increasing the militia, making large grants for ammunition and contributions to the Canadian pension fund.

NEW FURNACES.

London, Dec. 7.—English iron-masters propose large importations of ore from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia for the treatment of which immense basic furnaces will be constructed.

SENSITIVE LEO.

Rome, Dec. 8.—Pope Leo will not send a representative to King Edward's coronation for the reason that he was not officially advised of his accession.

TERRIBLE DEATH.

Seattle, Dec. 8.—Tom Raymond of Black Diamond, while hunting on Saturday fell into a quicksand morass and was swallowed up.

MAN HANGED.

Stevenson, B. C., Dec. 8.—James G. Green was hanged here Friday for the murder of E. Benjamin whom he shot through a window. Jealousy prompted the crime.

A GAME OF DRAW.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Nine street car conductors were arrested here last night for playing poker.

Shoff, the Dawson dog doctor, Pioneer drug store.

DIRECT FROM VANCOUVER. SPILLED MILK.

Rome, Dec. 7.—In the Roman senate Baron Fava, formerly Italian ambassador to Washington, announces his intentions to interpellate the foreign office as to the status of the matter now pending between Italy and the United States regarding the lynching of two Italians at Erwin, Miss., last June.

A LA CROMWELL.

London, Dec. 9.—The Spectator highly commends President Roosevelt's message, especially approving his attitude towards trusts and also the foreign policy outlined by him. The president is referred to as a man "with the inflexible moral character of a Cromwell."

NOSES IN QUEBEC.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The population of Quebec is shown by the late census returns to be 1,645,572 against 1,485,535 in 1891. The French population is now 1,307,980 as compared with 1,188,246 ten years ago.

NO TRANSFER.

London, Dec. 7.—The British high court has refused to consent to the transfer of the Atlas Insurance Co. to the Pelican Co., on the ground that Atlas finances on Atlas policies would then be terminated.

LOST STEAMER.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—Wreckage sighted in Hecate straits by a halibut steamer is believed to indicate the loss of the steamer Ralph J. Long from Nome.

DICK CASE OUT.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Perry Queenan last night put Dick Case of Seattle out in the tenth round of what was to be a ten round go.

TRAVEL IS PICKING UP

Many Dawson Bound Passengers Reach Skagway.

Skagway, Dec. 9.—Steamer Dolphin arrived Saturday and the Topeka yesterday. Travel shows a decided improvement. The Dolphin brought over 100 passengers. The Dolphin's delay was due to a broken shaft. This is the first time the Topeka has been in this port since her mishap of two months ago when she struck an iceberg. The Farallon is off the run until there is room for her on the dry dock to put on a new wheel. The Cottage City is due tomorrow. The Alaska Mail Steamship Co. promises to put on a new boat at once to be followed by two more in the spring.

Arrivals from Dawson are coming in very slowly although it is said the trail is fairly good after the cut-off is reached coming this way.

A Sunday Stampede. There was a quiet Sunday morning sneak taken by a number of Dawsonites yesterday, not to the side door of a saloon for a morning's morning, but up Bonanza to stake claims on a newly discovered quartz ledge said to be located near the Forks. They left town by horse sleighs, dog teams, bicycles and on foot; but as little was heard of it today, it may not have resulted in anything more than is usual to the majority of stampedes.

Shot at Short Range. Mrs. Fourthhusband—Is it really true, as the papers intimate, that our United States senators frequently talk for the mere purpose of killing time?

Mr. Fourthhusband—No question of it, my dear.

Mrs. F.—What a reprehensible practice, to be sure!

Mr. F. (mindful of the fate of his predecessors)—Very true, but there are greater offenders. Our local cemetery bears testimony to the existence of more fatal talkers than those whom you accuse.—Boston Courier.

His (Horrible) Mark. "Ah, count," his American wife said the first time she ever saw his bare arm. "I see you have been vaccinated!"

"Vaccinated! Vaccinated!" he shrieked. "Mon Dieu! Zis sees what you call—ze humilliation! Diable! Et zis not ze vaccination! Et zis ze mark that you call been—ze mark from zis terrible duel zat I have fight. Zis sees ze honaire—ze gr-reat badge! Mon Dieu! Vaccinated!"—Chicago Times Herald.

Anxious to Serve. Lawyer—It is reported that you have frequently expressed yourself as opposed to capital punishment.

Deacon Highpool (draws for jury duty)—I won't have no scruples in that man's case. He cheated me on a hoss trade once.—New York Weekly.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. WRECK LOCATED.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—The wreck of the Rio Janeiro has been located off Golden Gate by a diver who claims to have stood on the deck of the lost steamer in 30 fathoms of water. He brought up articles from the wreck to prove his statement. The Golden Gate Wrecking Company will resume efforts to raise the ship.

BOER CHILDREN.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Edmond Rostand publishes touching appeals in all the Paris papers in behalf of the Boer women and children in the British concentration camps. He calls on the children of all free countries to not forget at Christmas tide the miseries of the Boer children.

NEW RAILROAD.

Detroit, Dec. 8.—Joseph B. Moore of this city has offered \$2,100,000 per cent. 90 year bonds in England, thus assuring the construction of the Gulf and Manitoba railway from Duluth to Kansas city.

NOTHING NEW.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Sensational disclosures are expected as the result of ruptures between M. Labori and Druffuste. It is alleged a conspiracy existed against the French army.

BUSINESS RESUMES.

London, Dec. 9.—As an indication more normal conditions prevail at Pretoria, transactions of stocks and shares have resumed as well as the business in the postal department.

RAISIN CORNER.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—A movement is on foot to corner the unshold portion of California's raisin crop and double present prices.

LYNCH WILL STAND PAT

Regardless of Threats to Arrest Him on Charge of Treason.

London, Dec. 7.—Col. Lynch, the ex-Boer soldier who was elected to represent Galway, Ireland, in the imperial parliament, is reported as saying that he will take his seat regardless of threats to arrest and prosecute him if he ever sets foot on British soil.

CRISPI'S REMAINS.

Rome, Dec. 9.—An uproar arose in the chamber of deputies yesterday during the discussion of a proposal to inter the remains of Signor Crispi, former minister to San Domingo, in the Cathedral of Palermo. The Socialists and Radicals opposed the proposal vehemently on the grounds of the economic and financial policy of the late premier which caused intense suffering to the Italian people. The scene in the chamber became so violent as to make it necessary to force an adjournment.

IN HARD LINES.

New York, Dec. 8.—A musical was given at the residence of Mrs. Esther Herman yesterday for the purpose of raising money to send Mrs. Alice Washington Fairchild, a grand niece of George Washington, the first president of the United States, to some charitable institution. The woman was found in a squalid tenement on the verge of starvation.

UNDEVELOPED WEALTH.

A block of territory a thousand miles square, 640,000 consecutive acres of the richest pasture lands in the world, which yield on cultivation the strongest and best grain ever put on any market.

Contiguous to, and underlying this immense area, are the largest coal fields that have ever yet been discovered; large enough to solve the fuel problem for an indefinite period, gold, silver and copper, are in abundance, and, above all, there is any quantity of water power.

Such is Northwest Canada, as described at the Royal Colonial Institute recently by the Rev. John McDougall; and all this rich country is in touch with the home markets through British routes, no foreign power lying in between.

"Let the British Government," urged Mr. McDougall, "take a practical interest in this great portion of our empire; turn the trend of emigration that way, people these immense areas, multiply the producing power of the nation, and thus secure to the home country a sure and certain food supply, as also an ever-increasing field for commercial enterprise, and in the investment of capital."—London Express.

DIRECT FROM VANCOUVER. SUMMERVILLE DIVORCE CASE

Brings Out Counter Swearing in Seattle Court.

Seattle, Dec. 8.—A divorce action of special Klondike interest is on trial in the Seattle courts. Cora E. Summerville says that William J. Summerville is her husband and that when she left him two years ago at Dawson he promised to send her money; that he failed to do this, and that he has much wealth. Summerville alleges that the woman is an adventurer; that she never was his wife, and denies making any promises to send her money. Mrs. Summerville is suing for divorce, alimony and the custody of the children.

POOR CHINA.

New York, Dec. 7.—Shanghai correspondents say there can be no solution of China's financial problem until the powers consent to a material increase in import duties.

LIGHTING MONEY.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—It is announced here that an eastern syndicate with a capital of \$30,000,000 is seeking to get control of the lighting of San Francisco and adjacent towns.

SEVERAL DECISIONS GIVEN

By Justice Dugas in Chambers This Morning

Clerical Errors May Be Corrected by Court of Appeals In Full Session But Not Otherwise.

Mr. Justice Dugas sat in chambers this morning rendering judgments in the case of Kast vs. Lumpkin and a decision upon a motion made in the case of Fleitschman vs. Greese where in an application was made before his lordship to correct the judgment or certificate of judgment issued on the 26th day of August last, by the clerk of the court, as not conveying the real intention of the court sitting on appeal from the decision of the gold commissioner, so as to make the following phrase:—

"And it is also adjudged and declared that the side boundaries of said defendants' gulch claims as against the plaintiffs are lines three feet higher than the lowest general level of the gulch existing on the surface of said claims at the time of plaintiffs' staking," to read: "And it is also adjudged and declared that the side boundaries of said defendants' gulch claims as against the plaintiffs are lines along bed or rim rock three feet higher than the lowest general level of the gulch existing on the surface of said claims at the time of plaintiffs' staking." It being urged that the omission of the words "along bed or rim rock" was a clerical error and not in conformity with the decision of the court of appeal.

"I need not go into the merits of the motion," said his lordship, "though I may say that it strikes me that, in fact, this omission is a slip which would justify the court of appeal in changing the wording of the perfected judgment drawn by the clerk of the court."

Several cases are cited in the judgment where it is shown that clerical mistakes in judgments or orders, or errors arising therein from any accidental slip or omission may be corrected as well in the court of appeal as in the inferior court, but it is not stated that these authorities decide the point that such a correction can be ordered otherwise than by the whole court itself.

"It seems that," continued his lordship, "although it may be considered as extraordinary that an officer of the court should have, for the time being, the right to bind the decision of his court, whilst one of the judges is not. Yes, the answer to this is: that it is due to the nature of his functions which makes him the conveyancer of the ideas of the whole court and not of one of its members in particular, when they have all acted together. This is the effect of our judicial system and I cannot see that anything which may be applied to the inherent jurisdiction of any member of that court will authorize one of its members afterwards to bind the others with any order, whether it really conveys or not the real ideas of the whole court."

The motion was dismissed with costs and the desired correction can not be made until the return of Justice Craig and the convening of the full court of appeals.

Judgment in the case of Kast vs. Lumpkin was in favor of defendant, the action being dismissed with costs.

WHITNEY-HAY. Washington, Dec. 9.—Alice Hay, the eldest daughter of Secretary of State Hay, is to marry Payne Whitney, son of W. C. Whitney. The bride-to-be is the author of a number of books of verse that have been well-received.

MILD ASSAULT. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Sir Henry Strong, chief justice of Canada and father of James Strong, the first mayor of Nome, is charged in the Ottawa police court with technical assault in that he made threatening gestures to Barrister R. J. Wickstead during the hearing of a recent case before the supreme court.

SHOT AT POLICE. Sofia, Dec. 8.—Halju, the assassin of ex-premier Stamboloff of Austria, has been arrested at this place. He resisted and emptied two revolvers at the police before being overpowered.

MEAGRE DAMAGE. Seattle, Dec. 9.—The steamer Clara Brown went ashore during a recent fog at Al-Ki point, can be saved with but little damage.

For the Public Good. "If you don't take it," said the struggling young author, with a gleam of fierce determination in his eye, "I'll find somebody who will."

The editor looked the poem over again.

"Well," he said, "how will \$5 do for it?"

"I'll take it," replied the struggling young author, suppressing his eagerness. "When will I see it in print?"

"You won't see it at all, young man," rejoined the editor, handing over the money. "I'm buying this merely to suppress it in the interests of the helpless public."—Chicago Tribune.

MISERABLE MAIL SERVICE

Outgoing Dawsonite Writes From Stewart of Desultory Movements of the Mail Drivers—Deadheads Mush Royal Mail for Bed and Board—Incoming Mail May Arrive Tomorrow.

From Monday's Daily. At first I thought the Nugget's statements against this concern were over-drawn, but after seeing what I have, I am convinced that you have only told part of the wrongs now being inflicted upon the people.

There may be some reasons for delay further up the river, but there is none for such slow progress being made on this trail unless it is don't-give-a-damns.

Yours truly, JOSEPH M. RILEY.

The above letter was brought down from Stewart by a Mr. Wood, who, with another man named Johnson, came down from that point, starting from there yesterday morning and reaching Dawson this forenoon, at 10 o'clock. They passed the incoming mail above Ogilvie yesterday and from their account of its transit it is even slower than the outgoing consignment.

By telegraphic information it is learned that the incoming mail reached Ogilvie last night, leaving there this morning at 7 o'clock. However, it is the intention to only bring it as far as Ainsly today, completing the trip in tomorrow.

Over a year ago defendant sold plaintiff a two thirds interest in 35a below on Sulphur including also all his right, title and interest to a 100 per cent. lay on 35, the claim adjudged, the total consideration being \$1200. In payment thereof Kast gave a team of horses valued at \$800 and a note and mortgage for the remaining \$400. The suit was brought upon the ground of fraud and misrepresentation and asks for damages sustained by reason of such false representation.

In his judgment his lordship finds that damages can not be claimed from the defendant. Notwithstanding the plaintiff is still in possession of the claim, the original cost of which was but \$1,200 and \$800 of which was only paid, still he sues for the full recovery of \$1200.

"He should have taken his action to rescind," quotes his lordship, "and instead of claiming the payment of money to him purely and simply, ask the return to him of the span of horses, and in default, then their value fixed at \$800. He has no right besides to claim the \$400 which he has not paid."

The action was dismissed with costs. The case of Webb Lumpkin vs. Wm. Kast, is another action by the same parties in which the plaintiff sues the defendant for the foreclosure of the mortgage of \$400, past due. It was agreed that this action would be dependent upon the other, and judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff.

Syndicate Lyonnaisse vs. Eckman stands over until the second Monday in January.

In Melvor vs. McKay an application was made in behalf of the alleged debtors to set aside the garnishee summons previously issued. After a little legal sparring the application was granted by consent, the parties making it putting up a bond as security.

An application for a writ was made in the case of McLeod vs. Simpson. Granted returnable 60 days after service has been made.

Marl Tomerlin, the alleged highway man, was up for arraignment, but as the papers from the lower court had not been received the prisoner was remanded until a later date.

During the morning and while many of the barristers were present his lordship again called the attention of the bar to the irregular manner in which the records of cases submitted to him for judgment are often made up. It sometimes happens that it is a question whether or not the proper material upon which to base a judgment is before him. It was suggested that counsel and the clerk of the court should see to it that the records in each case is complete and the proceedings chronologically tabulated when the case is closed. Another annoying thing that a judge has to contend against in sifting testimony is the constant occurrence of reference to certain exhibits, or points fixed on such as "this," "that" and "here," meaningless phrases when read from extended notes, though perhaps perfectly clear when heard during the progress of a trial.

Banquet to Tweedie. A banquet will be given at the N. W. M. P. officers' mess tonight in honor of Sergeant Tweedie who is to leave on Wednesday by dog team for the outside, England and possibly South Africa. Covers will be laid tonight for 20 persons of whom five will be civilians, the remainder being officers of the force.

CITIZENS' MEETING

Held in the Board of Trade Rooms Yesterday Evening.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IS RECEIVED.

Mass Meeting Will Be Held Early Next Week.

INCORPORATION DISCUSSED.

Dissatisfaction Expressed If Charter Provides That Only Those on Tax Roll May Vote.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

The adjourned meeting called yesterday evening for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed at a previous meeting to wait upon Commissioner Ross and ascertain that gentleman's views relative to the terms of the proposed incorporation ordinance and whether or not aliens in the coming municipal election were to be granted the privilege of voting, was held in the Board of Trade rooms. A much larger crowd was present than was on hand at the first meeting held and it might be said was truly representative of the city. British subjects preponderated in numbers but there was a fair sprinkling of aliens, several of whom probably pay taxes in a greater sum than all the others combined. There were big ratepayers, little ratepayers, and those who pay no rates at all, and it was a noticeable fact that those who had the most to say contributed the least toward the support of the government. The meeting received several resolutions, one of which was so amended, contorted, passages stricken out and others added, and then re-amended again that the mover of it upon its final passage failed to recognize his own child. One thing developed during the evening, notwithstanding the persistent efforts of the professional agitators to jolly the crowd into the belief that the only salvation of the city lay in immediate incorporation, and that is, there is a very large and important element in the city which until they have seen the terms upon which it is proposed the city shall be incorporated will not commit themselves upon the subject. As was stated by one gentleman, it was folly to resolve for or against the proposed steps until it was known just what was to be handed around in the way of privileges. To those who do not own a taxable property and probably never have it is a matter of no consequence whether the rate of assessment be 5 or 50 mills on the dollar, but with him who is called upon yearly to dig up from \$100 to \$5000 it is a different proposition and one that requires serious consideration.

When the meeting was called to order by Jas. F. Macdonald, the rooms were comfortably filled, among whom were A. B. Palmer, George Murphy, James Gando, George DeLion, D. C. Mackenzie, J. F. Sugrue, M. Giroux, D. H. Matheson, Councilmen Arthur Wilson and A. J. Prudhomme, M. H. Boulais, J. F. Macdonald, William Thurnburn, Col. Heichenbach, Alex. Macfarlane, Dan Stewart, S. M. Graff, Frank Clayton, Thomas McGowan, E. B. Condon, Thos. Adair, Frank Slavin, C. P. McLennan, A. D. Field, George Butler and Chas. Ross. Alex. Macfarlane was made secretary and the chairman explained the purpose of the meeting, asking for the report of the committee which had waited upon Governor Ross. In the absence of both Mr. Adair and Dr. Thompson, E. C. Stahl was called upon to state the result of the interview. The conversation had with the commissioner upon the subjects at issue was briefly outlined by Mr. Stahl, his remarks being supplemented by Dr. Thompson who had arrived in the meantime. The gist of the report was that the commissioner favored incorporation but was unalterably opposed to extending the franchise to aliens. In support of the former it was pointed out that the expense of the schools would still be borne by the Dominion; there is an excellent fire department which would be turned over to the city unincumbered by any debt; there would be no need of municipal buildings as quarters required could be secured in the new administration building; taxes already collected for the present year would not be refunded, but a portion would undoubtedly be set apart for the use of the municipality which would start the city in excellent shape financially. The report of the committee was ordered adopted.

Shortly afterward, J. F. Sugrue offered a resolution which after much carving, pruning and receiving many amendments read as follows:

"Whereas, The names of many owners of property, real and personal, do not appear upon the last assessment roll; and

"Whereas, No action of the assessor should disqualify any voter or candidate for office if such candidate or voter now or before election day possesses the requisite amount of property, especially in view of the fact that over the actions of the assessor the electors of Dawson have no control;

"Therefore this meeting of citizens hereby notifies the secretary to notify the commissioner in council of the desire of this meeting that the proposed charter of the city of Dawson should contain a provision that candidates and voters who now own property, freehold, leasehold, or personal, and who may have for any reason omitted from the assessment roll, may register their names and titles prior to nomination day and thereby acquire all rights and titles of a candidate or voter within the municipality."

The resolution provoked a great deal of comment and at one time it looked as though it would die a horrible death on the table, a victim of too much hot air. Councilman Prudhomme was asked for an opinion and said:

"I can assure you of this, gentlemen, that in the approaching election every man who is entitled to a vote will get it if I have anything to say about it. If only those whose names appear on the assessment roll are given the franchise, a great number entitled to vote will be omitted, which I think would be manifestly unfair and I as a member of the council shall protest against the assessment roll being taken as the basis from which the list of voters is made up. I know of many here who are occupying property assessed in the name of the owner instead of the tenant. Outside the tenant voters in municipal affairs and the same rule should be applied here."

Councilman Wilson: "My worthy colleague has fully expressed my sentiments and has left nothing for me to say. I shall use all my influence to see that everyone entitled to a vote can vote. We may be of some use to the voters in that respect, notwithstanding the statements made in the Daily News to the effect that the influence of the elective members of the council is nil."

James H. McKinnon stated that it was true, as had been stated, that he was left off the assessment roll, and accordingly as matters stand now would not be entitled to vote, but he thought a great deal of "hot air" was being exhausted upon the subject, surely everyone entitled to vote would be permitted to do so. Then the speaker digressed, depicting the way the present and the previous meeting had been held; there was not enough publicity given to them and many people who would have attended knew nothing about it, and—

But the chair declared the speaker out of order and the peroration was abruptly terminated. Others indulged in oratorical flights and raged through contents and the resolution finally carried.

No sooner was the resolution disposed of than another one of the seemingly inevitable concomitants of public meetings was shot forward. Its tendency was to railroad the opinion of the meeting as to the absolute necessity of incorporating and doing nothing else, but fortunately the purposes attempted were nipped in the bud. The resolution read:

"That having heard the public discussion relative to the merits of incorporation by mayor and council for civil government, or by appointed or elected commissioners, this meeting hereby resolve that we endorse the proposition to incorporate the city of Dawson at once, with a mayor and aldermen governing the same, for the reason that this form of municipal government is the one with which the majority of the citizens are most familiar and more adapted to our experience."

Opinions were asked for by the chair and again Mr. McKinnon ventilated his mind about the star chamber proceedings. Said he:

"I feel a distrust about these private caucuses; there is too much of the star chamber privilege about them. It is being talked of on the streets. Regarding the motion, I should say 'if it evolved itself down to a question of a mayor and board of aldermen or a commission of three, I would look as though we were incapable of governing ourselves in the event of incorporation being voted down. Here we have been kicking for a year or more for representation in the Dominion parliament and a wholly elective council and what greater check could be placed on our desires if it were said Dawson was offered self-government and refused it?"

Then followed Thos. McGowan who hit the nail squarely on the head and brought the meeting to a sudden and amicable termination. He said he did not think that in dealing with such a weighty question as incorporation it was fair or right for 30 or 40 people as was there assembled to take it upon themselves to voice the sentiments of the entire community. The meeting in that respect was not representative, as many doubtless knew nothing of it and as such any resolutions which might be passed or any action taken would have little or no weight with the Yukon council. A public meeting duly advertised was what was needed, at which time the proposed charter would probably be available and it could be seen what it is the intention of the council to offer the city. As matters now stand one can not vote intelligently on the resolution on the table as we know nothing about the proposed charter and

the provisions it contains. If a meeting of the nature of the present is to be of any service it should be held in a public place, where everyone could be present who desired. The number at the present meeting could not be taken as representative of 8000 people.

"It is wrong," continued Mr. McGowan, "to take any action in the question as to whether the city is to be incorporated or not until we have seen the proposed charter and become fully cognizant of what we are going to do."

The idea met with almost unanimous approval and motion was made and carried deferring further action on the matter until a public meeting has been called for its more complete discussion. A committee of three, consisting of Messrs. D. H. Matheson, J. F. Sugrue and M. H. Boulais was appointed by the chair to wait upon Governor Ross today and request that final action by the council upon the incorporation bill be deferred for one week, or until a public meeting could be held and the voters made fully acquainted with the provisions of the proposed charter.

The King's Stables.

It is only fitting that the horses of a king should be lodged in an equine palace and should lead lives of dignity and luxury worthy of their high station.

That "all the King's horses" have, comparatively speaking, as good a time of it as "all the King's men" cannot be doubted by anyone who has seen the Royal stables at Buckingham Palace and Windsor and has seen the conditions under which they live.

The stables at Buckingham Palace, which lie barely screened from the beautiful gardens, are a small palace in themselves, forming with the coach-houses stately rows of buildings, arranged in the form of a large quadrangle, approached from Buckingham Road by an imposing gateway.

The side of the quadrangle opposite to the entrance-gate is the home of the beautiful cream and black horses familiar to the spectator of Royal State processions. Here, in spotless cleanliness, perfectly appointed stables, with stately columns and vaulted roofs, are stabled some of the most valuable and beautiful horses in Europe.

Seen apart from their rich trappings, the cream horses, with their uncommon "complexion," almost colourless eyes and pink noses, looking like equine Albinoes, lose something of their staidness and picturesqueness. They are, however, magnificent animals, perfect in form and ageing, and standing on an average nearly sixteen hands high.

The creams, like the blacks, are of Continental extraction, although for many years both have lived long, reaching an average age of over twenty years; and curiously enough, nearly all of them bear Royal names, such as Emperor and Monarch, Sovereign and King George, names peculiarly appropriate to their high rank and duties.

The blacks, which are of Dutch origin, are still larger and finer, many of them being between seventeen and eighteen hands high.

The Palace Road side of the quadrangle is devoted to the carriage-houses, about thirty in number, nearly all magnificent bays averaging about seventeen hands, and all equal to fourteen miles in the hour in double harness. Five hundred guineas a pair may be set down as the average value of these splendid animals.

The utmost care is taken in training these horses, which are warranted to maintain their equanimity under any disturbing conditions, from a German band to the discharge of an 81-ton gun.

In the coach-houses on the east side of the quadrangle are to be seen some of the most costly and magnificent carriages in Europe, including the gorgeous State-coach which, after forty years of service, was seen as the opening of parliament some months ago by King Edward VII.

It is interesting to note that this "glass coach" is eight yards long, 12 feet in height, and weighs no less than four tons. The carving on it cost over \$2,500, the gilding nearly \$1,075, and coachmaker's bill was \$1,075.

Sweet Evenings Come and Go.

Sweet evenings come and go, love, They came and went of yore. This evening of our life, love, Shall go and come no more.

When we have passed away, love, All things will keep their name, But yet no life on earth, love, With ours will be the same.

The daisies will be there, love, The stars in heaven will shine; I shall not feel thy wish, love, Nor thou my hand in thine.

A better time will come, love, And better souls be born; I would not be the best, love, To leave thee now forlorn.

—George Eliot.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Hotel Flannery.—F. Hurley, G. Sulphur, C. E. Jones, Sulphur, G. Patterson, French Hill; John Patterson, 27 Eldorado; Geo. Vederi Sulphur; S. Mathewson, Sulphur; A. Malin, Dawson.

INCORPORATION CHARTER

Digest of Ordinance which Is a Most Voluminous Document—Election to Determine Whether Incorporation Is Desired Will First Be Held—Commissioners May Be Appointed.

At a late hour yesterday the typewriting of the ordinance providing for the incorporation of the city of Dawson was completed and today the Nugget is enabled to present the same to its readers in a compact form and somewhat shorn of its legal verbiage. As was stated in yesterday's issue, the bill is a voluminous document covering 73 closely typewritten pages and seems to be most comprehensive in every detail.

There are three parts to the bill, the first providing for the incorporation, the proclamation, election, duties of officers, powers, etc., etc. Part 2 provides for the submission to the electors of the city the question: "Shall Dawson become incorporated under part one of the Dawson city charter?" Part 3 provides for the appointment of a commission by the commissioner of the territory, who shall govern the city in the event of the electors declaring by election that it is not their wish that the city should be incorporated under the provisions of part 1.

A summary of the provisions of part 1 is as follows:

It provides for the enactment of the bill by the commissioner of the Yukon territory by and with the consent and advice of the council of said territory.

The ordinance is entitled "The Dawson City Charter."

The application of the bill covers that area as shown by the plan of survey of the limits of the Dawson and Klondike townships attached at Dawson, August 20, 1901, by A. J. Macpherson, D. L. S. (The area is described by metes and bounds and may be roughly stated to embrace only that portion of the townsite from the summit of the bluff east of the city, to the Klondike on the south, the Yukon on the west, and the bluff on the north.)

The city shall be governed by a council consisting of a mayor and six aldermen.

Qualifications of mayor are: Must be male British subject, 21 years of age or upward; resident and ratepayer at least six months prior to nomination; rated upon real property assessed at not less than \$2,000 on the last assessment roll.

Qualifications for aldermen are the same as for mayor except that the rating upon property is placed at \$1,000 instead of \$2,000.

The mayor and aldermen hold office for one year.

Disqualifications for the office of mayor or alderman are: Those who have been adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent; have made general assignment for benefit of creditors; or, suffered an order of commitment to have been made against him. The sheriff of the territory is not entitled to become mayor, neither is any person who is manager or possesses a controlling interest in any concern which secures contracts from the city. Convicted criminals are also barred.

British subjects who are tax payers and who have paid the same are entitled to vote. All others are excluded.

When the proclamation of incorporation is issued, the commissioner will appoint a returning officer and he must post notices calling for the election within ten days thereafter. All nominations must be filed a week before the election.

Parties who have been left off the voters' list by error may apply to the council to have their names placed thereon. The council will sit each year to finally revise the voters' list.

Nominations signed by two voters and bearing the written statement of the candidate that he is willing to serve, must be filed with the secretary-treasurer of the city.

The elective officers are a mayor and six aldermen.

A large portion of the ordinance is taken up with the procedure on election day, providing for the establishment and location of election booths and the other necessary details.

Several sections deal with the matter of bribery and of the use of undue influence in securing support for candidates. Any candidate who promises an office, or city patronage, or who hires a carriage or other conveyance to take voters to the polls may be considered guilty of bribery. Candidates are permitted certain legitimate campaign expenses.

An election may be contested if the contestant files a bond of \$200 with the court.

The council shall fix its own time of meetings. It shall also appoint a presiding alderman, who shall be acting mayor in the latter's absence. All officers are required to take an oath.

The mayor shall have general supervision of the affairs of the town.

The council will enjoy all the legislative authority granted by the ordinance.

The following matters come under the jurisdiction of the council:

Assessment and collection of taxes, payment of salaries, purchase of land

for city purposes, erection of city hall and other buildings, care of the poor, control of fire department, * * * 2 Inco. Ordinance.

streets, sewers, sidewalks, public lighting, public parks, water supply, and may borrow money to a limited extent.

The council may also regulate its own proceedings, appoint necessary sub-officers, regulate their bonds, take the city census, divide the town into polling districts, collect dog licenses, compel property owners to observe the fire ordinances, regulate the starting of employees and generally provide for the care and safety of life and property and the observance of law.

The council shall appoint a secretary-treasurer, who shall keep the public records and deposit the public moneys in a duly selected bank.

Before issuing the proclamation of incorporation an election must be held to determine whether incorporation is wanted. Rate payers only will be entitled to vote.

If incorporation is rejected all the powers vested in the mayor and council will be granted to a commission of three members to be appointed by the commissioner.

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"You needn't worry, Abe," she replies; "Mirandy hasn't been walking around on the Monroe doctrine or sticking up her nose at our colonial policy. She's got a beau at last, and I don't reckon that has anything to do with Uncle Sam. He rather encourages such things, as I understand it. I'm talking to you as an old friend and not as the fellow who carries the American eagle under his arm."

"Then go ahead and tell me all about it, and I'll do my best to encourage the match. Who wants Mirandy?"

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beartraps or lightning rods he almost winped at me as he enters the house and takes a cheer and says he has at last met the angel of his dreams. If Mirandy hadn't put her finger in her mouth and run up stairs, I believe he'd have proposed to her then and there. Do men fall in love that way, Abe—good men?"

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As the stage drove into Deadwood in the anteroom days we noticed the body of a man hanging from the limb of a tree near the hotel, but no one expressed surprise or asked questions. It was an hour after our arrival when a little old man came along a-foot and began making a fuss about the hanging. He said so much and said it in such loud tones that the man who had hoisted the job finally turned on him with:

"See yore, old man, what's all this row about anyway?"

"About that hanging!" shouted the old man.

"Waal, didn't the kuss steal a horse?"

"He did, and it was my boss too."

"And you wanted him hung, of course?"

"Of course I did."

"And isn't he up there in t'iptop shape and accordin to Hoyle?"

"He are, but you was too blamed sudden about it. You didn't give him time enough."

"Didn't we give him ten minits to prepare his soul?"

"I reckon you did, but he took them hell ben minits askin the Lord to forgive his sins and was swung off before he could tell what he had hid the boss away."

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WILL BE TAKEN UP

Matter of Appointing Outside Commissioners for Yukon.

A matter which will be taken up by the Yukon council during its meetings next week and which will result in the passage of an ordinance now ready to be presented is that of providing for the appointment by the commissioner of any person or persons he may so desire residing outside the territory before whom oaths and affidavits pertaining to matters within the territory may be taken, the same to be of like force and effect as those taken or sworn to before a duly appointed commissioner of the Yukon territory. The ordinance will read as follows:

The commissioner of the Yukon territory by and with the advice and consent of the council of said territory, enacts as follows:

1. The commissioner may by a commission or commissions under his hand and the seal of the Yukon territory from time to time empower such and so many persons as he shall see fit and necessary to administer oaths and to take and receive affidavits, declarations and affirmations without the Yukon territory, or in concerning any cause, matter or thing depending or in any way concerning any of the proceedings in the territorial court of the Yukon territory, and every oath, affidavit, declaration or affirmation taken or made as aforesaid shall be as valid and effectual and shall be of the like force and effect to all intents and purposes as if such oaths, affidavits, declarations or affirmations had been administered, taken, sworn, made or affirmed before a commissioner taking affidavits within the Yukon territory or other competent authority of the like nature.

2. The commissioner so appointed shall be styled "commissioner" and shall take affidavits in and for the territorial court of the Yukon territory."

Small Debts Court.

Police Magistrate Macfarlane was engaged yesterday in hearing a number of small debts procedures, and accumulated of the past month. Practically the entire list was disposed of.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Warren entertained the members of the Y. P. S. C. E. society of St. Andrew's church at her residence on the island in the mouth of the Klondike. About twenty of the young people were present and passed a very pleasant evening with games and music.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. F. T. Congdon and Mrs. Ward Smith gave an afternoon tea to the Ladies' Aid Society and their friends of St. Paul's Episcopal church in the Guild room. Among those present were: Mrs. F. T. Congdon; Mrs. Ward Smith; Mrs. McDonald; Mrs. Davis; Mrs. Davey; Mrs. Chetaway; Miss Thomas; Miss Freeman; Messrs. Congdon, Herbert, Finnan and Boyle.

One of the largest and most enjoyable events of the week was the skating party given at the Barracks rink on Tuesday evening. The weather was mild and the ice was in excellent condition for skating. A large bonfire was kept blazing around which the skaters gathered, after enjoying the exhilarating exercise. In the later part of the evening the company adjourned to the officers mess where refreshments were served, making the evening in its entirety one of exceptional pleasure. Those present were: Capt. and Mrs. Starnes, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. Davey, Mr. and Mrs. Davies-Colley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Macaulay, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McLennan, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Congdon, Mr. and Mrs. White Fraser, Dr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. French, Miss Handwell, Miss Chisholm, Miss Richardson, R. P. McLennan, Mr. Handwell, Sam Marks, P. C. Stevenson, Capt. Cooby, H. E. A. Robertson, Dr. Barrett, C. W. S. Barwell, Mr. Crisp.

The Driving Club met this afternoon at the Barracks for its regular Saturday afternoon drive, with the largest turnout of the season. Among those having teams were: R. P. McLennan, Capt. Starnes, Capt. Wroughton, Capt. Cooby, F. T. Congdon, H. C. Macaulay, E. C. Senkler and Joe Barrett. After a short drive they will return to the new club rooms of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, where they will be entertained.

The Dawson Literary and Debating Society is now well established and gives promise of being one of the most interesting societies during the winter. The membership now numbers about fifty and includes many of the best known literary gentlemen and ladies of Dawson. The first social session will be held on next Friday evening, at which a musical and literary program will be given.

The public library held another of its very interesting entertainments on Monday evening and as usual the building was crowded with an interested and appreciative audience.

The building formerly occupied by the Canadian Bank of Commerce next to the Barracks has been remodelled and made into a modern club house for the employees of the bank. The club, which has just been completed and elegantly furnished will be formally opened this evening, when the members will provide entertainment for the members of the Driving Club on their return from their drive. An orchestra has been engaged for the occasion and a sumptuous banquet has been prepared, which will make the occasion one of pleasure to all who attend.

The second Arctic Brotherhood hall which will be held on next Friday evening is looked forward to by all with anticipation of having an excellent time.

The annual police ball will be held on Friday, the 27th of this month, and promises to be one of the best of the year.

On last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stingle entertained a number of their friends, the occasion being the celebration of their tin wedding. The house was very prettily decorated for the occasion and an excellent wedding supper was served by the hostess. A number of handsome presents were received by Mr. and Mrs. Stingle commemorative of the occasion. The evening was pleasantly passed with music, dancing and games, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Those present were: Mr. and



On Tuesday evening a number of gentlemen met at the residence of Mr. Chas. McDonald and formed what will be known as the Dawson W. S. Club. This is to be a strictly stag club and will hold weekly meetings at the residence of different members of the club. Among the members are: Chas. McDonald, president; F. E. Congdon, vice president; H. A. Herbert, secretary; A. Marks, treasurer; H. E. Ridley, F. G. Crisp, W. Noble, J. W. Nicol, J. S. McKay, D. G. McKennie, W. G. Berry, Chas. McDonald and Messrs. Warden, Howe and Grant.

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HOW THEY LOST A FORTUNE

Two Crooks That Had Arranged for Loot

As Far as Nelly Curzon Was Concerned the Program Was Carried Out to the End.

Bob and Bob were down on our luck. I can tell you. Every day we had planned went as crook. We had worked for near a month on a darling-planned scheme to get Lord Talpott of his plate and just when all was ready I'm blest if the sheriff didn't walk in and catch the whole blooming lot just as a few of his lordship's beastly

"Well," says I, "we're broke." "Just a bit, Bill Jack," says Bob. "I always called me Bill Jack 'cos I was christened William John."

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"You—you can never do it," I gasped. "Pooh! there is not much risk. You know my skill in disguises, and Rupert Errol, just come from abroad will be sure to have a beard, and I know we are pretty much of a pair."

"But, Miss Curzon?" "She will never suspect; she was only seventeen when Errol went away, and eight years makes some difference in a man; besides, I have got to know enough of her young days to convince her that I am her beloved Rupert."

"That night I went to my new situation at Egham, and by the first post in the morning a photograph of Rupert Errol was on its way to Beautiful Bob. Errol was not a bit like Bob except for the nose, and they were almost as similar as two peas, but I knew my chum's skill in make-up and felt no fear."

"At eleven o'clock on Saturday morning I saw a telegraph boy enter the grounds, and then I prepared for some excitement. The news flew over the place like wildfire, and all I could hear for the next hour was 'Mr. Rupert is coming this afternoon.' And I smiled all by myself."

"At five o'clock Miss Curzon grouped us all on each side of the porch, while she herself stood on the steps to give him a royal welcome. Almost to the minute the carriage and the pair of greys which had been sent to the station swung up the drive, amid our cheers of welcome, a handsome, brown-bearded man stepped to the ground."

"With hardly a look at the servants he dashes up the steps, and in another instant, before us all, he had Miss Nelly in his arms, kissing her and—well, I didn't think Beautiful Bob had it in him."

"Rupert, Rupert! come back at last," she said. "At last," he says, "my happiness is complete." Then he kisses her again. Oh! he was having a real good time, was Bob.

"Then he makes a speech to the servants and thanks them all for their welcome. That evening I waited on them at dinner. I always knew Bob was a bit of an artist in the way of romancing, but his conversation at that meal was an eye-opener. He told her of his travels all over the world; his luck at the gold-diggings in California; the tremendous estates he had purchased out there; and the beautiful places he had built. A wonderful place it seemed to be, complete in every particular save one."

"Why, what's the game, if it ain't luck?" "It is loot, Bill Jack, but not a penny and darningsten job. We are going to pull enough this journey to last a lifetime. Now, listen: first I want a photograph of Rupert Errol, if it is to be had."

"I'll see if I can manage that," I says. "Then I must have a fever to pay my fare to Southampton and back. I suppose I must do a little sleight-of-hand in a crowd to get that."

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"And what is this one thing that is missing, Rupert?" she asks—innocent like. "A queen, my darling," he answers, "and as soon as my palace was ready I set out for England in the hope that I could bring you back with me to share my throne."

"Oh! Rupert, do you—do you mean us to leave England?" "Why not, my darling? We two are alone in the world, and with you by my side, the place in California will be a Paradise. I propose to sell Sandilands and get away as soon as we can."

he regreted that it was he would buy it as it stands, lock, stock, and barrel, all except the horses."

"Well, he can have it, and the horses can be sent to Tattersall's."

"And you will send my jewels over tomorrow? Rupert is so anxious to see me looked in the family diamonds."

"I shall bring them over myself." "I had heard a lot about those diamonds, and I smiled broadly as I thought of Bob's smartness."

"I tried to have a word or two with Bob, but he always seemed to frown when I approached him, and I remembered his instructions not to speak to him until I was spoken to."

"But to tell the truth I began to get a bit troubled about Miss Nelly. I thought Bob was going a bit too far. It is all very well making up to a servant when you want a bit of information, but to make love to a beautiful girl like Miss Nelly and even fix up the wedding day was, to my mind, only complicating things."

"The next day the lawyer turned up cheques you promised the servants will not include him."

"What hard luck; anyway, we must alter it. You look a tingly young fellow—how would you care to come to California?"

"I would follow Miss Nelly anywhere," I answers. "Good judge," he laughed. "Well, you shall have a cheque for £100 and our address in California. If you find your way out there, well and good; if not, that is your own lookout."

"I thanked him, of course, and determined to let things take their way. Bob knew what he was about, and I must not spoil his game."

"But on Saturday came Mr. Woodrow arrived at Sandilands, and at ten o'clock we all drove to the church and Rupert Errol was quietly married to Miss Nelly."

"Then when the time came we all went up to say 'Good-bye' to the happy pair, and as we passed by with a hand-shake the bride handed each of us a cheque."

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When my turn came I went up and received a cheque for £100; and as Bob shook hands with me he says, 'We shall be seeing you again shortly, and I thought he gave a wink, which I returned.'

I came to London that night and Bob went on his honeymoon. All through the succeeding days I kept repeating my chum's words:

"A week after Rupert Errol disappears from Sandilands hall Beautiful Bob will be awaiting you here with your share of a fortune."

Trembling with excitement I waited for Bob at the place appointed. He was not long in making his appearance, but a more forlorn, woe-begone-looking object I have seldom seen.

"Why, Bob," I says, "what on earth has happened?" "Wherever have you been?" "Quod," he answers. "Quod," I says, surprised. "Why—and where's Nelly?" "Nelly? Who's she? Have you gone daff?"

"Nelly Curzon, the girl you married at Egham church last week." "You are mad—I was in quod last week."

"Now, look here, Bob, you can't bluff me like this; you nicked the fortune, and I want my share."

"My dear Bill Jack, you don't see drunk, but you talk like it. I have not been near Egham, and I have not nicked a fortune. I tried to pitch a purse to provide the necessary funds for our enterprise, but I got nailed and fourteen days in the bag. I came out this morning."

"Then who—who came to Sandilands, married Miss Nelly, sold the place up, and paid the servants off?" "The real Rupert Errol, according to the paragraph in today's paper. I saw an account of his marriage and his beautiful place in California. But did you really think Rupert Errol was Beautiful Bob?"

"I did, I did; and he gave me a cheque for £100." "Good, good, that puts us in funds at any rate."

"But, oh! I ass that I was, I thought it was your bogus cheque and lit my pipe with it."

"I will not repeat what Bob said, but we've not been such good friends since. I sometimes feel rather glad that Miss Nelly was not deceived in her happiness; but many a time, when things look blue, I think remorsefully of that lost fortune."

"First Lady Passenger—"If that window isn't opened this minute I know, I shall die."

"Second Ditto—"Who opened that window? If it is not shut I shall die, I'm sure."

What Divers Earn. A man must possess good nerves and physical strength to be a diver, said a man who had been engaged in that profession for the last eighteen years to the writer, when questioned as to the qualifications necessary to make a successful diver. I have known many an instance where an apparently strong man has refused to make a second descent into the water. The sensations one feels in descending into the sea for the first time are decidedly strange. There is invariably a buzzing in the ears, and in some cases this is accompanied by an ethereal blood.

A diver's dress is very heavy, from 180 lbs. to 200 lbs. The helmet alone weighs 50 lbs. In the water, however, the whole dress does not weigh more than 50 lbs. to 60 lbs. I once worked in the dress in the hold of a ship amongst some broken barrels of caustic soda. It was impossible to move the cargo without such protection from the fumes. I worked away for two days in that hold, but hav-

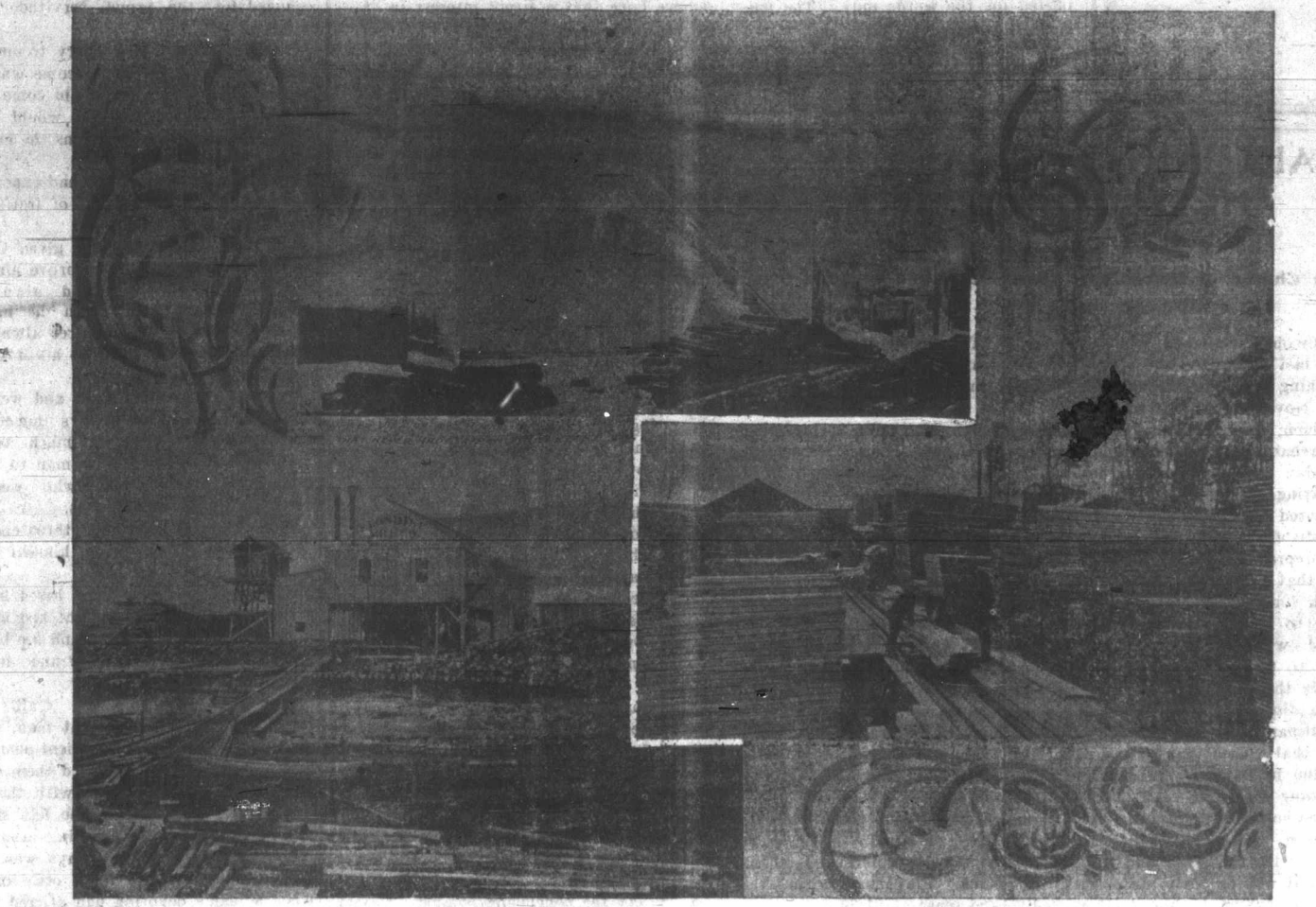
ing no water to take off the weight of the suit my limbs ached for months afterwards. Most of the professional divers have been trained from boyhood at Whitstable, and earn from £4 to £7 a day when at work. The ordinary fee

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for a diver with his assistants—namely, two boys to work the air-pumps, and an attendant—is £5 a day. When the work is dangerous the fee is greater. For instance, on some wrecks I have received as much as £7 a day and all expenses paid. A good diver is seldom in want of a job. He is known to nearly all the big salvage companies, who are always wanting men in all parts of the world.

It is possible now for a man to remain five or six hours underwater without the least inconvenience. By the submarine lamp, which was invented a few years ago for the use of divers, one can see fairly distinctly at night. Do you know that some few years ago Halloran, a well-known diver, lit one of these lamps, when they first came out, at a depth of 38 feet in one of the docks, and read an article from a paper by it. It was perfectly audible to those above through the speaking tube. Some members of the Admiralty were present at the time. Halloran was a

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DAWSON BUTCHERS JOLLIFY

By Holding First Annual Banquet Last Night.

The Event Being Under the Auspices of the Butchers' Protective Association - A Pleasant Occasion.

From Tuesday's Daily. The Butchers' Protective Association which was organized a short time ago for the purpose of establishing a currency basis upon which to conduct the meat business of this country held its first annual banquet last night at the Pioneer hall.

Besides the members of the Association, which includes all of the meat merchants, wholesale and retail, of the town and vicinity, invitations had been very generously extended to a number of the leading merchants and professional men of the city so that in all there were nearly fifty surrounding the festive banquet board when time was called and the first course was served.

The banquet was in charge of the well-known caterer Mr. Bruce, and it is unnecessary to add that he distinguished not only himself and the association by the quality and quantity of the food and drink provided. The menu was an extensive one and taxed the capacity of everyone to the fullest extent. It was as follows:

- Manhattan Cocktail. Eastern Oysters. Bisque. Of res. Dill Pickles. Salted Almonds. Grouse on Toast. St. Julia. Turkey, Cranberry Sauce. Cold Prime Rib of Beef. Saddle of Lamb. Dupree Ham. Ox Tongue. Salads. Shrimps and Lobsters. Chocolate Ecstasies. Boston Cream Puffs. Assorted Cake. Oranges. Apples. Bon Bons. Cigars. Cafe Noir.

After the wants of everyone had been supplied and the banquet board had materially changed its appearance and lost considerable of the attractions it possessed in the earlier part of the evening, toasts were presented and responded to and the balance of the morning was passed with songs, speeches, snatches of wisdom, wit and eloquence.

Mr. L. C. Tranton, of the Pacific Cold Storage Co., president of the association, acted in the capacity of toastmaster, a position which his wit and eloquence enabled him to fill admirably.

Mr. N. P. Shaw responded to the toast "King Edward the VII." and was followed by Thos. McGowan in a toast to the President of the United States, and was followed by L. R. Fuida, W. A. Beddoe, R. H. Palmer, G. S. C. Barton, John Gilson and a number of others in short speeches.

A string orchestra was in attendance and discoursed sweet music throughout the evening. The occasion was one where jolly good fellowship reigned supreme and the evening was enjoyed thoroughly by all present. Among those in attendance were:

- Geo. Murphy, Jack Ellingood, Chas. Murphy, J. A. Green, John Gilson, G. C. Barton, Dr. Cassel, Dr. Edwards, W. A. Beddoe, R. H. Palmer, S. W. Taggart, O. F. Kassner, T. Aikman, Dan Stewart, Mr. Peck, Ed. La France, Chas. Bossuyf, A. J. Campbell, J. Boyd, W. P. Allen, R. Lavery, Mr. Richards, Mr. Carmon, N. P. Dhaw, Frank Sherwood, C. H. Anther, Mr. Murray, Sidney Bedel, Chas. Pooley, Mr. Bogart, L. C. Troughton, Joe Dumbill, Peter Link, Joe Field, Mr. Boenton, C. H. Barch, Mr. Gutlerie, Mr. Atkinson, Tom Mc-

Gowan, Mr. Diehl, J. Stevenson, L. R. Fuida.

ELDORADO AND BONANZA

Resume: Winter Work, Gaieties and Festivities.

Mr. Link the popular and well-known butcher of Grand Po's is doing business in town today. Mr. D. O. Stephenson from No. 11 Victoria Gulch is in town for a few days. Mr. Geo. Lee of Gold Hill had a very narrow escape last Monday morning. He was working in a shaft and when he was ready to come up he gave the signal to hoist. When about 30 feet up suddenly the loop which his foot was in came loose and he dropped to the bottom of the shaft. It was a miracle that he was not killed, as in the bottom of the shaft were two skids about 2 feet apart and about 2 feet from the bottom. It so happened that Mr. Lee fell between the skids; he thinks his left foot struck one of the skids for he broke the socket bone in left heel and sprained his right ankle.

Mr. Lee says a thousand thoughts seemed to fly through his mind in a moment, his first thought being that he would be instantly killed, then he thought that he would have some of his limbs broken. A sickening sensation came over him all in a few seconds. Mr. Lee says it seemed as though he was several minutes falling when in reality he was only a few seconds. He received a horrible shaking up but at present is getting along nicely. He has his foot in a cast. Mr. Lee says it was not a pleasant journey and he would not care to go through the ordeal again.

The Stockade roadhouse at No. 19 below Bonanza has been fitted up with all modern improvements. The proprietor, Mr. Thos. McMullen, has put in a barber shop to cater to the wants of his numerous patrons. There has been a marked improvement lately in his business as he is very popular with the traveling public.

The Strathcona at Magnet City is doing a large and flourishing business on strictly cash principles. The Magnet City hotel operated by Mr. Fred McKay is keeping the good reputation that the house has always held and continues to have a large number of steady boarders. The Occidental on No. 25 below which caters extensively to the traveling public is doing a good business furnish their patrons with good accommodation.

The Nugget has offered \$50 for the best song. We certainly expect our Jos. Webb will compete for the prize and uphold the name of Grand Forks as he has established a reputation as a poet. Mr. McLaughlin is down from No. 29 above on Bonanza on business.

Her Playing. "Do you play much nowadays, Miss Smith?" he asked as they seated themselves after the wait.

"Only occasionally," she replied. "I have neglected my music shamefully of late and am quite out of practice."

"I was passing your house last evening," he went on, "and stood at the gate for a moment to hear you play. Instead of getting out of practice I think you are improving, if any improvement is possible," he added lightly.

"Last evening?" she questioned. "Yes, about 9 o'clock."

"You are mistaken. I was at the opera last evening," she said as she accented an invitation from another gentleman to dance. "It was the man tuning the piano you heard."

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Yukon Song. The Nugget this year proposes to offer fifty dollars for a song. This Yukon territory, in the growth and prosperity of which every inhabitant takes the very deepest interest, has been celebrated the world over by newspapers and magazines, and books even, have been devoted to descriptions of its wonderful richness. But its praises have never yet been set to music. It is for the purpose of remedying this oversight that the Nugget makes its present offer. We desire to publish a song which will represent to Yukon what the "Maple Leaf" is to the Dominion, what "America" is to the United States, and what "God Save the King" or "Rule, Britannia" are to Great Britain. The prize of fifty dollars will be offered for the words only. The music will be cared for later on. We therefore invite every poet in the territory in whom the divine spark has been planted to call upon the muse and compete for the prize. Please note the following conditions: (1) The song is to contain five stanzas. (2) No limitation is to be placed as to the metre or length of the verses. (3) Manuscripts signed with name de plume and accompanied by sealed envelope containing real name and non de plume must be received at this office not later than December 20th. A competent committee of judges will be selected to decide upon the merits of the verses submitted and the award will be made in accordance with their decision. Everyone who desires may compete and we hope that a lively interest in the contest will be awakened.

SALTMAN HELD OVER

On Charge of Defrauding Thos. G. Wilson.

Jacob A. Saltman, who was arrested last Friday on the charge of obtaining goods to the value of \$483.65 on November 28th, from Thomas G. Wilson, the importer and wholesale merchant, was before Magistrate Macaulay this morning on preliminary hearing. Saltman on November 18th secured over \$800 worth of goods on credit from Wilson and it was on misrepresentation as to their disposal that caused the merchant to trust him for the last lot, Saltman alleged while on route with the \$800 lot to Gold Run and that the goods there unsold, while in reality he had disposed of them at that time. Saltman also represented to Wilson on that date that he had paid out \$1400 in Dawson immediately preceding that date and that he then owed no money to any one except him. Wilson. He said he had settled large bills with the Ames and N. C. Co.'s and it was on these statements that Wilson extended him further credit. The cashiers of both the Ames and N. C. Co.'s were in court this morning and testified that Saltman had not paid them the money, he said he had.

The defense had very little to offer in the way of evidence and Saltman was held over in the sum of \$4000 to answer to the higher court. It is said an effort will be made to secure bondsmen and his consequent release from jail where he is now confined.

GOLD BOTTOM NEWS NOTES

Events of One of the Liveliest Corners of the District.

A social entertainment was held at Discovery on Gold Bottom creek on Friday evening. A number of Hunkerties were present and report a good time and no headaches next morning. Wm. Lemox had a telephone placed in his store.

Mr. Cliff Bolling of the Gold Bottom hotel has added a barber to his staff.

Major Wood and Capt. Routledge paid a visit to the village last week. Now is the time to buy flour. It's away down. There's war on the knife along flour lines among our local merchants.

Dr. Bell of Caribou paid a fraternal visit to Dr. Clendennan Monday. He says Dominion people keep well and hearty in spite of him.

Rev. John Pringle of Grand Forks called on his brother George this week.

The children on Hunker are right up-to-date. The other day in school one of 8 years raised her hand to ask a question. On being asked what was wanted she said: "Please, teacher, what is the figure next the trap-spot?"

Turkey Raffle. Mr. J. T. Burkland of No. 4 above upper on Dominion, is in the city on business. He is preparing for a big shooting match and turkey raffle Christmas afternoon. There are a number of crack shots on Dominion and competition for the championship will be spirited.

Map of Koyukuk. Adolph Mosheim has prepared and placed on sale a blue print map of the Koyukuk. It is on a scale of 10 miles to the inch and shows all the creeks and their tributaries in that district. The map would be a valuable guide to anyone intending leaving for Koyukuk. It is on sale at Kilgore's.

Shod, the Dawson dog doctor, Pioneer drug store. Don't fail to see the cartoons at the Pioneer saloon.

DAWSON WHIST CLUB

Meets and Perfects Organization Last Night.

The weekly meeting of the Dawson Whist Club was held on Monday the 9th December, at the residence of Mr. A. F. Nicol. Those present were: Hugh McKinnon (presiding), Chas. McDonald, H. G. Herbert, J. B. Ward, D. S. MacKenzie, F. T. Congdon, H. E. Ridley, H. Jemmitt, B. A. Howes, A. E. Marks, A. F. Nicol, F. G. Crisp, W. C. Noble, F. W. Wood.

It was decided to accept the invitation of Messrs. Marks and Jemmitt of the Bank of Commerce to meet next week at their quarters in the old bank building. Messrs. H. E. Ridley, A. F. Nicol and F. G. Crisp, the committee appointed to draft a set of club rules, submitted the following for consideration, and these were unanimously adopted:

- 1. The club shall meet once a week, on Monday night, at such place as may be determined from time to time. Play shall begin at 8 o'clock and cease at 11:30. 2. Tables for play shall be formed by cutting or by agreement. 3. A membership fee of \$2 shall be paid by all members. 4. "Cavendish" rules shall govern all play. 5. Games of seven points shall be played, and in ascertaining the score, all points made by the winning players shall be counted, the points won being determined by deducting the score of the losing players from that of the winning players. 6. Each player shall keep an accurate record of his score in each evening's play and upon the termination of the play shall hand to the official scorer a memorandum of such score. 7. It shall be the duty of the official scorer to keep all records of scores and at the end of the season's play to make returns to the president, showing the result in the case of each player.

Give the boy a fine knife for Xmas. See Shindler. Job Printing at Nugget office.

INCORPORATION ORDINANCE

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ly offered it would have been better had they not been made at all. I do not say the regulations at Ottawa can not be improved upon for I believe they can."

Mr. Prudhomme asked for the privilege of saying a few words before the final passage of the bill. He referred to the well-known fact that both Mr. Wilson and himself were in favor of a wholly elective council. The proposition to allow five elective members (three additional would not benefit matters any nor benefit the present members any, but would simply tie their hands, and they would have no power to make or enact laws. He considered there was as good material in the territory to select from as was at present sitting in the council. He also thought the commissioner should have the sole direction of the expenditure of territorial funds. Hydraulic concessions were characterized as the curse of the country, the concessionaires owning them expending no money except in the procuring of their grants.

At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Prudhomme moved an amendment to the section of the memorial providing for five elective members by adding that the number of those appointed be reduced to three.

The memorial was then passed and a motion was made directing the commissioner to forward it to the governor-general in council. Shortly prior to adjournment Mr. Prudhomme moved that the legal adviser be instructed to prepare an ordinance having for its purpose the regulation of attorney's fees, which the member stated were often something enormous. The motion was carried and an adjournment was then taken.

Toys and games—all kinds for the little ones.—Kilgore & Landahl's.

THE HEART OF THE ACTRESS

Was Hard to Satisfy as Many Men Learned

Finally She Married a Big Rough Cold-storage Man That Was Very Rude to Her.

Being at foundation a womanly woman she always expected to marry. I say expected instead of hoped because she had constantly too many admirers to doubt her opportunity to her mind it was simply a question of meeting the right man. She felt sure that when the right man came she would be willing to give up everything for him; indeed she contemplated with a certain serene satisfaction the coming of a time when her triumphs and ambitions and fame and freedom would be exchanged for the proud servitude of wifehood.

Still she wasn't in a hurry to meet the right man. He would come when he did come—and when it did come it couldn't be helped, and she would be glad. Upon various occasions she had thought him come.

Upon these occasions she had experienced a distinct sensation of trepidation. She had conscientiously given the admirer a fair chance to prove himself the right man, but had always been downright glad when he had failed to do so. The admirer always made some mistake fatal to his interests.

Perhaps he lost his head and went down on knees; that always immediately settled it. She was much too proud and too humble a woman to be willing to marry a man who went down on his knees about it. Or he lost his head and threatened to shoot himself or drink himself to death or jump in the bay.

She permitted men who loved her certain privileges—they might kiss her hand, come to the theater and see her play and love her flowers and feel miserable about her. Any one of them, she realized, might develop into the right man, so she treated them all conscientiously. She never mistook them or led them on and since she was frank with them and never discourteous she felt she had a right to be exacting about their manners, and she always was.

Upon the three or four occasions when a man's devotion had stirred in her a certain degree of interest she had rigidly demanded time to find out and to make up her mind.

To find out meant to satisfy herself that the man in question and the "right man" were one of "identity." To make up her mind meant to decide whether, right man or not, she would have him.

HELP WANTED.

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He would be above all her little "arts" and caprices, but he would admire them; he would be too dignified to go down on his knees from not being able to help her, yet quite fond enough of her to do it. For her part she would never wash it, and she would be very neat and gentle and glad to be so, but—just, meanwhile she was free, and of that she was glad too.

Really, her life was delightful, she lifted her white arms into her pretty lace wrapper and laughed to herself as she settled for her little rest before retiring. Her parlor was warm and the light softened by colored shades, a bit of sandalwood among the logs sent a spicy fragrance out of the heat. She rubbed her head among the cushions and laughed again to herself. It was a notion of her own, this

half hour rest before retiring. For the sake of it she usually came home at once from the theater. Going out to suppers and sitting up and drinking wine were stupid; besides such a course would soon spoil her good looks. A warm, all by herself half hour in her pretty room, with the crackling of her fire for company and her milk punch and biscuit for refreshment, was much nicer.

It was nice to feel that the comfort around her was all of her own making and to know herself in the midst of it to be very pretty and very sweet, and alone, in spite of the ones she could check off on her pink fingers as that very moment when she was miserable for a sight of her.

As a rule men had sought her out and made themselves as charming as they found possible and were permitted, Craig Demmon attracted her.

He was big, undeniably a gentleman and by nature apparently a savage. He fell promptly in love with her, and his personality riveted her attention in an insistent way which she made no effort to oppose. For the first time a man's passion for her seemed to invest the man with strength.

To face his savagery and do as she pleased in spite of his fierce jealousy she found an exhilaration; to command a creature so much bigger than herself and to feel his strength and not his weakness obeyed was an excitement.

To look into his savage sinner eyes and melt them with the smile in her own was worth doing and intoxicating.

OLD PAPERS

IN BUNDLES, FOR SALE AT THE NUGGET OFFICE FIVE CENTS A POUND.

One day he asked her to be his wife, adding that unless she gave him some definite answer he would see her no more. She was much interested.

"Could you leave me and not see me again?" she asked. "Would you shoot yourself?" "No." "She felt aggrieved. After a pause she asked, "Do you love me?" "Yes!" His teeth were set, his face was pale, and he looked at her as if he hated her.

Her breath quickened. "Why do you hurry me so?" "Because I will be made a fool of by no woman!" A throb of fear went through her. She flung her head back and made answer, "You may go at once," and then, because his eyes frightened her, she began to cry and—"How do you expect one to decide at once like that, if she loves you? I can't, and I won't. You can go."

"How much time do you want?" "I don't know." "I will wait awhile." "Much better go. I won't be put on time. I don't think I shall care for you anyhow, and even if I did you are so ugly maybe I won't marry." "Go away and let me alone." She spoke in a frightened rush. "Don't be foolish," he answered. "I will wait—awhile."

During the "awhile" he saw a great deal of her, he curbed his temper, was always gentle, always devoted, made no effort to kiss her, half strangled a man at the club who said all actresses were alike and looked at her half the time as if he hated her.

She grew frightened and meek and made an exhaustive study of his tastes. One day he spoke harshly to her; she cried out that he must not—that she loved him.

Thereat he took her in his arms kissed her and said, "Will you be my wife?" A month from that time she married him.

Her manager protested, and a good deal of money was paid over. To the wife the manager said, "You are a fool. If you ever want to come back to the stage, let me know."

Fiddling Chances

When Lord Armstrong some years ago constructed several vessels to the order of the Chinese government a considerable number of Chinamen were imported into the neighborhood of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Their first location in that city or two of them died and were buried in the churchyard at Elswick. Recently, two Northumbrian men were wandering amongst the tombstones in that burial place when they chanced upon that erected over the graves of the departed Chinamen.

For a while they surveyed with puzzled countenances the strange and mysterious characters inscribed upon the stone. "Then one of them, turning to his 'marrow,' explained, 'Man Geordie, ye're a better scholar nor me; ye might just tell us what that steyn says.'"

George scratched his head in a bewildered fashion for some minutes, then, as if fired by a sudden inspiration, he replied, "It says, 'Man Geordie, ye're a better scholar nor me, ye might just tell us what that steyn says.'"

Man Geordie, ye're a better scholar nor me, ye might just tell us what that steyn says. Candies, nuts, etc., for the children.—Kilgore & Landahl's.

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