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NOME MINING LAWS

Disallow Locations By Powers of Attorney.

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Big Shipment of Cattle Now En Route Down the Yukon—Local Dealers Do Not Think Meat Will Arrive.

From Saturday's Daily.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 12, via Skagway, Feb. 17.—The bill governing the location of beach claims at Nome was reported by the committees on territories on Feb. 10. The bill provides that no locations by power of attorney or other proxy shall be allowed. Locations must be made in person by the party applying for a certificate and in the case of corporations such locations must be made by the duly authorized agent of such corporation. No individual or corporation can hold more than five claims, and notice of location must be filed for a period of 60 days previous to the granting of a certificate. Assessment work amounting to \$100 per annum must be performed. No surface rights are granted, the right of mining the ground only being allowed. Claims are to consist of a strip 40 feet in width running back from low water mark. The bill is almost certain to become a law.

Meat En Route.
Skagway, Feb. 17.—Over 200 cattle are now being driven into Dawson over the ice. Gustavson, the well known Klondiker, has left with 40 tons of meat which he hopes to push right through to Dawson. It is the opinion here that a meat famine prevails in Dawson. Gustavson says that he will ride horseback the entire distance and has wagered \$3000 that he will beat Taylor, who left at the same time with a dog team.

The above report caused considerable surprise to the local butchers.

Mr. J. C. Dumbolton, when asked for his opinion, said:

"I do not think that this report will have any effect on Dawson prices. It is impossible to drive or freight beef from Bennett under 60 days. I have been three months in freighting 50 tons from Steamboat slough. Meat is now between 50 and 65 cents per pound, and that is fair price for both buyer and seller."

Mr. F. K. Kent of the Alaska Meat Market expressed himself as follows:

"I do not believe it to be practicable to drive cattle from Bennett at this season of the year. Such beef, on account of its poor condition, would not tend to decrease the present prices. The 40 tons of beef which is being freighted down the river, will certainly cause a falling price when it arrives. My

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opinion is that meat is cheap enough now."

Mr. M. McDougal, of the Victoria Market, said:

"It is very doubtful if any of the beet, either live or slaughtered, will arrive in Dawson before the river breaks. Cattle which is driven over the trail will be in no condition to sell. The slaughtered beef, should it arrive, will seriously affect the present prices."

Nuggett Express Arrives.

Skagway, Feb. 17.—Nugget Express Messenger Thos. Tritton arrived last night.

"Bobs" Is Marching.

London, Feb. 11, via Skagway, Feb. 17.—Gen. Roberts is moving upon Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State. The capture of the town is anticipated without much difficulty.

INDIA SHOWS HER LOYALTY

Hindoo and Mohammedans Are Favoring the War.

They Pass Resolutions of Unswerving Attachment to the British Throne.

Calcutta, Jan. 31.—A monster meeting of Hindoos and Mohammedans in the town hall here passed a resolution expressing unswerving loyalty and attachment to the throne, and deciding to offer prayers for the victory of the British in all places of worship. The meeting also subscribed 63,000 rupees toward the mansion house fund.

Cruelty of Boer Police.

Buffalo Jan. 31.—Tugo Gorlitz, of London, England, joint manager for M. Paderweski, the pianist, and who has recently returned from the Transvaal after a lengthy stay in that republic, was interviewed today by a reporter of the Commercial. Mr. Gorlitz spoke indignantly of the manner in which the Uitlanders were treated by the Boers in Johannesburg, saying that the seraps (police) were armed, and shot down the Uitlanders upon the slightest provocation, sometimes apparently without provocation.

The British residents, he said, were subjected to constant insult from the policemen and other municipal employees—insults from which they have no redress. Practically they were under subjection. The English have built beautiful houses in the cities and the municipal authorities take no care of the streets. The money put aside for municipal purposes, mostly supplied by the Uitlanders, is put into the pockets of the officials.

"One of the greatest crimes laid against the Boers," continued the speaker, "is that they put the vilest of liquor into the way of the natives. One prominent firm there, manufacturing quantities of the fiery stuff, is annually putting larger sums of money, not into the pockets of the government, but into the hands of the officials. I do not except President Kruger himself from complicity in this matter. He also gets his share through other officials."

"The Boers are also slave drivers. If the Boers win in this struggle, which seems impossible at present, they will instantly re-establish slavery in South Africa."

"I do not believe anyone has visited the Transvaal recently," continued Mr. Gorlitz, impressively, "who does not share my opinion in regard to the condition of affairs there, and the culpability of the Boers, unless possibly he is directly or indirectly in the pay of the Transvaal government."

The British have met with reverses, it is very true, but one man entrenched

can keep ten men at bay, and the British did not prepare for war right—did not, in my opinion, expect war. They were forced into it. I do not believe the war will be of long duration. It is inevitable that the Boers in the end will be utterly vanquished by the British.

"When that comes, the natural question is, what will be the future of the Transvaal? Not that country alone, but all of South Africa offers endless opportunities in the mining and agricultural industries. It is one of the first countries in the world, and is capable of high cultivation. Its resources, outside of the great gold mines, are tremendous. It can be developed and civilized into a magnificent country, one of the most valuable of the British colonies, not equalling Australia, probably, but proving a priceless possession."

"The natives are loyal to England, feeling that Great Britain is their friend. They have been oppressed by the Boers so long that they will hail British rule with delight."

WHAT THE WAR IS COSTING

Parliament Will Be Asked for \$75,000,000 Additional.

The Bill for Whipping Kruger Is Going to Be a Large One—Figures May Yet Be Multiplied.

New York, Jan. 31.—A London cable to the World says it is understood that the house of commons will be asked to appropriate \$75,000,000 to cover the war expenses up to March 31st. This is in addition to the \$50,000,000 already appropriated. Politicians talk of multiplying these figures by two or four to cover the total expenditure of the war.

Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The Bank of Nova Scotia has subscribed \$5,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Monument to Kruger

London, Jan. 28.—Mr. Alfred Austin, the poet laureate, and Mr. Conan Doyle, the novelist, were the guests of the Author's Club last night, in response to a toast to his health, Dr. Doyle said that he was about to go to the front, not with a rifle, but with a stethoscope, which many would regard as a more dangerous weapon.

"This war," he continued, "marks a turning point in the life of Great Britain. Some eight months ago I took the chair at a peace meeting, but I wish now to adjust that error. I have seen more positive virtue in this country during the last few months than I saw during the previous 40 years of my life. Why should we punish Kruger? That man has solved a problem which every statesman had found unsolved."

"I would build a monument to President Kruger of the size of St. Paul's Cathedral, putting him under it, and I would write across it, 'To the memory of the man who federated the British empire.'"

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ASSUME OFFENSIVE!

Boers Attack Gatacre's Lines in Two Places.

METHUEN ATTEMPTS FLANK MOVEMENT

Hopes to Be Able to Get By and Reach Kimberly.

Meagre News Concerning Movements of Gen. Buller—Speculation as to the Meaning of His Latest Movements.

London, Feb. 11, via Skagway, Feb. 17.—No news of importance of the movements of Gen. Buller has been received since the knowledge that his third attempt for the relief of Ladysmith had proven unsuccessful. Newspaper articles concerning Buller's movements are confined largely to speculation upon the motives which may underlie his recent maneuvers. In consequence of the lack of authentic news from the front there is a revival of the gloomy feeling which prevailed some weeks ago.

Boers Attack Gatacre.

London, Feb. 11, via Skagway, Feb. 17.—The Boers have taken the offensive against Gatacre at Strikstrom and at last accounts were attacking two of his positions. No returns as to casualties have been made.

Methuen Begins Work.

London, Feb. 11, via Skagway, Feb. 17.—Gen. Methuen is engaged in an effort to turn the Boer right with the expectation of being able should he outflank the enemy to proceed to the relief of Kimberley. McDonald is threatening the Boers on the left, thus relieving the pressure against Methuen.

Anglo-German Relations.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—A gentleman who is fully empowered to express the views of Count von Buelow, the foreign secretary, upon Anglo-German relations, made the following statement to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"The British now do not hold a single German vessel, and no negotiations are now in progress since Germany has not yet formulated her claims for indemnity. Investigation is first necessary and this is now proceeding. The feeling between Great Britain and Germany is growing better, despite the effort of the jingoes of both countries to the contrary. Recent remarks must not be understood as meaning that Germany is aiming at convening a conference for the international settlement of the sea rights of neutrals before the end of the war. As for all the talk about intervention it is baseless. No such intention exists in any place."

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IT IS UNANIMOUS.

There is, we believe, a practically unanimous feeling existing throughout the Yukon territory that a radical change in existing laws is essential to the permanent prosperity of the country. This conviction which has been steadily growing for the past two years has become thus universal as the result of experience.

The number of those who oppose and condemn the attitude of the Siftonian regime toward the Yukon has gradually increased and multiplied until there is almost but one opinion left in the territory. Men who refused to be convinced by the mere act of listening to a theory as to what results would ensue in this country from certain lines of legislation, have had conviction forced upon their minds by coming into actual contact with the practical workings of the laws.

We do not believe that an instance in history can be cited where a population as cosmopolitan in its nature as is the population of this territory, has presented a more united front than is presented by the people of the Yukon territory in their demands for alterations in existing laws.

All lines of nationality have disappeared and insofar as the principal questions that effect the welfare of the country are concerned, Canadians, Englishmen, Australians, Americans and members of all other nationalities represented here are of one voice. This unanimity of feeling must ere long bring results. Ottawa cannot forever remain deaf to the voice of reason and common sense. The fact that the territory, given a show to live and prosper, can become a source of large revenue to the government for many years to come and at the same time maintain a population over and again as large as the present, must sooner or later be so forcibly brought to the government's attention that a change will ensue.

RELATIONS WITH OTTAWA.

During the approaching summer it would be a wise move to endeavor to secure the presence in Dawson of as many members of parliament as possible. There is no escaping the fact that the members of the federal legislative body for the most part have extremely vague ideas of what the exact conditions are which prevail in this far away corner of the Dominion.

Those who have interested themselves in the matter sufficiently to attempt to become posted upon affairs here have relied for the most part upon newspaper reports published on the outside and for the most part colored to meet some particular purpose. Exaggerated stories of the country's wealth, and the hardships attendant upon reaching the interior have been spread so far and wide over Canada and the States as

well, that the fame of the Klondike liar is as broad as the fame of Klondike gold.

Men will believe ordinarily what they see with their own eyes. They will trust the evidence of their own senses when they are disposed to discredit testimony of any other nature.

It would in the end prove a remunerative investment on the part of our heavy claim owners and business houses, should they assist materially in financing a parliamentary excursion into the Yukon territory during the approaching season of open navigation. With the actual facts placed before them as to the manner and cost of operating a claim in this country and the difficulties incident thereto it would not be difficult to convince such a delegation that some changes are decidedly needed. The heaven thus set in operation would work with most satisfactory results, beyond doubt.

The new mining laws, especially prepared for the Nome district as per telegram published elsewhere in this paper, will in all probability be passed, and as will be observed they are more favorable to the poor man than to corporations and syndicates, it being unlawful for any person or corporation to hold to exceed five claims. As the dimensions of the claims are quite small, the possessor of even five of them would not have very much territory. On the whole, the law as proposed and as it will doubtless pass is probably the best that could be made under the circumstances.

The return of severely cold weather was almost entirely unexpected. Most of us had begun to congratulate ourselves upon the fact that balmy spring time was at hand when the mercury again took a turn and dropped almost out of sight. It is a long road, however, that has no turn. When the icy bonds that now hold our rivers and creeks enslaved begin to loosen their grasp and the returning duck and goose herald the approach of genial spring time we will forget entirely that we have passed through six months of continuous cold.

There is something almost tragically pathetic in the sight of a man starting on the 1300 mile ice journey to Nome and pulling a loaded sleigh behind him. To the average mind it conjures the picture of a forlorn hope confronted by obstacles which make it absolutely impossible of realization.

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THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

The vast majority of Dawson's foot-light favorites are now monkeying with life's sternest tragedy. What little money that each possessed at the time of the big fire has long since been exhausted. Most of them spent their savings carelessly. It was no uncommon sight five weeks ago to see several winsome fairies in the "synagogue" singing catchy songs at intervals between drinks. When their own money was gone, gallant escorts enabled the damsels to continue these nightly revelries for some considerable time; but all this has passed away. The fairies are broke; so are most of their erstwhile companions. The admirers, whose finances were sufficient to withstand the assaults of the first week, have wearied of spending money for wine. The important air of the specialty artist has disappeared. Good, bad and indifferent members of the theatrical profession are equal, at the present time, on Dawson's rialto. All of them are doing more or less effective sparring for the necessaries of life; and the opening of the new Orpheum is an event anxiously awaited.

Max Endleman, distinguished for a \$12,000 losing against faro bank at the Forks, is visiting Dawson. During the past few days he has made several sittings against the local games; but in each instance he has subjected innumerable rubbernecks to sad disappointment, for he has neither won nor lost heavily. Max did intend to go to Nome, where he expected to run a gambling house without a "limit," but such exalted ambition was defeated by his recent disastrous play, and, for some months to come, it is likely that he will spend his time and money in the Klondike.

The report of Dick Lowe's marriage at Oakland, California, occasioned the weather stained features of many a sour dough to relax into a smile. He, like so many of his old time acquaintances, has succumbed to the charms of a pretty variety actress. Dick often commented severely upon the practice of resorting to the stage for a partner in life, and was capable of recounting a multiplicity of instances wherein Yukon bridegrooms with plenty of dust had ultimately come to grief. Evidently, he has eradicated these visionary ideas from his mind, and has concluded that the unhappy examples of married life which he had observed were the exceptions and not the rule in matrimony. The founders in Dawson evince no surprise at Dick's latest plunge. They have seen him move in a stack of yellows on duce in the hole, and are quite prepared to believe that he would take a chance at anything. Here's to you, Dick! "May you live long and prosper!"

No where in the British empire could there be greater "patriotism displayed" than was evidenced at the Palace Grand last Wednesday evening, during the entertainment given for the benefit of the widows and orphans of soldiers killed in the Boer war. The recitation of Kipling's poem, "The Absent-Minded Beggar," by Miss Jessie Perry aroused the generous impulses of the auditors. Many of the spectators voluntarily parted with all the money which they had on their persons. Crown Prosecutor Wade not only relieved himself of his money, but among the last handful of coins which he threw upon the stage, was a pearl-handled pocket knife that he unintentionally contributed in the excitement of the moment.

"Speaking of dreams, I want to say that I am a firm believer in them. The speaker was a man who arrived here in the fall of '97 and who has not had a square meal since the outfit he brought with him was eaten up. 'I'll tell why I believe in dreams,' continued the speaker; 'the night before I

left Missouri—now laugh and show your ignorance—I had a dream about what luck I would have in this country. I dreamed that luck would go against me and it has. In fact, I have not tried to do anything here for I just knew that it was no use. I dreamed I would not succeed and I have not tried to oppose the dream. I would have backed out of coming the very morning I started but I didn't want to be laughed at and guyed by my neighbors, so I came and have been ever since living in a sort of hand to mouth fashion, but I just knew there was no use in me trying to kick against fate, so I didn't tire myself kicking. Only two nights ago I had another dream, the first since I came to the country, and so plain was it that I actually woke up with such a start as to cause me to fall out of the chair in which I was sleeping down at one of the joints. This time my dream told me plainly to go to Nome and go to a point 67 steps along the beach northward from an old stump that I will find there and dig a hole four feet and nine inches deep and begin to scoop up almost pure gold with just enough sand in it to slightly discolor the water when I wash it. My dream told me I was to stay in Nome until the 23rd of October and then skin out and make back to old Missouri by Thanksgiving. Say, pard, if I don't make them corn pones peel their eyes when I get back there it will be a wonder. If you know any fellow that you think is O. K., and if he will put up the stuff for the trip to Nome, I will take him in with me on my layout there on the beach, 67 steps from the stump. Let me t'y a pipeful of your T. & B. Ah, thanks."

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DAWSON MERCHANT'S VIEWS

Regarding Mining Laws and Existing Conditions.

Suggests a Mass Meeting of Canadians, in Which Officers Will Be Asked to Participate.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Editor Daily Nugget: In your issue of this date, February 15th, I note that at a meeting of the Dawson Board of Trade the report of the committee on mines and mining was the sole topic of discussion, and that one of the principal features of the report was the matter of royalty. I also note in your issue of the same date an editorial in which the royalty question is discussed from a loyal Dawsonite's standpoint. With the recommendation of the mining committee and with your editorial bearing on the same point, I most heartily concur, as must every man who would see Dawson prosper — every person who would see business industries and property values keep up to anything near what they have been in the halcyon days of the past, from which standard I must say they are both at present very rapidly receding.

I am no a mine owner or operator, but I am a merchant and I have been engaged in business in Dawson for nearly two and a half years. I am a Canadian, of which fact I have ever been proud, but of late I have been constrained to blush for my country, or rather for my countrymen, as it is by the almost imbecile acts of the latter that business in the Yukon country has been throttled and the flow of revenue into the coffers of both the merchant and the government has been reduced fully one half within the space of a few months.

Not satisfied with retaining half the claims to itself the government must needs lay a tax on all gold produced, which tax, or royalty, is in fully one half the cases more than the operator has left as the reward for his business venture and enterprise. In many cases the miner operator would be lucky to clear above all expenses the 10 per cent royalty he is now forced to turn into the greedy maw of the government. The result of this oppression is that mining property for immediate working purposes has greatly decreased in value — in fact, is not marketable for the reason that there are no purchasers. The mines that are today being operated are being operated on a "tooth and toe nail" basis, the owner being fearful lest he expend more than will be realized at the cleanup after paying all expenses at top-notch prices, including the ten per cent donation to the government.

This condition affects the merchant and every other business man in Dawson. It causes an air of depression to hang like a pall over every pursuit in the city from the wholesaler of all needfuls down to the man who peddles hot tamales. Not content with the rigid laws governing the operation of claims after they have been located, those in power must needs legislate the prospector wholly and entirely out of business and out of the country. Where is the prospector of two years ago? Is he out in the valleys and hills looking for new mining fields, the discovery and development of which will add thousands, perhaps millions, to the wealth of the Canadian government by the alternate ten claim system? He is not. On the other hand he has packed his pick and shovel, blankets and frying pan and gone in quest of fields in which he is less restricted than in the Yukon.

This is the deplorable condition in which Dawson and the Klondike is found at present, and no steps have been or are being taken to retard the downward fall. Already the general business of Dawson, as well as that of the license issuing and recording office, has fallen off one-fourth

within the past three months as compared with that of one year ago in the same departments, and I venture the prediction based on present indications that those of us who are here in the year 1901, if any of us are left by that time, we will see less than one-fifth the business transacted, less than one-fifth the money made by the government and less than one-fifth the number of people here that we saw in the year 1899.

Now, the question is: how can matters and existing conditions be remedied? As for me, I think the desired ends may be brought about by concert of action on the part of we Canadians, and I am confident that nine in every ten of us are anxious to bring about a betterment. I am also confident that our officials will aid and assist us in the good work. I know it is not natural that office holders should openly denounce the government that has placed the pap bottle to their lips, but no denunciation is necessary. On the contrary, it is the duty of the officers who are on the ground to point out the mistakes which the government is making, which mistakes are not due to anything other than ignorance of circumstances and conditions as they exist in this country, which by the way, the majority of our lawmakers at Ottawa know as little as the average Canadian knows of the Transvaal country. My suggestion is that the representative Canadians hold a meeting (it could be properly called an emergency meeting), and ask the officials to attend. I believe there is not one of them so blind but that he sees ruin for the district at no long distance ahead on the road we are now traveling. At that meeting let a correct, accurate and detailed account of conditions as they now exist, the future discouraging prospects and the causes of their existence be clearly depicted and let every Canadian civilian, officer and what not join in signing a monster petition to our government at Ottawa to have remedied laws enacted and put in operation at the earliest possible day, that our descent down the incline on which we are now well started be slackened if not entirely stopped.

I am not an anarchist or a Boer, but a loyal subject of our queen who is here endeavoring to better my condition by honest trade and traffic. I am willing to go down, if needs be, in my country's defence, but I object to going down by means of my country's foolish, radical and arbitrary laws as I am now doing.

Mr. Editor, please excuse this encroachment on your valuable space. I could say more, but in justice to my country, my fellowman and myself I could not well say less.

DAWSON MERCHANT.

A Couple of Fights.

Yesterday Captain Fraser while crossing the river from West Dawson met two travelers starting for Nome, who were driving a dog belonging to the captain. The latter demanded its immediate return, but the stampedees refused to part with the animal. When the captain attempted forcible possession, he was resisted, but after a brief encounter the dog was secured by its rightful owner and the stampedees proceeded down the river with their two remaining animals.

This morning about 7 o'clock a lively fracas occurred in the New Dominion saloon. There were several participants, all of whom were employees of the house. No particular damage resulted, and the affair was quieted before the arrival of the police.

Judge Senkler Dead.

Gold Commissioner Senkler has received the sad news of the death of his father which occurred ten days ago at the old family home in St. Catharines, near Niagara Falls, Ontario. For many years deceased, who was a barrister of recognized ability, had served his country in the capacity of district court judge. He was widely known and generally esteemed throughout Ontario.

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BULLER'S MOVEMENTS.

It appears from the latest dispatches that Buller now contemplates a flank movement. It is difficult with the necessarily meager information at hand to form an intelligent idea of the situation. The latest war maps at hand locate the Boer lines as extending along the general line of Tugela river on the north side from its confluence with the Mnwe river to a point near where it is joined by the Mooi, a total distance of something over 70 miles. The center of the line is opposite Ladysmith at a distance of less than 10 miles from that point. Buller's line reaches from Springfield on the Tugela to the confluence of the Tugela and Bushman rivers a distance of about 40 miles. The distance between the centers of the opposing lines is given as being about 14 miles, while the flanks are no farther than five miles apart.

The significance of Buller's latest movement will be awaited with deep interest. A movement to either flank will involve the crossing of several rivers and an advance through a country almost as rugged as that which is now in front of him. The maneuver may be in the nature of a feint.

THE ROYALTY.

The royalty tax, insofar as our information extends, has not a single defender left in the Yukon unless it may be that the war like editorialist of the whilom organ is still ready to toss his hat in the air in applause of Sifton's greatest iniquity. To their credit be it said, even the government officials with few or no exceptions condemn the present royalty regulation in unmeasured terms.

How any man who has lived six months in the country and has been brought into contact with the workings of the royalty system can do otherwise is difficult to see unless he is a man whose prejudices have entirely warped his judgment and ruined his conceptions of right and equity. A tax at any rate whatsoever upon the gross output of the mines cannot be defended successfully by anyone who desires to see the country advance and become developed. Such a tax means a tax upon every day's labor, every ounce of supplies and in fact upon every dollar that is expended for any purpose whatsoever in connection with the development of the claim.

Time and again royalty has been paid into the government coffers from claims upon which the expenses of operation have been greater than the output of the ground. It is apparent to us and must be equally so to everyone who is in touch with affairs in this country that the future of the Yukon territory is hanging right now upon some alteration in the mining regulation whereby a man will be given assurance that he will have an opportunity to reap a reasonable reward from the time, labor and money he expends in taking gold from the ground in this country. A reasonable percentage taxed upon the net output of a claim would not be other than just, provided that the government would, in return, exert itself in the construction of trails and in other necessary ways advance the development of the country.

As matters stand today heavy mine owners are actually being forced out of business for the simple reason that they are compelled to operate upon such a narrow margin that the additional expense of the 10 per cent royalty entirely wipes out the profit. Every Canadian in the Yukon territory who possesses the slightest influence at Ottawa should exert that influence to secure immediate recognition of existing conditions in the territory.

The suggestion of "Dawson Merchant" which appears elsewhere in this paper is one on which our Canadian friends should at once act. A meeting should be called and a truthful statement of conditions as they exist in this district should be prepared, endorsed by the meeting and forwarded at once to Ottawa. Canadians in the Yukon have rights which their government should respect as well as those of any other section of the Dominion, and our people here should not hesitate in asking that the needs of this country be given consideration at once. Our correspondent's suggestion that the aid of the officials be asked to strengthen and dignify the petition is also a good one, and there is no doubt but that all fair minded officeholders in the district, knowing as they all must that there are breakers ahead of the ship of state in the course in which she is now sailing, will gladly lend their influence in bringing about the desired end.

By all means let "Dawson Merchant's" suggestion be acted upon.

From a perusal of Kruger's proclamation published in yesterday's Daily Nugget it would appear that the wily old Boer is making the most of the fanatical tendencies which every one agrees are a part of the Transvaal's character. When men are made to believe that in slaying or attempting to slay their fellows they are doing the Lord's work they ordinarily become tough customers to tackle. The natural qualities of the Boer for rough and ready fighting, added to the above peculiarity of which Kruger is evidently availing himself to the utmost, makes him a most formidable enemy.

The authorities at Seattle fear the introduction into that city of the plague now raging in the Hawaiian islands and portions of the Orient. A general cleanup of the city is in progress and old landmarks in the town which bear about them the traces of prehistoric filth are being renovated and treated to doses of chloride of lime and other equally drastic remedies. Seattle will be a better town as a result of this campaign of cleanliness.

The theory has been advanced that the Clayson party may have left the trail and joined a stampede on the Big Salmon river. The theory is probably the result of an imaginative freak on the part of some man who desired to spring a sensation upon reaching Skagway. Had such a stampede as suggested been in progress it would certainly have become known to the police or the Dawson newspapers long ago.

As was the case at this time last winter wood is cheaper than it was at the beginning of cold weather. Sixteen dollars a cord, which is now being quoted for wood, is about as reasonable as can be expected. The decrease in price is due to the ordinary workings of the law of supply and demand.

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A CHANGE OF BASE!

Ladysmith to Be Attacked From New Direction.

COLONEL STEELE WILL COMMAND

Lord Strathcona's Troop of Horse in the Transvaal.

Desperate Bravery Exhibited by British Officers in Storming a Boer Stronghold—The Fords of Modder River Impassable From Rains.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

London, Feb. 8, via Skagway, Feb. 14.—The delays which have attended Buller's advance upon Ladysmith have given rise to the suggestion that he may have determined to attempt an approach upon Ladysmith by another route than the one thus far taken. Buller's army is now in splendid marching order and such a change as suggested could easily be made. A report has reached Cape town that Buller has recrossed the Tugela preparatory to carrying this idea into effect.

Lieut.-Col. Steele Will Command.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—It is reported here that Lieut.-Col. Steele has been offered and has accepted the command of the Strathcona contingent.

Desperate Bravery.

Capetown, Jan. 23.—The Times publishes details of the recent sortie from Mafeking, news of which reached here several days ago. The men of the party which attacked the Boer fort attempted to scale the walls, but were shot down.

Captains Vernon and Paton were shot as they had their hands in loopholes of the fort firing their revolvers at the enemy inside. Finding it impossible to capture the place, the British troops retired slowly and doggedly.

Modder Fords Impassable.

Modder River, Jan. 20.—Rains in the Free State have raised the Modder river three feet, and as there is a strong current, it is impossible to use the fords. The only means of transit is by the pontoon bridges.

A mounted Boer picket was seen after daybreak a mile beyond the left front of our picket line in the direction of Drosmead. There were eight men in the party. They spread out over a distance of 200 yards and were very quick and successful in their scouting work, taking advantage of every particle of cover. As soon as the day broke they disappeared.

Kicked Out.

London, Jan. 20.—A London stock broker who refused to agree to hold his clerk's position provided the clerk volunteered for service in South Africa was hoisted and kicked out of the stock exchange today.

Boer Envoy Confident.

New York, Jan. 26.—A special to the World from Brussels says:

"Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal envoy, said today: I am as confident as ever of the ultimate triumph of our cause. A temporary success of British arms would merely have the effect of infusing fresh vigor into our men and strengthening their determination to hold out at whatever cost.

"While the actual fighting strength of both forces is only now about equal, England might even double her army now in South Africa without crushing our power of resistance. But, however, resolved to continue the struggle, we have been desirous to take advantage of any turn in affairs which might leave the door open to terms of honorable settlement."

On Biblical Lines.

Lourenco Marques, Jan. 23, via London, Jan. 25.—President Kruger has

issued a proclamation calling upon all burghers to take up arms and march to the front. He has also sent out a circular to the Boer generals, commandants, and burghers urging them to trust in the Lord, and to show energy in the war against the British. He says:

"Through the blessing of the Lord our great cause has been carried to such a point that with energy we may expect a successful issue. Read Psalm xxxiii. The enemy have fixed their faith on Psalm lxxxiii. Do not forget the enemy. Create devastation wherever your go in Cape Colony. They seize, sell, or destroy the goods of the Afrianders. In the Free State they lay waste farms."

President Kruger likens the destructiveness of the British to an attack of the devil on Christ's church, and says: "I am searching the entire Bible and can find no other way possible than that adopted by us. We must continue to fight in the name of the Lord."

The Volksstem makes a suggestion that the entire gold mining industry of the Transvaal should be destroyed beyond the possibility of remedy the instant the British cross the border.

(Psalm 33 is the well-known hymn of praise to the Lord for his goodness, beginning: "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous." Psalm 83 is the song of Asaph, in which occurs the verse: "They have said, 'Come and let us cut them off from being a nation.'"—ED.)

A Clayson Theory.

Victoria, Jan. 24.—News was brought in by the steamer Tees to the effect that the missing Clayson party may be found among a crowd of stampedees who are said to have gone up the Big Salmon river. The report states that Lue Kessler, a Klondiker, arrived in Skagway and reported the stampede which is said to have taken place about the time the Clayson party disappeared.

Dog Thieves Abroad.

Sergeant Wilson of the N. W. M. P., is authority for the statement that many dogs have been and are being stolen in the city these days and are being sold to parties going to Nome, or taken on the same trip by the party stealing them. Very few of the cases find their way to the police court, as the parties losing the dogs realize that the animals may be 100 or more miles away and the chances for their recovery or detention of the parties taking them are not good. Sergeant Wilson says there is scarcely a day that he is not called upon to listen to tales of woe concerning stolen dogs, and where there is a possibility of the canines still being in the city he is always ready to assist in their recovery and return to the rightful owner. But in the majority of cases the dog is either kept closely hidden or is off on the trip down the river very shortly after being stolen.

Persons owning valuable dogs—any old dogs—will do well to suspend household rules and permit their dogs to sleep under the bed for the next two or three weeks, after which time the rush to Nome by the "Boreas" route will be off for this year.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 33.5 degrees below zero.

At 9 o'clock this morning the instrument registered 32 degrees below.

This noon, the thermometer at the barracks recorded 31 degrees below.

Persons Inquired For.

Inquiries are made for M. L. English, formerly of Oskaloosa, Iowa, by his sister of the same place. Last heard from at Lynn Canal, July 9th, '98, and was then en route for Dawson. Address C. Lighton, Wade Creek, Alaska.

Thomas Graham Patterson; last heard from Aug. 11th, '98; inquiries made by C. S. Reed, chief of police, Seattle, Wash.

Michel Lane was around Dawson in the spring of '99, and is asked for by Bridget Lane, Milan, Rock Island county, Illinois.

Stanton Gantz, inquiries made by Wm. B. Alwood, Blacksburg, Va., U. S. A.

PLAGUE IS RAGING!

Creates Consternation in Honolulu.

DESPERATE REMEDIES ARE BEING TAKEN

To Prevent Further Spread of the Dread Disease.

New Theory Advanced for Disappearance of the Clayson Party—Thought to Have Gone on Stampede Up Salmon River.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—According to advices received by the steamer Miowera, which arrived this morning from the South seas, the plague at Honolulu is assuming far more serious dimensions than it was ever dreamed of. Up to the time the Miowera sailed the death list had amounted to 38 in all, and of these one of the victims was a white woman who, according to all reports, was of the most cleanly habits.

The city of Honolulu is panic stricken and other islands of the group are greatly excited. Inter island shipping is at a standstill and matters are becoming serious in regard to the food supply. The people of the town of Hilo, which as stated in these columns is in future to be the port of call for the horse transports of the United States, refuses to allow the steamers from Honolulu to land there, threatening to drive them back by force of arms should they attempt to come in.

Steamers are still arriving from Japan with full loads of Japanese immigrants, and the throng at the quarantine stations is growing to enormous proportions. The steamer Yorihime Maru arrived when the Miowera was in port with over five hundred on board. This crowd increased the horde at quarantine to nearly four thousand.

Mr. R. Seabrook did not return from the islands by the Miowera. It is expected he will return via San Francisco, as steamers are carrying passengers to that port, on condition that they go into quarantine for two weeks prior to sailing.

A number of passengers are said to be coming to the coast by sailing ship.

Yukon Agriculture.

Vice Consul Morrison of Dawson City, sends a report on the results of agricultural experiments, written by a resident of that city, which reads in part as follows, says the Scientific American "Grain has done exceptionally well, being well-filled, and I see no reason why it should not be extensively and successfully grown here.

"So far as my observations go, the climate here is as suitable for raising winter wheat as in any place in the northwestern or the northern states of America. From my experience of the last two years I see no reason why this country should not be able to produce its own vegetables and grains.

"As for flowers, the success I have had proves that all hardy annuals will do well. The coming year I intend planting several hundred hybrid roses; also summer flowering bulbs, a large variety of other hardy and half hardy annuals, and some of the hardy perennials. Small fruit, such as strawberries, currants, blackberries and raspberries, cranberries, and blueberries grow wild here."

The Probst Benefit.

Sunday evening, February 25th, is the time which has been selected to give the concert for the benefit of Mat Probst, the injured fireman. The Palace Grand theater has been secured for the purpose. A few of the leading actors and actresses have volunteered their services, and Chief Stewart of the

fire department earnestly requests the co-operation of others.

Mr. Probst is now on the department payroll. His salary amounts to \$150 per month, which sum merely pays his hospital expenses. He has a wife and family on the outside, who are dependent upon him for a livelihood, and the profits accruing from the benefit, will go towards their maintenance and support.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Billie McCrea and Baron Spitzel have withdrawn from the synagogue gambling house. Mr. McCrea is reported to be contemplating a trip outside.

The Nome fever has broken out among the sons of Ham in Dawson with the result that Lieutenant Adair's cook will leave tomorrow with four other pilgrims for the land of the golden beach.

Ed Sullivan has decided to dispose of his interest in the Dewey hotel. The fine opportunities for doing business at this point will certainly commend this purchase to any prospective purchaser. Sullivan and Cavanaugh have made the Dewey extremely popular.

In Tuesday's report of the meeting held Monday night in McDonald hall, it was stated that "Mr. Clark, of the firm of Ackerman and Clark," acted as secretary. The gentleman to whom the reporter intended to refer is Mr. J. A. Clarke, of the firm of Macfarlane & Clarke.

Max Endleman admits he was struck by lightning the other night, but says the shock was only temporary. He may leave for Nome, but will still retain his same interest in the Gold Hill hotel and the same game where he met with his slight reverse. Dame Fortune smiled on him Tuesday night to the extent of \$2000 in two short sessions.

A hot time is anticipated by the sports tonight at Ford's gymnasium. There will be a ten round go between Jones and McMurray, two ambitious welders of "de mites" and rumor has it that they will soak each other with jabs, upper cuts and swings. A ring has been put up to accommodate the pugs and all the accessories necessary for the go has been secured.

The Yukon Theosophists held their usual well attended weekly meeting last evening; the entertainment commenced with the reading by request of a paper on reincarnation, the discussion of which occupied so much interesting time that the main subject of the evening, "The moulding power of thought," will be again discussed at the meeting on next Wednesday evening.

Yesterday Tom Chisholm and Miss Bernice Croft were on their way from Grand Forks to Dawson. They were traveling with Tom's fastest team of dogs, and were attempting to break the trail record. At the mouth of Bonanza, the dog team collided with the stage; the animals broke loose from their fastenings and came to town. Chisholm and Miss Croft were compelled to continue to Dawson on foot.

A telegram received this morning by Lieut. S. E. Adair from Dr. J. Allan Hornsby states that the latter intends coming to Dawson in a few weeks. For the past 18 months, Dr. Hornsby has been employed by the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co., as assistant physician and surgeon in which capacity he was most successful. On the treatment of disease by electricity Dr. Hornsby has published several works and is recognized authority on that subject. He does not state whether or not he will practice his profession in Dawson.

The Tuesday Night Dance.

A social dance was given at the McDonald hall on Tuesday night. A large number of people were present and all enjoyed a good time. The affair was under the management of Prof. Duffy. Excellent music was rendered by Mr. Thomas Majuy's orchestra.

Found in the Ashes.

Eddie O'Brien is the luckiest man in Dawson and is the proud possessor of the most unique and valuable souvenir of the recent fire.

Sammy Jones took a notion to rake over the ashes on the Monte Carlo site yesterday, resulting in the uncovering of a cuff holder, a golden bracelet set with jewels and a diamond stud. The bracelet was worn by his daughter Annie and is ruined. The other property was recognized as belonging to O'Brien and returned to him.

The diamond stud is of as clear water as before the fire, the intense heat not affecting it in the least although the setting is ruined.

MINING COMMITTEE REPORT

Passed After Much Discussion and Slight Alterations.

Size of Claims Will Be Fixed Later—Two Per Cent on Net Output Is Sufficient Royalty.

(From Thursday's Daily)

The meeting of the Board of Trade adjourned from the 7th instant was continued last night with Second Vice-President Yemans in the chair. The report of the committee on mines and mining was taken up where it was left off at the previous session, section 19, the previous sections being passed over hurriedly with the exception of clauses seven and ten, which were discussed for two hours when the former clause was turned over to Attorney Woodworth for reconstruction. Clause ten, regarding the shape, size, base, rimrock, level and various other features of a claim came in for discussion in which Messrs Woodworth, Wilcoxon, Gates, Olson, Alex McDonald, Condon and Tezler took part. Fritz Kloke, the first white man who ever saw the Klondike country, gave it as his opinion that the present law governing locations, metes and bounds of claims is good enough and that there would be no likelihood of securing a change even if such change be recommended by the board. Motion of Condon, seconded by Woodworth, section 10 was adopted, leaving the metes and bounds of claims vacant to be supplied later, which portion of the clause was referred back to the committee. That portion of the report striking out the present mining law clause giving to the crown every alternate ten claims was adopted. After considerable discussion all clauses up to 30 were adopted with the corrections and omissions above mentioned.

When the royalty clause was reached Attorney Woodworth spoke forcibly at length on the flagrant injustice of the present law which demands royalty on the gross returns. He stated that the present law is driving from the mining business the operators now here. He moved that it be recommended that the royalty be fixed at 5 per cent on the net output in case royalty is at all imposed. Alex McDonald thought 2 per cent, the rate charged elsewhere, was sufficient. Mr Woodworth thought Canadians were glad to have alien claim in and develop their country and that the only class objected to is Chinese. He thought there might probably be some gratters in the Dominion but that they did not voice the sentiment of the masses of the Canadian people. The question of 5 per cent royalty was amended to recommend that the royalty be placed at 2 per cent of the net output, which amendment was adopted.

The clause governing prospecting claims was referred back to the committee for correction, it being suggested that the committee incorporate that the prospector be required to do work underground to the amount of \$200 before he be allowed to abandon his claim without forfeiture of his rights to further prospect and locate in that particular district. The remainder of the report as previously published was adopted, with the exception that clauses 31 and 32 be repealed, and that it be added to the report that in case of death of a mine owner his mining property be handled by the deceased's duly selected administrator or executor the same as his other property.

Midnight having come and gone, a motion to adjourn for one week carried without a hesitating vote.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lowe.
Under the heading "Romance of the Klondike," a Chicago paper produces the following:

"Richard R. Lowe, a Klondike millionaire, and his wife, who nine days ago was Miss Virgie Graves, who had played ingenue parts in the Olga

Nethersole, Frohman, and Daly companies, are at the Auditorium Annex on their way to New York city. The news of their marriage, which took place on Dec. 21 in California came as a surprise. It took place secretly at a hotel in Oakland, just across the bay from San Francisco, and Mrs. Lowe says that she is ready to renounce the theatrical profession and accompany her husband to the Klondike, where the foundation of his fortune was laid.

Mrs. Lowe is a Southern woman. She has already made two trips to the Klondike, and considers herself well acclimated to the country. Her husband, Richard Lowe, is a rugged type of the Klondike miner, and has been a resident of Alaska since 1885, before the renowned Captain Healy went to that region. However, he got there only in the spring of the year that Captain Healy arrived, so that the difference in the time is not great. "I have been to the Klondike by two routes," said Mrs. Lowe yesterday, "and now Dick and I are going there by the third route, over the ice next time. We expect to start some time in February, and will leave Seattle with the dog team. I don't suppose I shall ever go on the stage again, but of course my husband will decide that question. I don't care much about that, though, or I like the Klondike as a place of residence, and know what I am talking about, for I have already been there twice."

The Ketchikan District.
For the past year or so infrequent reports have reached Dawson respecting the mineral wealth of the country surrounding Ketchikan, Alaska. Recently Mr. Gus Baake, received a letter dated January 22d, from a friend in Juneau regarding the district. It says:

"Ketchikan is about 100 miles below Fort Wrangel. There is a quartz vein there, and over 400 claims have been recorded already, and one mill has been erected. Indeed, quite a town is located there now. Ex Governor Swinford of Alaska, is the recorder. The rush was started by the finding of \$13,000 worth of ore in one pocket."

In speaking of Juneau and vicinity, Mr. Baake's correspondent says:

"Juneau is very dull; but everyone expects good times next spring. The treadwell company are employing over a thousand men, and there are five mills operating on the island. Richard has been struck at Smdum. The Bald Eagle and the Smdum Chief are abnormally rich. Ore is being hoisted from these mines which runs as high as \$1000 to the car. Last night it was reported that the Bald Eagle had struck ore which assays \$7000 to the ton. Charles Reynolds and William Wright hold their claims on Prince Edward's stand for \$200,000. Jim Birch will start a dance hall at Ketchikan."

Dawson's Late Fire.
The following special telegram from Tacoma, Wash., appeared in the Chicago Inter-Ocean of January 17th:

A large part of the business portion of Dawson City was burned last Wednesday night. The loss exceeds \$500,000 according to a brief dispatch received at Skagway on Wednesday night. The steamer Farallon, which brought the news, left Skagway before the details were received. Much suffering followed the fire, as the temperature at Dawson was 40 degrees below zero with a high wind blowing.

To make matters worse, the city has been entirely without a regular water supply for two weeks. The city mains were hurriedly put in two years ago, and have worn out in many places. In consequence the pumping plant was shut down about Christmas, leaving the city dependent upon its old method of hauling water from the Yukon river.

Between Dec. 1 and 20 eighteen fires occurred at Dawson, caused by overheated stoves. Wednesday night's fire was stated to be under control when the steamer left Skagway.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

VICTOR ET AL. VS. BUTLER

Now Being Tried in the Territorial Court.

The Action Involves the Title to a Very Valuable Claim on Gold Hill.

The case of Thomas Victor, Hugh Murray and L. F. Hastings, plaintiffs, vs. Addie Butler, defendant, is now on trial before Justice Dugas, in the territorial court. The action involves the title of very valuable mining ground on Gold Hill.

The plaintiffs allege that July 5th, 1898, Thomas Victor staked a certain claim, 100 feet wide and 200 feet long, on Gold Hill; that a grant was issued; that the ground was properly surveyed by L. Bolton; that in December, 1898, Thomas Victor sold to Hugh Murray and L. F. Hastings a one third interest each; that in October, 1898, Addie Butler, defendant, trespassed upon said claim, and that the defendant by misrepresentation to the gold commissioner, secured a grant for a portion of said claim. The plaintiffs pray that they be declared the owners of said claim and that the defendant be permanently enjoined from entering upon the same.

The defendant, in answering the plaintiffs' allegations, asserts that Thos Victor, in order to secure a grant for the ground which he had staked on July 5th, 1898, misrepresented to the gold commissioner the exact description of the claim. The defendant alleges that on January 25th, 1898, one Arthur Mensing made and recorded a location, particularly described as the bench claim on the right bank of Skookum in the fourth tier from Bonanza, and in the eighth tier from Skookum gulch; that Mensing failed to perform the required work for representation; that she relocated said claim as soon as Mensing's right thereto had expired, namely, on October 26th, 1898; and that on November 10th, 1898, she received from the government a grant for said claim. The defendant further alleges that the ground staked by Thos. Victor, on July 5th, 1898, includes a portion of the original Mensing claim, which did not become open for relocation until said 26th day of October, 1898. The defendant prays that Victor's location, insofar as it interferes with the Mensing claim, be declared void, and that she, by reason of legal relocation, be declared the owner of said Mensing claim.

The trial of the case was commenced on Tuesday afternoon, and it will probably be Friday before all the evidence is submitted. The facts, over which the present action arose, were fully explained, over a year ago by the Nugget; and everyone familiar with the issue is anxiously awaiting the outcome of the lawsuit now pending.

Tonight's Entertainment.
All arrangements have been completed for the benefit entertainment tonight which bids fair to be one of the best of the season. Already a large number of tickets have been sold and there is no doubt but that the Palace Grand will be packed to its full capacity. The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock sharp, as the use of the theater can be had only until 10:30.

Comforts for Cape Nome.
San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 27.—The new mining camp of Cape Nome, under the arctic circle, will start the spring with the appliances of civilization and the most modern mining apparatus. It will have a telephone system, electric light, and electric mining machinery. Articles of incorporation of the Cape Nome Electric Light and Telephone Company were filed today. The incorporators are residents of Nome City and local capitalists.

Charles S. Rosener, one of the number and an attorney of Nome, said "Capital,

especially New York and English capital, is invested heavily in Alaska, and considerable San Francisco money will go up in the spring. Our company will erect at Nome City a modern electrical plant, with sufficient capacity to supply the town with lights and the beach and tundra lands with electric power.

"We shall also install at Nome a telephone system and connect the town by telephone with the adjacent mines, and with Port Clarence, Cape York, Port Safety, Council City, Golovin Bay, and St Michael."

Rosener predicts an immense rush to the new gold fields, not only from this and the Eastern coast, but from all points in Southeastern Alaska and on the Yukon river, estimating the population of Nome City next summer at 40,000.

Pictures on the Wall.

On the wall to the right of the door of the Dawson postoffice is an array of from 50 to 100 photographs and pictures which tell the silent story of husband and father in the Klondike and mother and children back at the old home. These pictures have all arrived by mail, but owing to their being insufficiently wrapped or to rough handling of the mail bags, the wrappers containing the addresses are torn off and lost, and on their reaching the postoffice there is no way of knowing for whom they are intended. The picture of many a "papa's boy" and petted daughter are on the wall in the postoffice today, and in some instances where the father has been here for two years or more he might look on the picture of his own child in the array and not recognize it. How many of those pictures, could they find the father or husband for whom they were intended, would cheer the solitude of log cabins where they would be gazed upon in loving adoration by those who perhaps are now cursing the loved ones "back home" for not sending their pictures which for weeks perhaps months, have been posted on the wall of the local postoffice with the hope that they may be seen and recognized by the one for whom they were intended.

People here who have been expecting pictures from home and who have not received them, will do well after having read the above to call at the postoffice and take a "rubber" at the pictures on the wall. Perhaps they may recognize what they have long and patiently awaited.

POLICE COURT.

In Major Perry's court this morning J. H. Crowley was up on the charge of being drunk and of disturbing the peace at the Aurora last night where the arresting officer said he was interfering with the games. Crowley had no recollection of having been in any way offensive, but cheerfully paid a fine of \$10 and trimmings.

The experience of F. R. Mason as a dog dealer has not been conducive to peace of mind on his part. Sometime in December he invested \$1400 in nine dogs, purchasing them from various parties, one from a man named Geo. Banks who gave a bill of sale with the dog. It turned out later that the dog was not owned by Banks, but was the property of a man by the name of La Rue. The latter went and recovered his dog, and it was to see as to who is entitled to the animal that Mason was in court this morning. But no trial was held, it being evident that La Rue is the rightful owner. Banks, who sold the dog, has departed for pastures new.

Suit was entered by A. B. Llewellyn against Bigelow Bros. & Romaker for \$405 for wages alleged to be due for labor performed on claim 46 on Eldorado. The case will come up for hearing Monday afternoon. Patrick Whalen instituted suit against Dr. Thompson for \$288, labor performed on a mining claim operated by the latter; trial set for Tuesday morning.

The three men Yakshaw, Zimeran and Krusner who were implicated with John Dickerson in the robbing of a scow at Halfway post on the Yukon river, to which charge Dickerson plead guilty and is now serving a six months' sentence, were brought into court yesterday afternoon and after being handed a severe warning were discharged.

1900 calendars, very swell. Nugget office.

BOERS BEING SHELLLED

Buller's Guns Watched From the Garrison.

SHELLING APPEARS TO BE EFFECTIVE

Dry Weather Causes Decrease of Fever in British Camps.

Cecil Rhodes Will Equip Irregulars—Australians Particularly Enthusiastic—Buenos Ayres Beef for the British Army Lost in Transit.

(From Friday's Daily.)
Ladysmith, Jan. 29, by runner via Prere Camp, Jan. 30.—The garrison is watching Gen. Buller's guns shelling the Boers. Their fire can be seen at this distance and appears to be very effective.

The movements of the Boers show that they are evidently determined to stubbornly oppose the advance of the relief column. They show no signs of removing their guns and have mounted new ones and are continually strengthening their fortifications.

Our fortifications have been greatly strengthened since Jan. 6th, and Ladysmith is now practically impregnable.

Owing to the dry weather, the fever has diminished and the number of convalescents returned from Intombi camp exceeds that of the patients being sent there.

The supplies are spinning out splendidly, all the troops having sufficient wholesome food. The heat is terrific, the thermometer registering 107 degrees in the shade.

A Force of Irregulars.

New York, Jan. 26.—The British government has given Cecil Rhodes and the British Chartered Company permission to organize and equip a force of irregular troops with which to fight the Boers. It is reported that the war office has loaned General Carrington to the South African millionaires, who will place this eminent soldier in command of the force. No facts concerning the strength of the body of irregulars have been disclosed. The New York World, in commenting upon this latest scheme, says:

"This may be considered as equivalent to the issue of what may be called letters of marque for privateering operations to be conducted on land instead of at sea. It is in a sense a revival of the medieval system of enlisting the support of mercenaries acting in almost perfect independence of the imperial power. How his actions will be viewed by the civilized powers of the world remains to be seen."

Army Beef Lost.

Durban, Jan. 26.—The steamer City of Lincoln has arrived here from Buenos Ayres. She has a cargo of cattle destined for the use of the British army, but on the voyage she met with a succession of storms which threatened to sink her, and for a long time she was down on her beam ends. Almost all the cattle were killed or thrown overboard.

Whales in a Trap.

Tacoma, Jan. 28.—Residents of Vaughan Bay, 20 miles from Tacoma, are having a big hunt after seven whales, which entered Vaughan bay Christmas day. Being unable to find the narrow channel leading out of the bay, the whales have been circling around and cutting all sorts of antics. Boatmen have been able to approach within 30 feet of them, and several parties with lances have started to hunt them down.

The hunters are now trying to secure the harpoons used by Tacoma fishermen three years ago when they captured a

big California gray whale which yielded 800 barrels of oil. At that time a cannon was mounted on a tug and fired at the whale several times without effect. At last harpoons were sunk into him, and he towed three rowboats around Puget sound for over a hundred miles. By that time he was so tired that lances could be used with deadly effect. It is intended to repeat this process if harpoons can be secured before the whales escape. A number of children who cross Vaughan bay in rowboats to go to school are staying at home until the whales disappear.

Enthusiastic Australians.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 27.—An intensely enthusiastic crowd, which is estimated to have numbered 300,000 persons, bade Godspeed to the New South Wales section of the second Australian contingent, which embarked for South Africa. The section comprised 44 officers, 644 men, 14 nurses and 756 horses.

The troopers marched through the streets escorted by 3000 volunteers. The cheering was incessant. A banner suspended from the American consulate bore the inscription: "America wishes Australia's patriots Godspeed."

The Yeomanry Movement.

London, Jan. 26.—There is much indignation and disgust expressed here at the mistake and blunders of those who have charge of the organization of the Yeomanry contingent. Persons who were able to carry the scheme to success have been met on every hand with red tape and obstacles, interposed by the inner circle of titled incapables. Many good men have withdrawn from participation in the movement. In South Bedfordshire, a company of 170 men became so disgusted that they disbanded.

POLICE COURT.

If the attorneys of Dawson are as derelict in collecting fees as they are in getting to police court to champion the cause of their clients their contributions to the causes of home and foreign missions must necessarily be meagre.

Major Perry's court this morning was a "waterhaul" all owing to the fact that Dawson's attorneys are the busiest set of men between Pushfinger, Arkansas, and the North Pole, and therefore the balance of the world, the flesh and the devil, must needs "hang fire" on this account.

The first case called this morning was that of the Queen vs. Edward Bartlett who is charged with having, on January 16th, unlawfully taken a pair of bobs, the property of F. R. Knight, and of since declining to return them to the rightful owner. Bartlett said he had secured the services of a lawyer who would be present soon, so the parties were told to stand aside.

The case of Brown vs. Sam'l Mather-son for labor performed, on the latter's Sulphur creek claim to the amount of \$607 was next called. Mather-son disputed the account and said he only owes Brown \$474.25, which amount he is ready to pay at any time. Brown broke the spell at this stage of the proceedings by saying "My lawyer will be here in a few minutes," and the parties in this case retired to the already crowded waiting shelf to bide their time until the disciple of Blackstone would deign to appear. The "few minutes" in which the lawyer was to appear in this case chased the "few minutes" in which the lawyer was to appear in the other case over the faces of the chronometers present and still the legal luminaries did not appear. Major Perry looked at his watch, shifted in his chair, looked at his watch, shifted again and infinitum until 30 minutes had been transferred from the scroll of time to the shelf of eternity, and still the lawyers came not. "Has any one else any business with me this morning," asked the court. "No one present had any tales of woe to reveal. At this point patience ceased to be a virtue and court was summarily adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon, and upwards of a dozen men, all anxious to be allowed to return at once to their various occupations, were thus detained all on account of the apathy and evident carelessness of two petty foggers.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 41 degrees below zero. At 9 o'clock this morning the thermometer at the barracks registered 40.5 degrees below. At noon, a slight variation occurred and the official instrument recorded 39.4 degrees below.

WHITEHORSE WEALTH!

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Diphtheria Triumphs Over Christian Science—Blind Faith Causes Parents to Lose Their Family—In Hands of the Lord.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 24.—One of the biggest mining deals on record in British Columbia has been consummated in the transfer of the Whitehorse copper group claims to the Rothschilds for \$2,000,000. The deal was put through by Manager Bowker of the British American syndicate, which owns the Leromine at Rossland. Several experts have been sent out from England to examine these claims. All have agreed that they make the most wonderful copper showing ever found anywhere. One of them reported that on a single claim \$1,000,000 worth of ore had been exposed by a washout.

These properties are situated 160 miles down Yukon from Skagway and will be reached next summer by the extension of the White Pass railroad now building. This railroad has agreed to make very low rates on copper ore to Skagway, whence they will be shipped by water to the Tacoma smelter in which the Rothschild syndicate and D. O. Mills of New York are interested.

Henry Bratnaber, chief American mining expert in the Rothschild's employ, discovered the first copper in the Whitehorse district in August, 1897, when he returned from Dawson City on foot. He immediately sent men into the district to stake claims. These were followed by stampedes and it is their claims which the syndicate has now purchased. The deal will give the Rothschild syndicate control of a copper belt which experts say will exceed that of Montana in production within ten years.

Diphtheria Vs. Christian Science.

Pittsburg, Jan. 28.—Diphtheria and Christian Science have had a bitter battle in a New Brighton family for the last two weeks. Diphtheria has won so far. Two children are dead, while a third child and the father are dangerously ill with the same disease. Frank Martzell and his wife have been believers in Christian Science for three years, and so confirmed in the doctrine are they that they have seen their two little ones die of malignant diphtheria and were willing to see their remaining child perish rather than take her case "out of the hands of the Lord." Not until forced to do so by the health authorities would the parents permit a physician in the house. Even then the father refused to give the medicine prescribed.

Assistant Gold Commissioner Arrives.

Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell and Mr. R. J. Eilbeck, sheriff of the Yukon territory, arrived in Dawson this noon. The commissioner made the trip with a horse and sled. Sheriff Eilbeck had a team of dogs. The gentlemen expressed themselves as satisfied with their journey, and both are in good health and spirits. The assistant commissioner is not expected to assume the duties of his official position until the return of Commissioner Senkler from the creeks.

The A. C. Hockey Match.

The employees of the A. C. Co. have arranged for a hockey match to take place tomorrow evening at their private rink directly in front of the company's store.

The store team is as follows: Ben Trenneman, captain; Ed Boyer, O. S. Lanning, W. H. Fairbanks, Sam Pond, John Myers, Frank Griffin and Fred Emery.

The warehouse team is composed of the following young men: William

Norval, captain; Luther Schooling, James Lapierre, John Lawrence, John Van Meter, Charles Johnson and John McCann.

Glove Contest a Draw.

Ford's gymnasium last night was the scene of several rattling bouts between members of the club followed by a 11-round go "for points" between Sammy Jones and Walter McMurray, colored.

McMurray was introduced by Jim Donaldson as "better known as the Kansas Cyclone," but the reputation of the state suffered considerably last night as the Cyclone was very short of wind. The fight was to be for points, 10 rounds, with a decision, but lasted 11.

Sammy did all the fighting and had his man going in the second round. Black Prince, who was acting in the colored boy's corner, thought his man was gone and with a theatrical gesture threw a towel in the ring in the absence of the sponge. His man evidently

thought it was an invitation to wash up, but was too busy to do so as Sammy was crowding him hard. Time was called here and the colored boy took his corner bleeding profusely from the nose. The Black Prince left the hall in disgust, as his man was still fighting when according to all precedents he should have been dead to the world.

After the second round McMurray looked ready to go out at any time and only waited for Sammy to land, but while Jones was getting in all the blows he had not the strength to finish his man.

At the end of the go Jones did not show a mark, the colored boy reaching him but once during the match, while McMurray was battered in the mouth and his lower lip was badly damaged. The fight was Sammy's from first to last, and as Donaldson stated at the opening of hostilities that the go was for points, he should have got the decision. It was declared a draw.

The entertainment was opened by four-round go between Sinclair and Malloy. Malloy showed to best advantage, while Sinclair is rapidly improving, although having a bad practice of flinching at expected blows. This was a lively and interesting exhibition.

Then followed a four round go between Hall and the Benicia Kid. This was a kangaroo battle, both combatants doing some great foot work. The Benicia Kid expected to get kicked in the jaw as he watched Hall's feet very closely. He discovered he was in no danger from that source, however, and as a gentlemanly evidence of his disregard for the fistful efforts of his opponent, spit a mouth full of water in his face. The go ended in a jumping match.

Case, a brother of Dick Case, and Ford next donned the buckskins for a four round go and gave and took equally. Case shows practice at the art and guarded and landed very neatly.

After this followed the go between Sammy Jones and Walter McMurray—a draw. Jim Donaldson referee; W. H. Lyons, time keeper.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Two sled loads of mail which arrived yesterday evening only seven days from Bennett, the best time on record, was being delivered to the public today.

Evidently the members of the Yukon council are losing interest in that body's meetings. There was not a quorum present yesterday, the time for the regular weekly meeting, consequently no meeting was held. The same thing occurred two weeks ago.

Twenty-four people with six sleds and 28 dogs left yesterday for Nome. Nearly all who contemplate the long trip over the ice will get away within the next ten days, as it is thought that in 30 days, the best time in which the swiftest travelers can hope to make the journey, the ice will be getting very treacherous and dangerous.

The two months for which James O'Day was confined for the theft of goods from the Yukon Iron Works will expire on Monday, the 19th and he will then be released from custody. Being truly penitent he will soon be in position to begin the work of building up for himself a reputation for honesty and integrity.

THE RECENT APPOINTEES

Speak of the Duties of Their Respective Offices.

Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell and Sheriff R. J. Elbeck Define Their Official Powers.

From Saturday's Daily. As was reported in the last issue of the Daily Nugget, Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell and Mr. R. J. Elbeck arrived from the outside yesterday noon. The journey from Bennett was made in 30 days. Neither of the gentlemen evidence any ill effects from traveling.

The home of Mr. Bell is in Quebec. He assumed the execution of his official duties this morning. The recent appointee will have charge of all of the business appertaining to the office of gold commissioner, excepting the trial and adjudication of such disputes as are now heard by Mr. Senkler. When interviewed this morning by a representative of the Daily Nugget, Mr. Bell said:

"I shall enter upon the performance of my work today. It will be some time before I become thoroughly acquainted with the office routine; but within a week I expect to be fully informed respecting such details."

"Is your position that of an assistant to the gold commissioner?" inquired the reporter.

"It may be termed so," responded Mr. Bell; "but, nevertheless, our duties are entirely separate. Mr. Senkler will continue to try and adjudge those disputes of which the office has jurisdiction; his work will be confined to such business. I shall relieve him of everything else."

"From whom will you receive instructions?" asked the Nugget representative.

"From the government officials at Ottawa," answered Mr. Bell. Continuing he said: "All of the business now being transacted in the office of gold commissioner, excepting that relating to disputes, will be under my supervision; and those clerks which are required for the performance of this business will be under my control and management."

"Did you bring in any new regulations?" was the next question.

"No," was the laconic reply of the new commissioner.

"Do you anticipate any change or modification of the present laws regarding mining?"

"I know nothing more respecting the intentions of the Ottawa officials than does any well informed citizen of Dawson," was the reply.

Mr. R. J. Elbeck, until his appointment, was a resident of Kingston, Ontario. He is the first duly appointed sheriff of the Yukon territory, and the only official of that title in the Dominion of Canada, who holds his position by virtue of an appointment from the federal government. The area of his territory is greater than that of any similar officer in the British empire.

When questioned by a representative of the Daily Nugget respecting his duties and power, Sheriff Elbeck said: "As yet I am not fully informed as to the extent of my duties and power. However, I shall take charge of civil processes and writs issuing from the respective courts. In criminal affairs I shall be compelled to associate at the execution of felons sentenced to death, and all warrants of arrest will be served by me, or my deputies. The N. W. M. P. will continue to execute criminal processes and writs, but hereafter they will act in such matters as deputies of the sheriff."

Both of the recently appointed officials are favorably impressed with Dawson, and are well known to a large number of the residents here.

They Captured a Ghost. For the past two months or ten weeks prospectors, hunters and travelers have

with bated breath and stealthy steps passed a log cabin which stands near the mouth of O'Brien creek which empties into Fortymile river 50 miles back from the Yukon. The cause of all this was the cabin was haunted. Not one but a dozen or more men who, not knowing the reputation borne by the structure, had passed a night beneath its roof, but one night sufficed. The man who stayed there one night usually looked ten years older next day nor could he be hired by all the golden wealth of the Yukon vale to repeat the experience. Raven locks have been silvered by a sojourn of a few hours in that cabin. The sojourner was invariably awakened by gentle but distinct rappings on the floor of his apartment and by other spiritualistic manifestations. The startled sleeper after listening for some minutes to these noises was ripe for seeing things, and in several instances a long, white apparition has risen up and mildly gesticulated and the sojourner, bathed in cold perspiration, has invariably concluded that his time for leaving things earthly has arrived. Less than a month ago a Swede, a stranger in that country, attempted to pass a night there. As usual the ghost appeared, but before the rapping had continued two minutes the frightened Norseman rushed from the cabin and an hour later reached a cabin breathless and hatless, where, after recovering sufficiently to speak said, "Ae tank Ae bane on da aige of hale."

By Mr. King, formerly of the Rochester Bar, who returned recently from the O'Brien creek country it is learned that the ghost had been captured. Several bold men—men wholly leycoid of the fear of death—armed themselves with guns, pistols, knives and other deadly weapons and repaired to the cabin to pass the night. Ere long silence reigned supreme, when the usual rapping began. By some prearranged signal a volley of shot and balls were fired in the direction from whence the sounds had preceded. A light was quickly struck and there, in shreds and pieces, was the cause of many premature gray heads. It was only a marten that had probably gotten into the habit of going to the cabin at night in quest of scraps and crumbs dropped by travelers who had stopped in the cabin to partake of their lunch.

She Had to Walkey-Palkey.

A carrier on his way to Hinckley overtook a poor woman carrying a baby. She was very tired and asked him if he would give her a lift.

"Yes, missus," said he, "if you won't talk rubbish to the baby."

The woman promised not to do so, and got in. They had not proceeded far when the baby began to cry.

"Hush, my little wucky-wucky," said the mother, "you're going to Hinckley-Pinckley to see our uncles-punckley."

"Now, you can get out and walkey palkey," said the carrier. — Weekly Telegraph.

Suffered Paralysis.

Edward Murphy, an employee of the Madden restaurant, suffered a stroke of paralysis last evening which has affected the entire left side of his body. Murphy had no warning of the attack. In attempting to arise from a bench on which he had been sitting for several minutes, he realized that he was incapable of walking. Several bystanders came to the assistance of the helpless man, and he was removed to the Popular lodging house. The services of three doctors were secured immediately. Murphy is now under medical treatment, and his chances for recovery are fair.

Many New Members.

Seven applicants were elected to membership of Dawson Camp, No. 4, Arctic Brotherhood, last night and the degree conferred upon Chechakos Geo. M. Allen, N. B. Forest, J. S. Cowan and Geo. Cartwell. After adjournment all the members assembled around the foot of the throne of her iciness, the Arctic Queen, when a flashlight

picture was taken by the new made brother, Photographer Cantwell. The picture represents each member sitting on a block of ice sucking on an icicle.

Will Open Sunday.

The Martony Hotel and Cafe is now completed and will be ready for business Sunday. The interior has been remodeled and newly fitted up, making a very neat and attractive appearance. Regular dinners will be served as well as short orders. This is the building which was moved down First ave. to the Hoffman house site by B. F. St. Clair, the contractor and builder.

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Dated, at the City of Ottawa, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1899.

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IN MAJOR PERRY'S COURT.

Much Time Spent Over an Arduous of Alleged Stolen Wood.

W. H. Schwartz Saws Wood—Matheson Must Pay Brown \$572—Cases Continued.

From Saturday's Daily. In the case of Johnson vs. Miracle & Meyers, suit for \$70, labor performed on a Hunker creek claim, postponement was made until Monday, the defendants not being present this morning.

J. Bartell was up on a charge of stealing wood to the value of \$2 from R. P. Curtis and a man named Gamble. Attorney Robertson appeared for the accused while Curtis represented the prosecution. Both men swore that they had recognized their wood in Bartell's cabin; that it was covered by a bed quilt. A man named Seidell also swore that he had been a victim of theft by Bartell and had taken him in the very act of stealing his wood. In defense Bartell swore that a quarter of a cord of wood lasts him six weeks and that he has bought six quarters of wood since last fall. Several witnesses testified to the general good reputation of the accused who is now employed at the Melbourne Annex, and who formerly conducted a gambling game in the Pavilion, in which connection it came out that Curtis was at one time employed by Bartell in the capacity of booster. In summing up the case the court held that while the prosecution had made a strong case against Bartell, there was a doubt to the benefit of which the accused was entitled, therefore he was discharged. Like the old Scotch verdict it was "not proven," instead of "not guilty."

The case of Bell vs. Ramsdale for money was set for Monday forenoon.

Yesterday J. U. Nicol who runs a store on the corner of Third street and Fourth avenue wrote a letter to a niece in Scotland in which he enclosed five small gold nuggets to the approximate value of \$8. Dropping the letter in his coat pocket he stepped out for an armful of wood. In picking up the wood the letter dropped from his pocket of which he was then aware. Hastily entering his store and depositing the wood he returned to pick up the letter, but it was gone. On inquiring of a man who was sawing wood nearby he was told that a big Dutchman who had just passed had picked up a letter. Nicol went to the cabin of the Dutchman, whose name is W. H. Schwartz, and whose cabin is in suspicious proximity to the rear of one of the houses in "French row," but when asked for the letter the latter denied all knowledge of it. A warrant was sworn out by Nicol and the case as stated above was presented in court this morning, the prosecuting witnesses being Nicol and the wood sawyer. The accused was defended by Attorney Robertson, but legal assistance was of no avail, and Schwartz, who weighs over 250, in the shade will exercise on the royal woodpile for 30 days.

L. J. Brown was yesterday afternoon given judgment against Sam'l Matheson for \$572 for labor performed on No. 10 above on Sulphur.

Weather Report.
The minimum temperature last night was 43 degrees below zero. At 9 o'clock this morning the thermometer at the government barracks registered 41 degrees below. At noon the weather was a little colder, the instrument recording 42.5 degrees below.

Concert Sunday Night.
Tomorrow night the Philharmonic Orchestra will give another delightful concert at the Palace Grand. Mr. Lueters, the musical director, has increased the strength of the orchestra, and secured three vocalists for the occasion: Beatrice Lorne, balladist;

Mrs. Leroy Tozier, contralto, and Mr. Erhardt, bass. An excellent program of operatic and classical music has been arranged and the success of the enterprise is assured.

The Elby Dance.
An enjoyable dance was given by Mrs. Robert Birch in the Elby road house, 30 below on Bonanza, last night. Quite a few persons from Dawson and Grand Forks attended. There were 18 numbers on the program, and it was not till the early hours of this morning that the dancers departed for their respective homes. The affair was under the management of Prof. James Duffy. Excellent music was rendered by Mr. Thomas Majny's orchestra.

Last Night's Fire.
All the members of the fire department responded to an alarm which was turned in at midnight from the A. C. office building. The soot in a stove pipe had been ignited and burned until the pipe became red hot. None of the department apparatus was required, and the pipe cooled after a short time. No damage resulted.

PERSONAL MENTION.
N. A. Butler is a guest at the Fairview.
Charles Wentle left for Nome this morning.
Thomas T. Brackett of Skagway is a recent arrival in Dawson.
William Jones is in town. He is stopping at the Fairview.
E. B. Steadman will leave for Skagway tomorrow or the next day.
E. J. Carson and George Kellogg are registered at the Regina.
No sessions of the territorial court were held today.

A. E. Anderson and J. R. Anderson are stopping at the Fairview.
C. W. Walling of Grand Forks is in town on business. He is at the Regina.
J. H. Kennedy and M. Butts have started for Nome with five good dogs.
Joe Irwin of Grand Forks, is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.
Mrs. Heck and her daughters contemplate a trip to Skagway in the near future.
W. T. Edmunds arrived in Dawson Wednesday. He left Washington, D. C., on January 20th.
Mrs. A. M. Barr and J. H. Scholberg started for Cape Nome Friday. They have a team of five dogs.
James Macdonald received a telegram from D. C. McKenzie this morning. The latter made the trip from Dawson to Skagway in 12 days.

The weekly rehearsals of the Dawson Choral Society will be discontinued on account of the director, Mr. Arthur Boyle, being obliged to depart for the outside.

John Caldwell, John Shaughnessy, Hugh O'Farrell, D. O. Pelton, S. C. Stevens, Victor Levy, C. Wendt, C. Scott and J. Segum started for Cape Nome this morning. The party was provided with 12 dogs.

N. M. Beers, F. M. White, Gus Murray, George White and C. P. Cronk, formed a party of travelers who made the trip from Skagway to Dawson in 15 days. They arrived here on Friday. The gentlemen report the trail to be in fine condition.

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