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THE DAILY KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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SULPHUR NEWS ITEMS

Population Shows Steady Increase

Miners' Cabin Brightened by the Arrival of an Heir—Creeks Are Busy.

Many Sulphurites are producing new crops of hair on soil heretofore barren. Red is the prevailing color.

The last letter received from Mr. Dyer, one of the Sulphurites who started for the Tanana, was written from the summit of Good Pasture on the Fortymile route.

No 32 above on Sulphur, where Billy Williamson runs the large mess house, will have a prominent place in the history of at least one member of the Williamson family.

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Spring Skirts, Blouses, Neckwear, etc. JUST IN.

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IMPROVING RAPIDLY

Mrs. Mattie McKinnon Is Getting Stronger Each Day

Mrs. Mattie McKinnon, the lady who was brought up from Fortymile and committed to the asylum for the insane, has greatly improved within the last few days.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana—Nugget Office.

NEW MANAGEMENT

Joe Barrett Secures Chute & Wells Hotel.

Joe Barrett, the well known and popular old sordough, will hereafter be known as "mine host of the Gold Run Hotel."

Mr. Barrett has taken a lease of the big hostelry located on 27 Gold Run which for the past two years has been run by the owners, Messrs. Chute & Wells.

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Savage Urchins

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Preparations for his cremation were being made when the little fellow's cries attracted the attention of men who were employed in the vicinity and he was rescued by them.

Looks Good

Nome, Feb. 3.—Mr. J. Bain, who came to Nome recently from Oregon creek, says that 100 men are at work in that section of the country.

He says that the shafts they have sunk to bedrock show from seven to fifteen feet of gravel that will average \$1.50 a cubic yard in gold.

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ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT

Evan Thomas, Foreman of Chas. W. Bowhay's Claim on Gold Hill Killed, This Morning by Cave-in. Body Quickly Rescued But Life Was Extinct—Deceased Employer's Brother-in-Law.

Another accident was added today to the large list of fatal casualties that have occurred in the mining district during the present winter.

The victim of today's disaster was Evan Thomas, foreman of the Bowhay claim on Gold Hill. Thomas was working a gang of five men on the face of the hill; the dirt being wheeled to the mouth and placed in a dump ready for sluicing in the spring.

It was at 10 o'clock this morning when without warning of any kind the timbers overhead gave way and a vast weight of loosened gravel was precipitated on his head.

MATTERS ARGUED

Defendants had their claim surveyed and advertised which plaintiffs claim is wrong and illegal, being so made that the claim of the defendants encroaches on those of the plaintiffs.

Cases Heard by Court of Appeal

One Disposed of Yesterday and Another Will be Finished Today.

The April sittings of the court of appeal was begun yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the full bench in attendance consisting of Mr. Justice Dugas, Mr. Justice Craig and Mr. Justice Macaulay.

Settlement is Probable

Altoona, Pa., March 14.—The deadlock on the wage scale has not yet been broken by the miners and operators of the Central Pennsylvania bituminous coal fields.

President Mitchell is assisting the miners in the fight for the eight-hour day and if the operators grant it the miners will certainly make concessions regarding the increase.

An Alaskan View

Quartz mining in the Yukon territory has received a big impetus. A syndicate that owns thirty-seven and a half claims on the south fork of Twelvemile river is preparing for extensive development.

Tommy is Bluffing

New York, March 14.—Word has been received from Tommy Ryan that he stands willing to fight Bob Fitzsimmons for the middleweight championship, stipulating that the weight must be 154 pounds.

Barrett Smashes the Apple Corner

W. Barrett, the Third avenue wholesale commission merchant, has 500 boxes of choice eating and cooking apples which he is going to sell at a price within the reach of every family.

returned in search of their foreman. His body was nowhere in sight and picks and shovels were immediately secured and the work of tearing away the mass of earth and debris was undertaken with a will.

After some little time the body was recovered and subsequently was given over to the possession of Mr. Bowhay's claim all winter and had out a good sized dump.

Thomas was a single man 27 years of age and was regarded as a good workman. He had had charge of Mr. Bowhay's claim all winter and had out a good sized dump.

LONG TIMER DISCHARGED

Completed Sentence on Saturday

Allowed Rebate of One Year on Account of Good Conduct.

Emil Rodenbach, a familiar character about town in the days of '98, was again seen on the streets yesterday and Sunday for the first time in the past four years.

Case Dismissed

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GRAND CONCERT

Will be Given for the Benefit of Free Library

The board of directors of the Free Library have arranged a grand musical entertainment to be given in the Auditorium on the 17th inst—a week from Friday next.

The entertainment will be under the auspices of Prof. Boyle's choral society and will include some splendid features.

There will be a trained chorus of 50 voices and the best vocal and instrumental talent in the city has volunteered for the occasion.

CONSULAR BUSINESS

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And it is hereby ordered that the defendants do stand absolutely debarred and foreclosed of and from all right, title and equity of redemption of and in the mortgaged premises known as the easterly half of lots 1 and 2, block "H," in the original townsite of Dawson.

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We will pay a reward of \$50 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any one stealing copies of the Daily or Semi-Weekly Nugget from business houses or private residences.

YUKON OUTLOOK.

An interview which appeared in the Nugget yesterday in reference to the necessity of direct railway communication with the outside in line with similar discussion now in progress among the newspapers of the outside.

In a recent issue of the Vancouver World, under the caption "Yukon Outlook," appears the following: "The newly appointed lieutenant-governor of the Yukon district, who knows his territory well, has been expressing his opinion about it before returning to discharge the duties of his office."

He affirms—and there seems no reason to doubt the correctness of his opinion—that there is an immense deposit of gold known to exist there, and that more is sure to be discovered in paying quantities.

All this goes to show, comments the Toronto Globe, how necessary it is to secure for the Yukon settlement access to the Pacific ocean without its being necessary to traverse foreign territory to reach it.

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cession as a desirable enterprise from the community standpoint.

Under these circumstances it becomes necessary that continued efforts be put forward to convince the premier and the other members of the government of the actual facts in the case as they are regarded by the people directly affected.

They see in Treadgold's scheme a well devised plan to squeeze the individual miner out of existence to the end that the monopoly may profit.

They see one concern of three or four men empowered by a single legislative enactment to dictate terms of operation to a great industry and indirectly to control an entire community.

All are agreed that the mining district needs a water system and needs it badly. But the price required by the Treadgold concessionaires is too great.

Yesterday's discussion in the house of parliament only serves to emphasize the fact that the fight against Treadgold must be continued, if anything, more vigorously than before.

Referring to the possibility of the government elevating Mr. Ross to a cabinet position the Sun in its issue of April 2, spoke editorially as follows: "We now desire to go on record as unalterably opposed to any such change in Mr. Ross's position, for exactly the same reasons that lead the News to desire to see Mr. Ross called to the cabinet."

"If our member is made a member of the cabinet, another election must be held in Yukon immediately after his appointment. In the present state of affairs in this territory, such a condition is not at all to be desired."

If the language thus used by the Sun does not constitute a statement of disbelief in the ability of Mr. Ross to be re-elected, in case of his appointment to the cabinet, we confess our inability to read print.

The folly of the Sun in publishing such arrant nonsense as is contained in the above quotation arises from the custom of that paper of taking its cues from the News. No other explanation will suffice unless perhaps it may be attributed to the traditional habit of the Sun of "putting its foot in it" every time it essays an original editorial effort.

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THE REPLY COURTEOUS

Addressed to "Senior" Member

Regrets That Peace of "Unworthy Instrument" Should be Disturbed.

The disposition that had been made of Joe Clarke's letter addressed to the mayor concerning the vice that was rampant in the town and which so annoyed the angelic soul of the "senior member," as Clarke now chooses to subscribe himself, was made known last night at the council meeting through an inquiry made by Alderman La Lande.

He was asked what if anything had been done in the matter and his worship replied that the communication had been answered and that the reply was on file in the clerk's office. It was produced and read for the edification of the members and the reporters present.

Smiles overspread the countenance of more than one in the room as the reading of the letter was proceeded with. It was not known that his worship had the command of such delicate sarcasm and irony as was betrayed in the letter. The reply was dignified and courteous, but was of a character that to any person other than one possessing the epigrams of a hippopotamus it would have been considered as a stinging rebuke.

"Dear Sir,—Your favor of the 28th ult. at hand, and in reply I desire to thank you for the interest taken by you in the observance of the laws governing the city.

"I regret that you should be burdened with continual complaints from persons regarding the dance halls and other evils in the city. It might be well in future to refer such complaints to the aldermen or to Major Cutbert, and we shall be pleased to act to the best of our ability. As the police force is under control of Major Cutbert, a direct complaint to that gentleman will insure the matter being looked into speedily, though there is no desire to avoid responsibility on my part.

"As a matter of fact, the chairman of the committee on license, police and health and myself have discussed the dance halls referred to by you with the police officers on several occasions, and while we are all of the opinion the law is being broken, yet we realize it is difficult to obtain convictions.

"The matter of selling liquor on Sunday is being dealt with, and trust it is satisfactory to you.

"In conclusion I may remark that while such continual daily complaints have been made to yourself, not one complaint has been made to me since taking office regarding either the dance halls or the selling of liquor on Sundays, and to insinuate that such law-breaking is done with the connivance of the police, or of any one else whose duty it is to prevent such work, is scarcely worthy of the senior member of the Yukon council for district No. 1.

"R. P. McLENNAN, Mayor."

No Extra Postage Lower Bonanza, April 7, 1903. Editor Nugget. Will you kindly state whether a letter coming from the states must be re-stamped to be returned. By answering the above you will greatly oblige.

A SUBSCRIBER. (No; a letter can be forwarded to any address without extra postage.—Ed.)

FOR SALE—River steamer "Oil City," built by Moran Bros., now at St. Michael. Ready for immediate service. Inquire Standard Oil Co.

Removal Sale!

On May 1st, I will remove to 105 Second Avenue, opposite Dawson Hardware Co. I am offering

BARGAINS IN ALL LINES For this Month.

- Flannelette, yard wide... 6 yards for \$1. Black Sattens. Waists... \$1.50 each. Lace Curtains... \$1.00 pair. Ladies' Gloves (Perrin's)... \$1.50 pair.

P. D. Corsets at Half Price. J. P. McLENNAN.

Stroller's Column.

Mine Host Russell of the Gold Hill hotel came into Dawson on the first of the month, for the purpose of transacting a lot of important business. He wanted to get back the same day and therefore had no time to spare on matters of a frivolous character.

Of course, however, when Tom Chisholm told him that Dick Cowan wanted to see him at the Bank of Commerce on a mining deal, he found time to cross over to the bank to see what was up.

A long line of customers was in front of the paying teller's window and it was about 20 minutes before Russell succeeded in getting a word in edgewise with the genial Richard. Dick had not left any word with Chisholm for Mr. Russell and he guessed the latter must have made a mistake. He had better go back and see Tom or better yet consult a calendar.

Russell perceived immediately that he had been jobbed so he returned to the Aurora and proceeded to read the riot act to the assembled joshers.

Andy McKenzie was standing near by and heartily sympathized with Russell, declaring that anyone who would play such a trick was really too mean for anything, so there.

Russell turned a grateful look in Andy's direction and happening to notice a white thread hanging from the lapel of the latter's coat reached forward to remove it. He jerked at the thread, as was natural with a man who had been so ruthlessly imposed upon, and in a second no less than two yards of it were in sight.

Another pull and more thread. Russell grabbed at the slender string as though it was an inch rope and began drawing it hand over hand. There was no light, however, and when about 20 yards had been pulled out, he quit. He looked at Andy who was the picture of innocence and then at the crowd. One glance was enough and Russell broke for the door, the maddest man in town.

When he sees Tom or Andy now he addresses them as "Mr. Chisholm" and "Mr. McKenzie," which shows the lengths to which a man may be driven when he becomes really and justifiably incensed.

The memory of J. U. Smith, for some time United States commissioner, with headquarters at Skagway, still lingers fresh in the minds of the pioneers who made their headquarters in that village during the palmy days of 1897-'98.

In the hard, coarse, but expressive language of the street, J. U. was perennially and persistently "out with the mit." He never passed anything

instead of staying at the Olyphant hotel to dinner I went on to Peckville. When I was returning on the car, imagine my surprise to find the hotel I intended stopping at for dinner had fallen 70 feet into the earth, and two other buildings with it.

While I stood there two more buildings dropped into the same hole. To make the scene more horrible, the buildings were smashed to kindling wood and caught fire. The water mains were broken, and 200 men had to wade in water up to their necks, and others had to swim in order to get out of the mine. You can imagine the excitement when the main street in a town goes down 70 feet with five buildings. After they all tumbled in and were burning the flames were 50 feet below ground.

Dante's Inferno would not compare with this scene. Women whose husbands were down in the mines were ringing their hands and crying. It was a sight once witnessed never forgotten. The people in the house just escaped with their lives, and one woman is missing. If the accident had occurred in the night the loss of life would have been awful.

Apples Apples Apples. Eat fruit in the springtime. Cut out medicine and tone up with some of Barret's choice fresh eating apples which he is going to sell to the trade at rock bottom prices within the reach of all. Ask your grocer for Barret's apples. If he has not got them ring up phone No. 1. He will tell you who has.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Affords a Complete Coastwise service, Covering Alaska, Washington, California, Oregon and Mexico.

See the Olyphant Cave-in. Cutler & Porter have received a letter from Owen Irish, one of their traveling men, from Scranto, Pa., in which he describes the recent cave-in of the Delaware and Hudson colliery at Olyphant, Pa. Mr. Irish writes as follows: "I witnessed a sight today that would almost eclipse the last days of Pompeii. I was in Olyphant, and about noon was through business, so

CITY HAS TO PAY

For Case of Drunks Latter Expected to Reimburse Treasury

Mr. R. Gaffey was in police court this morning charged with being drunk and disorderly. He was found in the Northern hotel at an early hour in a hopelessly intoxicated condition and absolutely incapable of taking care of himself. He said that he had been sick for several days past, that a certain brand of Daw-

son hootch had been recommended and that he had merely imbibed a little too freely. It was his honor's magistrate stated that apparently no harm had been done but it must be remembered that the city has to pay for the care of people who are sent to carouse, while they are in custody and that it was only right that the city treasury should be reimbursed. Therefore he would impose a fine of \$2 and costs.

Dress shirts 40c. Cascade Laundry.

The White Pass & Yukon Route

PASSENGER AND MAIL SERVICE. On account of heavy travel inbound our RATES WILL BE ADVANCED ON MARCH 24th. Stages will be sent out of Dawson as fast as they arrive making EXTRA FAST TIME THROUGH TO WHITEHORSE. For particulars enquire at office.

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PURCHASE RATE

City Council Library by Dan McLennan Name Foreman and G. J. as City Auditor.

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PURCHASE RATIFIED

City Council Passes Library Bylaw

McLennan Named as Street Foreman and G. J. McLean as City Auditor.

The city council met in regular session last night, but there was little to do other than routine business with the exception of passing the bylaw authorizing the city to purchase the lots for the site for the Carnegie library. All the members were present with the exception of Alderman Macdonald. No new communications or petitions were received and there were no new bills presented. Following the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, Chairman Johnson of the finance committee made his report, recommending the payment of the following accounts:

Electric Light Co. \$148.75
City Light Co. 35.00
Saw Mill 53.14
Campbell & Barclay 8.00
Northern District Tel. Co. 7.00
Electric Light Co. 668.50
Saw Mill 5.17
Saw Printing Co. 82.50
Telephone Co. 6.00
Telegraph Service 6.75

The report also embraced the recommendation that G. L. MacLennan, the government nominee, be appointed city auditor to begin his duties at once on the first quarter's accounts at a salary of \$300 a year, payable quarterly. It was explained that in the future it was the intention to have the books of the city audited every quarter instead of at the end of the year. Last year two auditors were employed to go over the city's books, one being named by the city and the other by the territory, Mr. MacLennan being the gentleman selected by the latter.

It was asked what if anything had been done with the letter, that had been received by the mayor from Joe Clark. His worship replied he had answered it and a copy of the reply will be found elsewhere in this issue. He also asked concerning the communication from Dr. Grant with reference to the lady now in the Good Samaritan hospital. The member was informed the matter would be taken up later, but as it was not, the query evidently became lost in the shuffle.

The question of a street foreman for the coming season was settled by a motion of Ryan to the effect that Dan McLennan receive the appointment at a salary of \$250 a month. "I presume he will work at the pleasure of the chairman of the committee," asked Murphy, to which he received an affirmative reply.

Rattling Go

Nome, Feb. 10.—On Saturday night the Monte Carlo was the scene of a rattling good prize fight in which four fast rounds were fought. The contestants were "Dutch" and young Baily. There was an amusing four-round preliminary between two heavy weight soldiers from Fort Davis. The main fight attracted considerable interest and was witnessed by a large crowd. From the time the gong sounded in the first round until "Dutch" went down and out in the fourth round both men put up a good go. It was apparent after the second round that young Baily was too fast for his opponent, although "Dutch" was game to the finish. At the close of the fourth round Baily delivered a solar plexus blow which put "Dutch" to sleep and won a signal victory for Baily.

WINTER MINING

Some Work in Progress Near Nome

Nome, Feb. 10.—Arthur H. Allardyce has returned from a trip to Bluff and the Topkok country. He did some prospecting on No. 6 above Eldorado, but did not find the pay-streak. Bedrock was found at a depth of 12 feet, and a stratum of gravel eight feet deep was found, but it contained only colors. At a depth of 18 inches he discovered three teeth of a mastodon. The dimensions of each of these teeth are about 2x3x5 inches.

Mr. Allardyce says there are 100 people in Bluff, and most of them are mining in the bench. They have cut holes through the ice at the edge of the sea, and excavated large chambers. The dumps taken out contain pay that will enable the miners to make wages this winter. Two laymen are at work on No. 2 Daniels creek, the property owned by Berger & Sullivan. Nine men are working for one layman and five for another. The larger force has taken out 15,000 buckets of gravel, which will yield from \$1 to \$2.50 to the bucket. The gravel containing the pay is from 12 to 16 feet in depth, but the full pay is not found in all of this thick stratum.

ALASKA'S TREATMENT

As Viewed by an Alaskan Newspaper

The following editorial from a recent issue of the Skagway Alaskan emphasizes a comparison recently drawn by the Nugget with reference to conditions in Yukon and Alaska. It serves to indicate the feeling of Alaskans with reference to the policy of the American government toward that territory. Under the caption "Blast the Settlers," the Alaskan says:

"With a blaring bluster of mouthed patriotism and an expression of touching love for Alaska, a bill for the extension of the land laws to this northern theatre of an everlasting 'skin game' was introduced into congress for the avowed purpose of advancing the settlement and agricultural progress of the country, by making it possible for the establishment of homes. Nothing in all the fulsome oratory that has been recorded in the Congressional Record relative to the debates upon this bill carried the refrain of the least little songlet about the additional soldiers' script features of the proposed act. No utterances were made relative to the schemes of cannery combine. That the fish trust was behind the bill for the purpose of obtaining cheap surveys, so that all the desirable points along the coast could be gobbled with script to keep others from taking them, was kept very far in the background. The bill went through the house very slickly. The senate, many of whose members have had long experience and are adept in all the occult science of playing hell in the garb of heaven dropped the bill that its passage would frustrate the cannerymen from gobbling the whole coast at a fell swoop. It was also amended so that other varieties of land sharks could not absorb the best of the country by the usual precontracted commutation of homestead frauds by the aid of suborned riff-raff. Right here the congressional attorneys of the sealawags behind the bill squealed and let the cat out of the bag. It was then 'to the devil with the honest and hardy settlers.' And the result is that the death of the bill is openly threatened 'unless it be so drafted that those who have conceived it can swipe all the best of the land.'"

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THE CUSTODIAN.

By F. A. MITCHEL.

While on a visit to the south I one day passed a plantation that had fallen into decay. The roof to the main house had caved in, the window panes were broken, the fences down. Behind the house was a solitary hut. The only thing left of the former splendor of the place was the trees. A desire came over me to know something of this noble ruin. I walked up to the house and, seeing no one, went back to the hut, where I found a venerable negro sitting on a box before his cabin door, smoking a cob pipe. "Good morning, uncle." "Mornin', sah."

"Are you the only person about the place?" "Spec I am, sah, an' I've been de only pussion 'bout de place fo' fo'ty yea's."

I offered the old man a cigar, which he declined, preferring his pipe. Throwing myself on the grass, I waited for him to talk. As he did not, I made a remark by way of a starter. "I suppose this was once a busy place."

"Reckon it was a busy place, sah. It belonged to Cunnel Peyton. He was Cunnel Peyton befo' de war, though he didn't nebber command nothin' den, an' General Peyton while it was a goin' on. He owned a hundred t'ousand niggers."

"You mean a thousand?" "Yes, 'bout dat. Dey all libed in de cabins 'long hyer."

"What has become of the cabins?" "I burn 'em all up fo' firewood. Missy Dorothy, Peyton was 'bout twenty yea's old when de wah kum on. Dat war de time when dis place war fine. All de Peyton fambly, 'twe chillun, war growed up, fou' boys an' one girl. De flower ob de flock war Missy Dolly. De cunnel an' de boys went away to de wah, leavin' Missy Peyton an' Miss Dolly. Dere war three Pickerin' boys on a plantation ober dar, an' dey war all three in love with Missy Dolly. Dey all went to de wah, an' when dey lef' Missy Dolly war 'gaged to George Pickerin' de oldest."

"Well, de fust' Peyton killed war Howell Peyton, at Manassas. Next kum de cunnel, at Sharpsburg. Roger tuk de camp fever, kum home an' died dere in de house. He had no mo' 'n died befo' George Pickerin' war brought home to de Pickerin' house ober dah an' died. Missy Dolly nussid him. Dat war de fust' yea' ob de wah, an' one day, two yea's a'fah Marse Tom Pickerin' kum marchin' up with de troops, lookin' so handsome an' so lak he brudder George dat when he went away Missy Dolly done promised to marry him."

"After de time when de massenger rode up to, tell dat de cunnel had been shot Missy Peyton done pine away, specially dat her favorite sin, Howell, war taken, an' when de news ob de battle of Gettysburg kum, an'

dat Marse Roger had been shotted daid, Missy 'es done gib up an' died in de summer. Dis leabe Missy Dolly all 'lone. But, as luck wud nab it, Marse Donald, de las' ob de Peyton brudders, tuk sick an' kum home on leabe. 'Twas lucky, fo' Tom Pickerin' war blowed up in de mine at Petersburg, an' Missy Dolly was lef' a sort ob widdar nudder time."

"Do'aid' Pickerin' hung 'long an' died in de spring ob '65, at de season when de roses air bloomin'. an' 'bout de time when de Confederacy stopped bloomin'. Ob all de fine people 'aliv' fou' yea's befo' on de Alan Pickerin' was lef'. Soon 's de south'n men gib up de job Marse kum back an' 'fin' Missy Dolly libin' all 'lone hyer, on dis plantation. Mos' ob de niggers had done gone. Dey warn't none ob 'em lef' cept me an' my fambly hyer in dis cabin. Marse Alan war de only one ob Miss Dolly's lovers lef', an' after awhile he done 'suaded her to marry him. Dey didn't mak no fuss 'bout de weddin' 'fo' dere warn't nobody to kum to it cept de ghosts."

"Dey tried mighty hard to stay on de plantation, but 'twarn't no use fo' Missy Dolly to try to lib what she had been so happy befo' de wah, an' now not eben de niggers war lef'. So one day she says, 'Uncle Peter, an' my husband a-goin' to lib in New York, an' we want you to stay hyer an' tek care ob de plantation.'"

"Missy Dolly didn't lib berry long, spee dere, war too much noise an' fuss in de city fo' her delicate situation. She had some chillun—One ob 'em kum down hyer onct, but he

war a city pussion an' didn't carry no weapons an' didn't look lak de fine gentlemen, with long hair waded used to ride 'bout on dis plantation. Marse Alan Pickerin' married nudder wife an' had mo' chillun, an' when he died dis place got all mixed up in de law, so nobody can't do nothin' at all 'bout it."

"My ole oman died a yea' ago, an' my chillun air all wuken in udder places. I keep watch ober de ole home. It's mighty lonesome some-times, an' when I can't stan' it no longer I jes' shet my eyes an' see de place swarmin' with niggers an' Cunnel Peyton bossin' 'em all."

I fed the narrator liberally and left him, walking under the great trees which flung their branches over the manor house in a vain effort to protect it from time's ravages. As I passed out where the gate had been I looked back and saw the aged custodian still sitting before his cabin door.

The waiter started as the woman got up and left the restaurant. Then as she disappeared into the street he rushed up to the proprietor and whispered into his ears. "That womap was a man in disguise."

The boss gave an exclamation of surprise. "What makes you think so?" "I'm sure of it," said the man with the napkin. "She ordered a steak, potatoes, salad, cheese and pro-none of your coffee and rolls—and here he hissed the words into the ear of his listener. She tapped me."

O'Brien After Bob. Pittsburgh, March 14.—Manager Jack H. Hermon of the Fort Erie Athletic Club arrived in Pittsburgh today for the purpose of securing Robert Fitzsimmons' consent to the holding of his coming fight with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien at Fort Erie.

O'Brien, it is stated, has signified his willingness to accept the club's offer, preferring the contest shall take place in the east. The club is said to have offered \$10,000 for the fight. Hermon met Fitzsimmons today and presented his claims and best agreements. Fitzsimmons took the matter under advisement and was non-committal. O'Brien has gone to New York to post his money with Al. Smith, the stakeholder.

Work Has Begun

Skagway, March 18.—The erection of defensive works at Sitka and Dutch Harbor, Unalaska Island, Alaska, said now to be under construction by the war department.

The plan includes also, the fortification of Unalaska Island, on which are the important harbors of Unalaska and Dutch Harbor, the two forming perhaps the most important port in Alaska. Every vessel plying between the Pacific ports and the Yukon stops at one or the other of these places. At these places the only coal north of Sitka is stored, and forts on the island would command the chief entrance to Bering sea and make it, almost as the Mediterranean has been made a "British lake," an American lake.

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