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JUDGE WANTED

For Alaska, Which Is Now Without That Very Important Official.

DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF AFFAIRS

Johnson Has Gone, and Appointee Brown Is Too Old.

HE HAS PASSED 50-MILE POST

District Litigation at a Standstill—No United States Commissioner at Juneau.

The Yukon is not the only country on earth that is forced to look to higher sources for officers and then accept just what the higher sources see fit to thrust upon them. Alaska is in the same boat, and just now the injustice of the laws making such things possible is being keenly felt in that district. The last issue of the Daily Alaskan received here unfolds the following tale of woe: Deputy Marshal J. M. Tanner who returned last evening from Sitka by way of Juneau, brings news that the entire district of Alaska is without a district judge, and there is no telling when it may have one, and consequently no telling when there will be another term of court. The marshal says:

"Not long ago Judge Johnson received a letter of instructions that he might finish work in hand and consider himself released from the bench March 31. This he did, and is on his way to Seattle. However, there is no one in Alaska to succeed Judge Johnson. Attorneys who went from Juneau and Skagway on the last Cottage City found no one on the bench, and had to come back home disappointed in their missions. It is reported that Judge Melville C. Brown who was named for successor of Judge Johnson, got part of the way here and turned back or refused to start at all because he is more than 50 years of age and in the pending Carter code for Alaska there is a clause providing that

no one more than 50 years old will be eligible to the district judgeship.

"The members of the Juneau bar gave a big banquet at Juneau last night in honor of Judge Johnson, and during the feast presented him with a gold watch and chain. The judge left Juneau on the Dirigo for the Sound."

Marshal Tanner also mentioned that there is no United States commissioner at Juneau.

The same paper in the same issue editorially says: "Alaska is today without any judge, and is without any magistrates either from Wrangel to the head of Lyan canal. Judge Johnson has resigned and his successor is reported to have turned back, as what use would it be for him to come here and attempt to take his seat on the bench when if the pending bill passes he will be found away beyond the age limit of 50 years

"But affairs in Alaska ought not thus to be brought to a standstill. There are any number of cases on the calendar for trial at the court set here for April 20, and the marshal, who has received orders to hold his prisoners here for this court, finds his little quarters overcrowded.

"This is a mere incident, however, when the inconvenience of a large number of litigants will be put to consideration, and how to best bridge over this difficulty is a question that some representative body should immediately take under consideration."

Between and Between Period.

The present period in Dawson is similar to that which follows for a month or six weeks the closing of navigation in the fall, in that it is a period when, owing to conditions, there is neither ingress nor egress. As a natural result, business in many departments is very quiet at present, and especially is this quiet apparent in mercantile departments, as the local trade has been supplied, and claim owners and operators are all looking after their interests on the creeks and their visits to the city are infrequent. The hotels, however, are not complaining; and the majority of them are doing much better business than was expected, the patronage being wholly local. This condition of affairs may be expected to continue until the cheering blasts of the river fleet are resonant throughout the vale of the Yukon, when Dawson will blossom as the rose and flourish as the proverbial green bay tree.

Deserving Man Assisted.

Dan Ryan, the railroad foreman who so bravely went out voluntarily last winter near the Summit to search for some one supposed to have been lost, and was lost himself, and so badly frozen that both his hands had to be amputated, has gone into business in Skagway, and there hangs a pretty tale of brotherly feeling among the men of the railroad.

After Ryan had recovered, and it was known he could no longer do manual work with hands, the boys on the road from Skagway to Bennett made up a purse to help Dan to make a start in the world. They raised \$600, and with this the crippled hero has started a neat cigar store on Broadway, not far from the depot—Alaskan.

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ALIEN LAW TO BE REPEALED

Lieut.-Gov. McInness and Joseph Martin Condemned—Other Side to Come.

Dawson was an established mining camp with a world-wide reputation more than one year before Atlin had a place on the map or had been heard of; yet the residents of that embryo town, as well as those of Bennett, will be permitted to go to the polls like free born men and cast their ballots at the approaching British Columbia election. The following from the Alaskan savors of old times when the snort of the political warhorse was heard in the land:

"The two members of the British Columbia parliament for Cassiar, Hon. D. C. Clifford and Capt. John Irving, came in on the train last night from Atlin. They had been looking over their political fences in view of the general election in June. They have some miles of these fences to look after. The electoral district of Cassiar covers 164,000 square miles, but the voters are about as scarce as oysters in a church social stew. There are only about 1500, the majority of which are at Atlin and Bennett. But it is a wide territory to travel over, all up the Skeena river into the old Cassiar mining region, and this the candidates, or Mr. Clifford at least, is going to do.

"There will be opposition candidates coming shortly to oppose these members of the conservative party; 'grits' such as Bethune Belyea, Wallace, Langley, McCraney and possibly others, and by the 15th of June, the day of election, they will warm things up at Bennett and in Atlin.

"We had very successful meetings in Bennett and in Atlin," said Mr. Clifford last night, "and we discussed the situation as it unfortunately is, which you know is in a muddle. The lieutenant-governor has acted very unconstitutionally all through and he and Martin are running the government now. I do not think Martin can get a following, and it would be a bad thing for British Columbia if he did. He is a clever fellow, but, you know."

"He is talking about government ownership of railroads, but it is not practical in British Columbia. If the Dominion took it up it would be all right. But for British Columbia to attempt it would mean a direct tax she cannot afford.

"The Atlin alien bill would have been repealed last session but for the muddle, and I have no doubt it will be among the first bills passed next session. All are now in favor of it. I was the solitary member against its passage. I felt then that it would be very injurious, but I did not think it would be so injurious as it proved to be. Still I think Atlin will do fairly well this season."

Gold Commissioner's Court.

Gold Commissioner Senkler has rendered a judgment in the case of Laing, plaintiff, vs. Bowie, defendant. The action involved the title to the hillside claim, left limit, opposite No. 28 below upper discovery on Dominion creek. The text of the decision is as follows: "Upon hearing the evidence in this matter, and it appearing that the plaintiff allowed his free miner's certificate to expire subsequent to staking the ground in dispute, and the defendant

Bowie having paid to Mr. Fawcett the sum of \$100 for the purchase of the ground in question under the 34th section of the placer mining regulations of 1898, the said \$100 being accepted by Mr. Fawcett and a grant issued thereon, it is decided that Mr. Bowie has a good title to the property in question, and the plaintiff's case is hereby dismissed."

Today the continuation of the trial of the cause of William E. Thompson, plaintiff, vs. Nellie Cashman, defendant, is being heard by Commissioner Senkler. The action involves the hillside claim, left limit, opposite No. 29 below discovery on Bonanza creek.

Territorial Court.

The trial of the case of Charles S. Rogers vs. Alfred S. Reed was not concluded yesterday, and the determination of the issue has been postponed till the early part of May.

A writ of summons has been issued in the case of Williams vs. Faulkner to set aside the appointment of the receiver made in the cause.

In Werber vs. Vincent, a decision has been rendered appointing a receiver to take charge of the output of the property in dispute, pending the hearing on an appeal which has been filed in the action.

No legal business will be transacted in the territorial court during the remainder of this month. On May 1st, the case of the Queen vs. Charles Hill, accused of murder, is fixed for trial; as all the important witnesses have arrived in Dawson, the action will be determined without further delay.

Theosophists.

The Yukon Theosophists entertained their friends last evening with another of their philosophical and literary treats. The subject of the evening was "The Gods," to whom Dr. Burry did regal justice. The meeting was not so large as usual, but what it lacked in numbers it supplied in enthusiastic interest. The club will entertain again on next Wednesday evening.

Reception to Rev. Sinclair.

Rev. J. A. Sinclair who for the past two years has been engaged in Presbyterian mission work at Skagway and Bennett, arrived in the city at noon yesterday after rather an arduous trip over the ice; but through the somewhat bronzed complexion comes the same old smile, and from a physical standpoint, he is all the better for the trip.

Rev. Wright, the resident Presbyterian minister, and Rev. Sinclair are old college mates and life-long friends; and as a token of his esteem, Rev. Wright arranged for his visitor a hearty reception at the Presbyterian church last night which was largely attended, there being many of the latter's Skagway friends here who were present to extend to him the glad and welcoming hand. In an interesting talk, closely punctuated with the quaint Scotch humor for which he is famed, Rev. Sinclair entertained those present with an account of his trip over the ice which was replete in detail and eminently mirthful. The reception last night was an event in the local Presbyterian ranks and a fitting "all hail" to a deserving and earnest worker in the vineyard of the Lord.

While here Rev. Sinclair will establish Presbyterian missions on the most thickly populated creeks in the mining district, and he estimates that it may require his presence here until July or August to complete the work for which he has been detailed. Later he will return to Whitehorse, where already substantial encouragement has been given, and where a church will also be established and a congregation organized.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn. Two bits for joy at Rochester Bar.

ALIEN LABOR

Continues to Flow to the United States in Increased Numbers.

ITALIANS AT HEAD OF LONG LIST

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SOME STARTLING STATISTICS

From John McMakin, State Superintendent of Labor Statistics for New York.

Albany, N. Y., April 8.—The annual report of John McMakin, state superintendent of labor statistics, says: "Immigration returns for the quarter ended December 31, 1899, show an increase of 23,012 more than in the last three months of 1898. In the latter quarter the arrivals numbered 5,880; in the same three months of 1899 74,892. The largest proportionate gain of those races, recording at least 2000 arrivals, were made by the Slovaks. The Polish race was second, the Croats and Slavonians third.

"In point of numbers the Southern Italians still retain the lead in immigration, the arrivals of that race being nearly one-fourth of the total. There were 18,149 or 24.2 per cent of that class who landed during the quarter which ended last December. Next in the numerical order comes the Hebrews, with 10,076; Poles, 6401; Slovaks, 6226; Germans, 6118; Scandinavians, 4436; Northern Italians, 4140, and Irish, 3745.

"Of the 74,892 immigrants arriving during the quarter, four-fifths were destined to the states composing the North Atlantic division, of which group the state of New York received the largest number. Those who went to the West division numbered 2386."

Superintendent McMakin says that the past year has been the most successful year the Free Employment Bureau in New York city has had since its establishment. On this subject he says:

"The demand for girls as general houseworkers is, far in excess of the supply. The reason for this is found mainly in the fact that many employers are doing away with the subdivision of labor. This bureau was not able to find employment for many mates on the quasi-public works in this city. The reason for this is to be found in the fact that most of such work was conducted by the contracting firm acting under instructions from the leaders of the dominant party in the city. The newspaper press and the court proceedings demonstrate just how one of these contracting companies almost waded out of existence one of the best-paying enterprises in New York city. In order to obtain work on this special contract a man had to see his district leader, and in proportion to his usefulness to the said leader he was billeted on the payroll of this particular company of contractors, the corporation paying the bill regularly."

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THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1900.

THE REAL REASON.

More than a year and a half ago, the announcement was made in Dawson that representation on the Yukon Council would be granted to the electors of the territory whenever they saw fit to declare themselves ready to exercise the franchise. Such declarations have been made at intervals during this entire period, but the necessary machinery has never, as yet, been placed in motion. It appears now as though there is no intention on the part of the powers that be to allow the representation ordinance to be placed in effect until after the elections, which, it is now said, will be held throughout Canada during the month of June. It is not apparent what the government expects to gain by this action, aside from postponing the effect on the outside of a probable defeat in this territory.

Upon this hypothesis, which, we submit, is the only reasonable theory that can be advanced in explanation of the attitude of the party in power toward the question of Yukon representation, it is reasonable to assume that the Yukon question occupies a far more important position before the people of Canada than is generally supposed.

As a matter of fact, such prominence and publicity have been given to matters affecting the administration of affairs in this territory, both through the press and in parliament, that the Yukon question is as familiar a matter throughout Canada as the preferential tariff clause.

Newspapers of every political shade and complexion have discussed the Yukon question in all its different phases. According to their information, or, more often, according to their political affiliations, they have condemned or defended the administration, but it all has served to bring the Yukon out the more prominently before the people.

Without doubt, therefore, the real motive for putting off the matter of representation is as noted above. The claim has been made by the politicians that none but aliens in the Yukon are opposed to the government. A defeat at the polls would be an effectual answer to this claim, and would carry its effect throughout Canada. Hence the firm determination to hold an election off until returns are in from the outside.

As a starter for the proposed new system of roads which the Council has under advisement, some means should be provided for getting across the Klondike. Neither the present bridge nor the ferry is adequate to meet the necessities of travel, especially in view of the fact that heavy machinery is now required on all the creeks in constantly increasing quantities. A public bridge should be built of such strength and width that the heaviest loads

can be taken across without risk. Such grafts as toll bridges and ferries should no longer be allowed to remain as reminders of the days when the country contained nothing but grafts. This does not go in any way to show that there are not other and greater grafts still being worked in the country, but most of them are clothed with a semi-decent garb of respectability, which cannot be said of these other remnants of the days of Yukon barbarism.

Unless Uncle Sam gets a decided move on himself and sends a district judge to Nome immediately after the opening of navigation, there will certainly be all kinds of trouble at that camp. There will be tens of thousands of people rushing around on the beach, every man endeavoring to get a strip of ground that will yield good pay. A few of these will find what they are looking for, and the rest will be disappointed. Then is the time when trouble must be looked for. The strong arm of the law must be very much in evidence at Nome if serious difficulties are obviated.

The idea of paving First avenue with gravel has met with much favor among business men on the street. The new and broad sidewalk has so greatly improved the appearance of our principal thoroughfare already that nearly everyone is anxious to see the good work completed by properly improving the street itself. By making use of the prisoners, the work can be done at a nominal cost.

Trouble in Kimberly.

London, March 28.—While the fifty odd columns written at the front, appearing during the last two days in the London dailies, have been chiefly devoted to Cronje's surrender and Lady-smith's relief, other events no less interesting have developed in the letters of those not fortunate enough to have been present at the great occasions. The troubles between Cecil Rhodes and Col. Kekewich are not fully told. It appears that the relations between the "empire maker" and the colonel commanding at Kimberly, reached such a pass that Mr. Rhodes ordered the army officer out of the house. The dispute is told in detail by the Kimberly correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who writes:

"When Mr. Rhodes saw the danger to which the town and its inhabitants were exposed he concluded that the time had arrived for the facts in the case to be placed on record. Accordingly, the mayor and a few leading citizens in consultation with him drew up the following representation, which was duly forwarded to Col. Kekewich, accompanied by the request that he would transmit it by heliograph to the higher military authorities:

"Kimberly, Feb. 10.
"On behalf of the inhabitants of this town we respectfully desire to be informed whether there is an intention on your part to make an immediate effort for our relief. Your troops have been for more than two months within a distance of little over 20 miles from Kimberly, and if the Spytfontein hills are too strong for them, there is an easy approach over a level flat. This town, with a population of over 45,000 people, has been besieged for 120 days, and a large portion of the inhabitants have been enduring great hardships. Scurvy is rampant among the natives; children, owing to the lack of food, are dying in great numbers, and dysentery and typhoid are very prevalent. The chief foods of the whites have been bread and horseflesh for a long time past. These hardships, we think you will agree, have been borne patiently and without complaint by the people. During the last few days the enemy have brought into action, from a position within three miles of us, a 6-inch gun, throwing a 100 pound shell, which is setting fire to our buildings and is causing death daily among the population. As you are aware, the military guns here are totally inadequate to cope with this new gun. The only weapon which gives any help is one of local manufacture. Under these circumstances, as representing this community, we feel that we are justified in asking whether you have any immediate intention of

instructing your troops to advance to our relief. We understand large reinforcements have recently arrived in Cape Town, and we feel sure that your men at Modder river have at the outside 1000-Boers opposed to them. You must be the judge as to what number of British troops would be required to deal with this body of men, but it is absolutely necessary that relief should be afforded to this place.

"After taking time to consider his decision the officer commanding sent Mr. Rhodes a letter informing him that the substance of his communication had been forwarded to Lord Roberts by heliograph to Enslin. Lord Roberts' reply, which was communicated in due course, possesses no less historical interest than the remarkable communication which originated the correspondence:

"I beg you represent to the mayor and Mr. Rhodes as strongly as you possibly can the disastrous and humiliating effect of surrender, after so prolonged and glorious a defense. Many days cannot possibly pass before Kimberley will be relieved, as we commence active operations tomorrow. Future military operations depend in a large measure on your maintaining your position a very short time longer."

"Mr. Rhodes was very much annoyed at the suggestion that thought of surrender had ever occurred, either to himself or to those associated with him in the representations which had been transmitted to Roberts, and as soon as Roberts and Kitchener arrived in Kimberly he took an early opportunity of disabusing their minds of such a mischievous impression.

"It is to be regretted that the relations between Mr. Rhodes and Col. Kekewich should have been almost, from the beginning of the siege, for reasons which it is impossible to discuss, almost uniformly unsatisfactory. Col. Kekewich treated Mr. Rhodes as a simple civilian. On his part Mr. Rhodes was intolerant of military routine, a little too inclined to express his opinion bluntly and brusquely. Still, the fact remains that harmonious relations with the head of the De Beers Company were absolutely essential to the smooth operation of the military staff with the civil population. They were barely on speaking terms when the siege was raised, and their accidental meeting shortly before Gen. French's arrival gave rise to a most stormy scene. Col. Kekewich, it appears, told Mr. Rhodes that he had come to see the general about arresting the editor of the Diamond Fields Advertiser. Mr. Rhodes replied warmly:

"Then you had better arrest me, for I agree with every word he has written, and we ought to go to prison together."

"This led to a lively passage at arms, which ended with Mr. Rhodes ordering Col. Kekewich to leave the house. Subsequently Mr. Rhodes explained the reason of the article to Gen. French, who was quite satisfied and declined point blank to act upon Col. Kekewich's irate suggestions."

Busy Ketchikan.

For the past year considerable attention has been devoted to quartz properties in the neighborhood of Ketchikan, Alaska, and the more the country is prospected the greater it proves to be in gold bearing ore. All ore found in that country is of much higher grade than that of Douglas island, where the famous Treadwell stamp mills are located. The latest regarding Ketchikan is, it true, a big boom for the place. A late issue of the Alaskan says:

"A promising vein of ore has been found right in the town of Ketchikan and within 1000 feet of one of the wharves. The vein is five feet thick and assays more than \$10 in gold and silver. The news of this strike is told by Frank E. Burns, agent for the Alaska Steamship Company, who has just returned from Ketchikan. He says further:

"The strike is being prospected by the owner, Mr. Hunter, formerly of Seattle, and he is hopeful of the find proving highly valuable. Hunter is an old time mining man and made a good strike in his time in the country north of Spokane.

"As to the report that a smelter is to be put in at Ketchikan, I give little credence. Smelters do not come until after a country gets to producing. Stamp mills are big enterprises for this stage of the game. However, Ketchikan is lively, and men are constantly arriving there to go out prospecting or work properties already located."

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ALREADY NOME IS OVERDONE

Says John Liberty Williams in Letter of Jan. 25th.

To His Uncle, Stephen Brown, Senior Street Salesman of the Daily Nugget.

Mr. Stephen Brown, well known in Dawson as one of the street salesmen of the Daily Nugget, is in receipt of a letter from his nephew, John Liberty Williams, who left Dawson for Nome with the rush late last summer. The letter bears the date of January 25th, just one day before the mail started.

The young man starts his letter by asserting that if he was on the outside he would stay there, for the reason that there are not chances at Nome and in the surrounding country for those who arrived there even as early as last fall were too late to pick up anything in the way of claims that was worth having.

The beach, Mr. Williams says, was fully as good as represented and hundreds of men who arrived early in the season made as high as several thousand dollars in two or three months' time. But the gold bearing beach is of limited area and was practically worked out last fall; and that is Mr. Williams' reason for asserting that he reached Nome several months too late.

The letter confirms other reports of the many stampedes which have been in order in that country since the beginning of its mining history. But it further states that racing off across the barren country a distance of from 100 to 200 miles is very expensive and at the same time very laborious business. Dozens of stampedes had been made up to the time of writing, but none are reported as having been fraught with success. Low grade gravel is found at almost any point and on every creek in the country, but it is not found to exist in paying quantities. Much suffering from the cold had been experienced by stampedes owing to the general scarcity of timber for fuel.

Mr. Williams says that every piece of ground that is supposed to be rich has been staked and restaked until there is no telling to whom it rightfully belongs, and as a natural result, he expects there will be no end of litigation there when the working season opens. He says there are hundreds of men there who hope to be able to wash out enough on the beach where the good money was made last fall to pay their way out of the country, and this is all to which a large number are looking forward. They hope to get to work by the latter part of April or first of May and be able to ship for below on one of the first steamers to arrive. Many were attempting to extract gold from the frozen beach at the time the letter was written, but were making very little headway.

Personally, Mr. Williams had done very well since his arrival in Nome, not by mining, but by building and selling cabins and in other speculations. He writes that he and a friend have a cabin on the beach three miles from town with plenty of wood, provisions and money to keep them in comfort many months. His only objection to their mode of life being that, owing to the strong winds which drift the snow until it covers over their cabin, they have to tunnel out at daylight occasionally.

The writer does not advise his uncle to come to Nome, but recommends that if he is going outside this year to come that way and together they will continue the journey back to the lower country.

Games of Chance.

More than once a game of cards has formed a part of the ceremonial of funerals. When a card enthusiast died two years ago near Amiens, he left instructions that a pack of his beloved cards should be placed in his coffin and that the friends who acted as pallbearers should, on the way to the churchyard, play a final game in memory of their departed friend. The funeral cortege was accordingly stopped at a wayside inn, which had been a haunt of the deceased, and the four friends who were selected to carry out the dead man's wishes played a game of cards and drank to the memory of the silent witness of their weird game.

More than one of the victims of the guillotine in the French revolution played games of cards with their jailers up to the very moment of mounting the tumbril that was to take them on their last journey, and it is on record that a well known north country squire, in the early years of the century, who had lost his last acre and guinea at the gaming tables, insisted, on his deathbed, on playing his final game of cards with his doctor. As he had nothing else to stake he staked his body against a bottle of

brandy and fell back dead before the horrible game was completed.

Only last year a game of chess was played between two German students under very tragic conditions. The two players, who were rival claimants to the hand of a daughter of one of their professors, had quarreled and exchanged blows, and a duel became inevitable. As each man was a skilled chess player it was decided that they should play a game and that the loser should take his own life.

The grewsome game was played in a restaurant and after a stubborn struggle ended in favor of the aggressor in the quarrel. The following morning the loser was found shot dead in his rooms.

Perhaps the most tragic game on record was played many years ago by Herr Watzdorf and Herr Schwartz 5000 feet above the earth. In this case, too, jealousy was the sole cause of the tragedy, and the rivals decided to resort to the novel expedient of playing a death game above the clouds, the loser to throw himself from the balloon.

One can picture something of the tragic tension of the two players as each card was turned up and played and the growing despair of Herr Schwartz, as he saw that destiny was against him. With the throw of the last card he turned round and flung himself 5000 feet down to the earth, where his mutilated body was found.

Everybody Disappointed.

Some weeks ago when there was published in the Nugget a telegram to the effect that a party of three Frenchmen were to dash over the lakes and down the rivers at the rate of 35 miles an hour the people of Dawson became very much elated at the prospect of seeing something new; and a few days later hundreds of people would go with the first peep of daylight to the upper end of the city where they would stand all day straining their eyes and every minute expecting to see these wonderful machines dash around the island above the city with the velocity of a Kansas cyclone. A few careful and discreet persons, fearful that these intrepid automobilists would come down the river at such fearful pace as to not be able to slack up before dashing into the garbage piles on the bosom of the river in front of the city, thereby scattering it all over the district from whence it came, actually went so far in the pro bono publico work as to go up as far as Swede creek and post several "Slow up" notices. Now, all blissful anticipations of seeing a wonderful sight are rudely shattered. The machines are not likely to come at all; and if they do, it will be by steamer. The following blight to our hopes appeared in the Daily Alaskan of the 8th instant:

"It was unfortunate for the Frenchmen who brought the automobile all the way from Paris to find upon arrival here that the trail was bad for a good test of their machines in a trip to Dawson. E. Jeane Lamarre is one of the pioneers of Alaska.

"He went over on the train yesterday morning with an automobile weighing 325 pounds, and an autocycle for his partner and brother-in-law, Raphael Merveille, to endeavor to make the trip to Dawson with the new motor. It is worked by gasoline, and the motor has attached to it a sled which carries some 60 gallons of gasoline and other supplies and also duplicates of the machinery of the motor, in all weighing 300 pounds.

"Mr. Lamarre said that across the lakes he thought he could make from 30 to 35 miles an hour, but for the trip to Dawson he could not make any speculation as he understood the trail was bad."

Impossible Kaltag Cutoff.

By the late mail from the lower river, F. W. Clayton received a letter that warns all persons from attempting the Kaltag cutoff route in the summer, as it is said to be impassable to travel by it during the season when the ground is not frozen solid. The above is not cheering news to the many hundreds who contemplate going as far as Kaltag by steamer and crossing the portage afoot; but according to Mr. Clayton's correspondent it is only too true.

George Butler's Dispensary.

It may be found a pleasure and even a necessity in this country to look upon the red hutch in the glass. But the rub is where to get the genuine article. By the number of people who patronize the Pioneer it would seem that popular resort has the call on the clear thing.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Shoff's Cough Balsom; sure cure.

Notice to the Public.

The public is hereby notified that Messrs. Port, Crowley, Pratt and West will on Saturday, April 28, 1900, retire from the business known as the Palace Grand Amusement Company, and all bills must be presented on or before that time.

Dawson City, April 23, 1900. We, the undersigned, have this day dissolved partnership. All debts to be paid by S. Ross, S. Ross, A. Alton.

WE ARE UP AGAINST IT.

So Far as Assistance From the United States.

Can Be Expected in the Matter of Giving to Dawson a Better Winter Mail Service.

If the coming winter does not see better mail service for Dawson it will not be the fault of our Board of Trade by long odds. The efforts of the board are not to increase the number of arrivals of mails which is now and has all winter been all that could be asked and expected, considering our location and general natural conditions. But the effort is directed towards having all classes of mail matter brought in at all seasons of the year, second and third as well as first-class matter, which latter is all we get during the six or seven months when navigation is closed.

It will be remembered that early this year petitions were circulated by the Board of Trade and signed by everybody to whom presented asking the postal officials of the United States to do something towards alleviating existing conditions. Copies of this petition, accompanied by a complete and explanatory letter from the board's special committee, were forwarded to various officials at Washington and to commercial bodies of the larger cities of the coast, the co-operation of all being asked in assisting us to attain the desired ends.

Some weeks ago the Daily Nugget published a letter from the second assistant postmaster general received by E. J. White, through Congressman Cushman. That letter from the postal official was not replete with encouragement, in that it virtually said the United States mail department could do nothing for us; but that Dawson, being a Canadian town, we must look to the Canadian government for redress of grievances in the matter of mail facilities.

By the last mail Secretary Clayton, of the Board of Trade, received from the secretary of the San Francisco chamber of commerce a letter which enclosed a reply from the second assistant postmaster general in answer to an appeal from the Frisco chamber of commerce in our behalf, and that letter is almost verbatim as the one previously published in the Nugget. The official reiterates his former statement that applications for improved mail service for Dawson should be made to the Canadian government. Therefore, so far as obtaining relief from Washington goes, it looks very much as though we are up against it.

But it is not at all likely that the matter will be dropped. If to the Canadian government is the proper place to apply for relief, such application will certainly be made. Residents of Dawson very justly feel that they are entitled to all the rights which the country accords to its people, and those rights will be asked for and insisted upon.

Down in Georgy.

"Down in Georgy," said the stranger with broad brimmed hat. But the stout man with the bobbed gray overcoat interrupted him with:

"Are you going to tell that story again? Don't things happen elsewhere besides 'down in Georgy'?"

"As I wuz a-sayin," continued the stranger, not noticing the interruption, "down in Georgy."

"There you go again!" exclaimed the stout man. "One thing over and over!"

"Yes," continued the stranger, "as I wuz jst remarkin' down in Georgy when we air interrupted in a confabulation, like I've been fer the last ten minutes, we takes the interrupter by the collar, this away—"

"An by the waist o' the britches, this away—"

"An we pitches him—"

"Clean out the winder, thisaway!" And the stout man, as he struggled to his feet and grouped blindly about for his hat, said:

"What was that fellow was saying about 'down in Georgy'? I didn't quite get the last part of it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

Sliced Lübeck potatoes and Crown flour. Royal Grocery, Second Ave.

Silver shield apricots 50 cents a cua. Royal Grocery, Second Ave.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

"Mainland" and "British Lion" cigars 25 cents. Rochester Bar, cor. Second ave. and Third sts.

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Ladies Tailor-made Jackets Black, Navy, Tan, Gray \$15, \$20, \$25

Ladies' Spring Capes Cloth, Silk and Velvet \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$20

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All Goods Sold in the House of the Best Quality

HALF SPRING SHOVELS

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See What We Can Do for You in the Way of

Clothing

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"The Corner Store"

Opposite Tom Chisholm's

OBJECT TO PYRAMID HARBOR

It is on Wrong Side of Canal for Free British Port.

Skagway Will Be Insisted Upon—Another Yukon Railway a Future Probability.

There is yet a show for a British port of entry on Lynn canal; but unless Skagway or Dyea, or both, can be acquired, it will be of little benefit, as Pyramid Harbor is on the opposite side of the canal from where it is needful that such free port be located. But that a hope is still held out is evident from the following from a Skagway exchange:

"L. D. Kinney, the original promoter and financial agent of the Chilkoot tunnel and railroad proposition, was in the city yesterday and spoke with confidence that his scheme would ultimately materialize. He said in part:

"I do not believe the Canadians want Pyramid Harbor, but they are working ostensibly for that place just as leverage for an entrance at Skagway or Dyea. Were a road to be built from Pyramid Harbor to Dawson it would be unable to serve all the important parts of the British-Yukon basin this side of Dawson, and therefore would have to yield in this respect to a heavy opposition. The best thing that could happen for the ports of Skagway and Dyea would be to have them made free ports of entry.

"The White Pass & Yukon railroad is now well fixed financially, and will continue to build. You may say, if you please, that Kinney is not asleep and that he is working, and feels that in time he will see the consummation of the plan for a railroad through the Chilkoot pass and the Chilkoot mountains.

"Although we were delayed by the dissolution of the British Columbia parliament, we shall be on deck when it next convenes. Mr. King is still below looking to the welfare of the Chilkoot Tunnel Company, and possibly he will find a way to begin tunnel work before the franchise is obtained for the road. There is a proposition to extend the road beyond Bennett to Whitehorse, but that is not mine. It is Mr. King's."

For Cavalry Horses.

Two Philadelphians, Franz Hieke and Conrad Hieke, have invented a coat of mail to protect cavalry horses and at the same time make mounted infantry more terrifying to the enemy and capable of doing much greater execution in a charge, says a Philadelphia paper.

The arrangement briefly consists of a light framework to project in front of the horses and extend along its flanks, supported by straps. The end of the framework, which is shaped like the bow of a boat, terminates in a sharp point or blade, which is apt to demoralize any troops upon which the cavalry charges, at least causing them to turn to one side or the other to evade it and making it difficult for any one, mounted or unmounted, to approach very near the trooper. Just in front of the breast of the horse and suspended from an iron rod fastened between the two sides of the framework is a curtain of chain mail, designed to protect the horse from injury. The claims made for this equipment are that it is novel, inexpensive, of light weight and does not interfere with the freedom of movement of the trooper or the rapidity of travel, combining a formidable weapon and a protector for the horse.

Like the Little Ones.

"There's a very general idea abroad in the land that men don't care to board in a house where there are children," said one of the sterner sex yesterday, "but that is, I believe, a great mistake, just as it is an error to imagine that men generally don't like the little ones. No doubt there are a few crusty old bachelors in the world who would be horribly annoyed by pattering feet and shrill little voices in the halls and on the stairs, but I must confess I like to hear these noises, and I find by questioning a number of my friends—all young, unmarried men—that they do also. The children give a sort of homely atmosphere that's very pleasant to even the most comfortless places.

"Taking one thing with another, I believe that men are fonder of children than women are anyhow. What I mean is that more men than women are fond of them. I know plenty of the gentler sex who wouldn't think of going to a boarding house where youngsters were admitted, and I know just as many men who seek out those places and obtain a certain amount of comfort and satisfac-

tion in their lonely lives in making friends with the youngsters and spending valuable time repairing sundry broken toys or telling wonderful stories in which giants figure to an amazing extent.

"A child's affection is a very delightful thing, and most men feel flattered to be the object of even a mild liking on the part of the small tyrants. There are half a dozen little ones in the house where I board, and I am the familiar friend of every one of them. It's a very delightful and absorbing acquaintance, and I'm fast developing into a story teller of such marked ability that I'll make a fortune in this way, no doubt, after awhile."—Detroit Free Press.

Minstrels Tonight.

The minstrels tonight promise to be well attended. The entertainment will be one of the best ever presented in Dawson. It will include a chorus of 25 voices and a number of specialties.

Klondike Proverbs.

Birds of a feather don't flock in this country.

It's a wise child that knows its father when they meet on the trail.

You can't tell the size of a man's foot by his moccasin; nor his thinking power by the size of his headgear.

A muckfuck by any other name would smell as sweet.

It's an ill wind that blows when its 40 below.

Clothes don't make the man; but want of them would make a corpse.

Do your neighbor before he does you.

Blessed is the man who lies, and lies successfully; but doubly damned is the weather prophet.

The Coming Race.

The heel and toe race which is to be participated in on First avenue near the postoffice next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock by Messrs. Ford and Thorne is being looked forward to with considerable interest. Montague Martin has accepted the responsibility of refereeing the race, while D. R. McLennan will act in the capacity of judge. The contest will be for a purse of \$250 a side. Both men are diligently training and the winner will defeat a good man.

The Proper Spirit.

While just a wee bit premature, the proper spirit is shown in the following from the Skagway Daily Alaskan of April 5th:

The breaking of the Yukon river just now, three weeks earlier than last year, and exceptionally early for any year, so far as known, is looked upon by some as a condition that will probably cause a considerable share of the rush from the Sound for Nome to come by way of Skagway and start down the river in boats. F. C. Wolfe, proprietor of "Swift's Hotel," at Whitehorse, who is in the city en route to the States says:

"Last year the river broke much later than now. April 20th of last year the Fifty-mile river was in good condition, and this year it is already open. I went from Bennett down the lakes and over the Fifty-mile river as late as April 12th.

"It may be possible that those who are on the Sound and desirous of going to Nome among the first and have been disappointed in getting desirable accommodations will find it to their advantage to come this way, and possibly should they do so they will get to their destination earlier than those going by sea and at the same time avoid an ocean voyage."

Nomination Night.

All members of Camp Dawson, No. 4, Arctic Brotherhood, should bear in mind that the meeting tomorrow night is the last meeting in April, and is, therefore, the time provided for the nomination of candidates for election, the first meeting night in May, to the various offices for the ensuing six months. A full attendance should be out tomorrow night.

The Sale Abandoned.

The sheriff's sale which was to have occurred under a writ of execution issued in the cause of T. Anderson vs. The Klondike Alaska Mining Company, has been abandoned. Mr. W. C. Wilkens, who represents the mining company, has compromised with the judgment creditor and Sheriff Eilbeck has been instructed to discontinue further proceedings in the action.

Fresh goods from the outside at the Star Clothing House.

Happy days at the Rochester Bar.

A New Hotel.

W. E. Fairchild has entirely remodeled the building south of the postoffice and will open the place as a first-class hostelry. An attractive bar-room is being fitted up as part of the establishment, with Ben Ferguson in charge, where he will dispense his famous concoctions to a thirsty public. A grand opening of the Fairchild will be given Friday night, when a splendid lunch will be served and an orchestra will enliven the occasion with melodious music.

BRIEF MENTION.

William Carter is visiting the city.

John Reilly is in town on business.

G. L. Burrows is a visitor to Dawson.

Sid Perry is visiting friends in the city.

J. Fitzpatrick is spending a few days in town.

W. H. Armstrong is making a brief visit to the city.

J. W. Snell is enjoying a short vacation in Dawson.

George E. Adams came to the city from the creeks yesterday.

Earl Falk, an employee of the S.-Y. T. Co., was admitted this morning as a patient to the Good Samaritan hospital.

The electric light company is extending its city service. New poles are being erected, and workmen are engaged in establishing modern improvements.

This morning at 2 o'clock 14 sacks of mail left Dawson for the outside. The carriers are confident that the consignment will reach Bennett within the next two weeks.

The fire engine which has been situated on the river ice at the southern end of the town, was removed to hall No. 2 this morning. The shore ice had become so rotten that the position of the engine was unsafe.

Tonight the society ladies of Dawson will give a minstrel performance at the Palace Grand theater. A number of novel and entertaining features comprise the program, and the audience will enjoy a very pleasant time.

Concert Sunday Night.

Mr. Zimmerman is responsible for the statement that he will give another concert Sunday night at the Orpheum theater. He announces that he has secured the best talent in the city, including Miss Tracie.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

The two ex-United States soldiers, Thomas and Evans, who in December quit Col Ray's command at Fort Egbert and came to Dawson, and who a month ago were taken into custody here charged with having brought stolen goods into Canada, the charge being based on information sent up by Col. Ray, were arraigned yesterday afternoon. Capt. Starnes, who was the presiding magistrate, permitted Geo. K. French, an American attorney, to appear for the two men amicus curiae, with the result that the "sojers" were dismissed in short order. A batch of statements had been received from Fort Egbert to be used as evidence against the men, but it could not be considered; hence the dismissal of the charges and the fact that the men are now out inhaling fresh ozone and basking in the sunshine of gentle spring.

This morning the judicial chair was occupied by Captain Scarth, who for a day or two has been caring for one of the severe colds now almost epidemic in Dawson. The only case disposed of was that of Michael Edwards vs. Jack W. Smith for \$450 alleged to be due for labor performed on No. 55 below on Hunker. Edwards had not progressed far into his side of the story when a contract was mentioned which at the request of the court was produced. It turned out to be of the wrought-iron-clad variety which stipulated that the employees of Smith had agreed to wait until the clean-up for their pay, even if discharged at any previous date. Edwards was asked if a signature appearing thereon was his, and "ha tark ee'es." The case was dismissed.

In the case of McConnell vs. Sawyer and Watkins, claim owners on Gold Run for assault, which case was heard Monday afternoon, the charge against Sawyer was dismissed at his costs, while Watkins was fined \$5 with trimmings.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 56 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 30 degrees above.

Choice Beef.

The Bonanza and City Market have purchased all the choice beef steers recently brought in by Diner and Ripstein over the ice. They are killing them today and will place them on sale tomorrow at reasonable prices.

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

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A small satchel, on ridge road, between Eight-Mile House and McCarty's roadhouse. Finder leave at bottling works, or hillside No. 6 above lower, Dominion.—125 28

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Hotel, with bar attached; good location; doing a good paying business. Inquire Eiderado Hotel, Grand Forks.—C27

FOUR large dogs and sleigh for sale. Apply at Nugget office.

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LAWYERS.

WADE & AIKMAN—Advocates, Notaries, etc. Office, A. C. office Building, Dawson.

BURRITT & MCKAY—Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, etc. Offices, A. C. Office Building. Safety deposit box in A. C. vaults.

TABOR & HULME—Barristers and Solicitors, Advocates; Notaries Public; Conveyancers. Telephone No. 22. Offices, Rooms 1, 2, 3, Orpheum Building.

ALEX HOWDEN—Barrister, Solicitor, Advocate, etc. Original & Mining Law, Room 21 A. C. Co's office block.

BELCOURT, McDOUGAL & SMITH—Barristers, solicitors, conveyancers, etc. Offices Dawson and Ottawa. Rooms 1 and 2, Chisholm Block, Dawson. Special attention given to parliamentary work. N. A. Belcourt, Q. C., M. P., Frank J. McDougal, John P. Smith.

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Do you want something good to eat? Try the Savoy, 2d st., bet 1st and 2d ave.

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Watch our prices on high-class clothing. See our announcement on 4th page. Star Clothing House.

Ladies' belt purses. Pioneer drug store.

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