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HORRIBLE CASE OF DESITUITION.

For Thirty Days a Man Lives Alone and in a Sleeping Bag.

His Legs and Feet had Failed Him From Scurvy—Lives on Sugar and a Little Frost Picked Off the Walls.

The most horrible case of helpless misery which has come to light this winter occurred on Galena creek the past month. Galena is a little known creek which empties into the Yukon opposite Monte Cristo island. During the past summer a party of two young men decided to build a cabin about four miles from its mouth and prospect there this winter. A little over a month ago one partner decided to go out over the ice. James Gill, the younger of the two, and about 25 years old, had a peculiarly weak feeling about the lower limbs, and decided not to attempt the trip himself. Gill had plenty of good provisions and before leaving, his partner cut him a good supply of wood for use till he should become strong again. Shortly after the partner's departure the unfortunate youth found himself utterly unable to move about at all. For several days he lay in his sleeping bag without fire and without meals. He made up his mind that this meant death if he persisted in so he determined upon one more effort to help himself. Crawling from his bag he made an attempt to stand up but fell on the floor in an unconscious heap. He does not know how long he lay, though it was probably but a few moments or he would have frozen to death. When he roused up he found his hands and feet frosted—frozen he thought at the time. This occurred nearly a month ago. He crawled into his bag again and set himself the task of waiting for help to arrive from God knows where. Day after day he patiently reached up over his head to where a calendar hung upon the wall and checked off the days and weeks. His only food was sugar and flour mixed with a little water, the water being secured by picking some of the frost from the walls and melting it in a tin cup over a candle.

Last Saturday, December 17th, Gill marked off the thirtieth day of his helpless confinement in his bed. His case was more hopeless than usual for he found the coldness of death creeping up his limbs and over his body. He could keep warm no longer; his wasted frame refused to manufacture the necessary heat and that dreadful coldness and numbness pre-cursing death had already reached breast high. His scurvy-swelled gums had reached down and covered his teeth, while those teeth were so loosened in the jaws they could readily be extracted with thumb and forefinger.

In a cabin on the Yukon opposite the mouth of Galena creek dwells a party of five prospectors. Last Saturday three of them went on a hunting expedition up the creek. Noon found them too far away to return for dinner. Their names were George Huffman, Joseph Fox and Nels Berlin. By accident they stumbled across the blazed trail which led to the lonesome cabin of horrors occupied by Gill. Noticing at least a foot of snow on top of the stove pipe they decided the cabin was empty but forced an entrance and found the sick man. A fire was started instantly and a mouthful of warm tea given him. His stomach refused it and it was some time before the weakened intestines would retain even a trifle of warm soup. The boys then proceeded to "swamp" out a trail down the creek five miles to their own cabin and on Sunday sledged the sick man down. This was not hard to do as he had fallen away to 75 pounds. Everything has been done for him that could be done with the limited means at their disposal, and taking into consideration that the entire party hadn't an ounce of any kind of medicine. It was decided to notify the police and on Thursday this was done. The department dispatched a dog team at once and if Gill is not dead he will find himself very shortly in a Dawson hospital.

To Test the Boundary Question.

One of the most important points in connection with the mining regulations will be settled by the court at an early date. The question at issue is the much talked of dispute between creek and bench claim owners as to what constitutes the legal boundary line between the two. Several cases involving this point have been brought before the gold commissioner, but no decision has yet been secured which either the creek or bench owners are willing to consider as establishing a precedent. The matter has now sifted itself down to a legal question and will be tested in the superior court.

W. H. Newton owns hillside claim, opposite the lower half of No. 4 on the left limit of Hunker below discovery. It appears that laymen on the creek claim located the pay streak very near the line between the creek and hillside claims. Further prospecting developed the fact that the pay gravel is nearly all included within the limits of the hillside. It is to determine the rights of the various parties that the test suit will be brought before Judge Dugas.

Mr. Newton contends that Hunker creek having been staked while the old regulations were still in force that the boundary lines must be fixed in accordance with the laws laid down in those regulations. The particular clause which he claims applies in this case reads as follows:

"Creek and river claims shall be 100 feet (subsequently made 500 feet) long, measured in the direction of the general course of the stream and shall extend in width from base to base of hill or bench on each side, but when hills or benches are less than 100 feet apart, the claim may be 100 feet in depth. The sides of the claim shall be two parallel lines run as nearly as possible at right angles to the stream. The sides shall be marked with legal posts at or about the edge of the water and at the rear boundaries of the claim. One of the legal posts at the stream shall be legibly marked with the name of the miner and the date upon which the claim was staked."

It is Mr. Newton's intention to canvas the creek and endeavor to interest the bench and hillside claim owners in the case with a view to securing financial co-operation in putting the case through.

Interesting Information within another week

Masonic Funeral.

The Masonic funeral of Brother John L. Bell, late of Ellsworth, Kansas, who died on Tuesday, Dec. 20th will take place on Saturday, Dec. 24th, at 11 a. m. from his residence on the upper ferry trail near Corduroy bridge.

Brother Bell was a Master Mason and a member of the Masonic bodies—Lodge, chapter and commandry—of Ellsworth, Kansas, and Isis Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

All Masons are respectfully invited to attend and the Masonic escort will leave the A. O. C. O.'s corner, at 10 30 a. m. sharp.

Fire on Tuesday.

At noon on Tuesday the fire boys had a splendid opportunity to show their ability to handle an incipient fire at Williams' cabin, first door north of the Pioneer hall. A blaze had started from the stove-pipe and had involved the entire space between ceiling and roof. The boys were on the scene in a hurry, and very calmly proceeded to put out the fire off-hand with the chemical engines. With the very best of order the roof was removed, together with the ceiling.

A Christmas Store.

Dawson has a Christmas store that makes one forget all about the terrors of an Arctic winter. Mrs. M. P. West's little establishment on the water front between First and Second streets, near the postoffice, is the most forcible reminder of the joyous Christmas season that Dawson has yet seen. Her show window is a veritable Christmas bower, filled with all the little trinkets and knick knacks that gladden the children's hearts on Santa Claus day. She also carries the choicest line of candies, bonbons, wafers, etc., to be found in the city. The shelves in the little store are stacked with boxes of sweets, upon which, however, tremendous invasions are being made. A single visit means that one becomes a steady patron.

Must Attend the Alarms.

On Wednesday evening the boys of the fire department held a special meeting to consider a new set of by-laws and regulations, and incidentally to present the popular chief, Mr. Fletcher, with a most handsome gold badge as a token of their esteem. By the new laws adopted an absence from roll call at three consecutive alarms, will act as a forfeiture of membership.

An invitation from the Dawson club to attend the Wednesday night social was presented and accepted.

Dawson Club.

The Dawson club gave another of its fortnightly socials on Wednesday with an extended and enjoyable program of song and athletics. A three-round sparring contest between Pat Rooney and Perkins, the big Australians, was much enjoyed by all. Perkins is not a master of the art of boxing, but makes a good fight, as has been seen in Dawson when he defeated a much more scientific boxer than himself in the person of Cooper, the heavy-weight.

The fire department, by invitation, attended the session about 20 strong.

Superior Court.

In the case of Allard vs. Mangold for wages, the case was continued.

In Plekerill vs. Crater, the complainant is a celebrated banjoist and mandolin player of Tacoma, Wash., and his services were engaged for the Fourth of July celebration at Crater hall. He secured a judgment for \$60.

In the case of Rosenthal vs. Fancher, the injunction was continued.

The case of John C. Ross vs. Lewis Reeder and Stephen Cain, is of great importance as it concerns the rights of a "grubstaker." The complainant wants himself declared a half owner of No. 7, above upper discovery on Dominion.

The claim is a valuable one and when the trial is finished will set a precedent for such cases.

In Stark vs. McCormick, Stark recovered \$77 for wages from defendant.

Leonski vs. Klunkowstein shows a case of bad blood between neighbors on the water front. Leonski wants \$1000 for damages for breach of contract in that defendant had agreed to feed and clothe him for a year and give him a share

of any claims he might find. The contract was made in Skagway, which invalidated it in the first place, and in the second place Klunkowstein proved he had kept up his end of the bargain and was still willing to continue along that line. He had brought Leonski all the way from New York and had paid every expense. In Dawson Leonski left him and by advice of his friend Greenleaf brought this suit to recover \$1000 for breach of contract and labor performed along the trail. The case was dismissed.

PERSONALS.

Edwin Bennett, of No. 32 below lower on Dominion, has been in town for several days past.

"Tribby" Collins, the veteran newsboy of Seattle, is again around town, looking a little thin after his last typhoid, but still in the ring.

"Billy" McKay, the popular attorney, is rejoicing *ad lib* over the recovery of Mr. Burritt from a severe attack of typhoid. Burritt feels just as good over it as McKay.

J. A. Chute is trying his luck in quartz mining at a point between Pioneer and Taylor mile creek. At a depth of 40 feet he finds himself not discouraged from proceeding.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Pickett & Devlin have started a stage to the Forks.

Albert Dunn hit someone out on Dominion, and paid therefor the sum of \$10 and costs.

S. Bond and M. Boyer have returned from a trip to Thistle and report everything there in quite a satisfactory condition.

Dr. T. G. Abbin has located his office in the Nugget Express Co.'s cabin at Eldorado City, where he is prepared for the practice of dentistry.

The U. S. peace commissioners, negotiating the details of the Spanish treaty of peace, are demanding the unconditional surrender of the whole of the Philippines.

An arrival on Tuesday from Selkirk reports that another consignment of outside mail was on its way to Dawson when he left the fort. The trail is in excellent condition.

Dr. Krohn is to be congratulated on the way his patient, Gunder Smith, is recovering from the serious injuries received in falling down the shaft on his claim some 10 days ago.

The United States has already profited by the late war to the extent of at least seven vessels formerly belonging to Spain, but which are now attached to the various squadrons of the U. S. Navy.

A horse dragging five sleds loaded with five camp outfits passed along the main street the other day. The men who accompanied their sleds were some of the men who have thrown up lays on Sulphur.

Wm. R. Malone, of Seattle, died on Gold Hill on Thursday last week. On the outside he has a wife and four children to mourn his loss. Funeral services were held on the following day at the Presbyterian church at the Forks.

Miller and Co., working a claim on No. 13 Eldorado, had just succeeded in reaching good rich pay at a drift of 20 feet deep when water drove them out. The gentlemen were not at all discouraged and proceeded at once with another shaft.

The boys of the N. W. M. P. are making elaborate preparations for a Christmas dinner on Monday next, having decided to celebrate Christmas on that day. Invitation to friends are out and a jolly session is predicted for the "roop mess."

The Yukon council adjourned on the last meeting night for want of quorum. The main business now before the council is the reconsideration of the incorporation ordinance. This is very voluminous and is proving slow work, and is at the present time but half gone through.

The ladies of the Episcopal church are preparing a Christmas pleasure for the Dawson youngsters. On Tuesday a large Christmas tree, appropriately decorated, and bearing presents, will be displayed to their delighted gaze. It is expected that some 40 children will be present.

Thomas Jones had been suspected for some time of the illegal consignment of certain lumber, etc., from the water front, and was last caught "dead to rights" with a plank in his possession. The judge said for days, so he will have time to think it over and decide how it all happened.

A fatal case of suicide was caused about 8 o'clock on Thursday evening by a couple of unlocated pistol shots on Second street. There is a suspicion abroad that the shooting was done by some enterprising saloon keeper on the back street with the object of drawing a crowd of investigators, with a view to an increase of trade.

A number of hotel signs have been ordered taken down. Inquiry developed the fact that in such cases the proprietors have not complied with the liquor license law and their signs continued to advise the public that within could be obtained wines, liquors and cigars. Temperance hotels have been unmoored.

Captain Elliot, located on Dominion creek, had his entire outfit stolen one day last week. Robes, blankets, guns and provisions were all taken and an attempt was made by the thieves to conceal the robbery by burning the cabin behind them. At last accounts no clue to the whereabouts of the thieves had been discovered.

Notice has been served upon the saloon keepers that the practice of shaking dice over the bar to see who pays for the drinks must be discontinued at once. The leaving it to the customer to decide which of the party pays for the treat is about the most innocent and harmless part of the entire liquor business and the recent order reminds one of the Irishman's reasons for chastising his wife: "It's not that I reason you that I bate you, only to show the authority I have over you."

The Salvation Army. SPECIAL NOTICES.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th, at 8 p. m., "Railroad Reminiscences."

Thursday, Dec. 29th, at 8 p. m., Special music and singing.

Saturday, Dec. 31st, at 11 p. m., "Watch-night" services, continuing until about 12:30.

No charge made for admission to special meetings.

"Nugget" Case Postponed.

The case of the Nugget against Hanning & O'Brien, which is to test the powers of those gentlemen to collect toll over the Bonanza trail, came up in its turn on Thursday, but was postponed until January 13th.

A FIERCE COMBAT AT THE TIVOLI.

"Kid" Williams Laid Out in Ten Rounds by Billy Moss.

The Fiercest Set-to Ever in Dawson—Floss Proves Himself a Wildcat—Williams' Stomach Pounded to Pieces.

The biggest fight event in Dawson's history was easily the 20-round go between Billy Moss and "Kid" Williams at the Tivoli theatre on Friday night. Williams has been seen in the ring so often and his work has always been so clean, gentlemanly, yet withal so genuinely sporty that he is or was easily the most popular "pug" in the business. In Billy Moss he met his match—more than his match. Williams is a fighter and a fair one, but Moss proved himself a "slugger."

The Tivoli theatre was more crowded probably than ever in its history. The ring was pitched on the stage. Three rows of seats were on the stage for spectators while in the body of the house men were sandwiched in like sardines in a box. Not another man could have been squeezed in. All had scented a good contest and were in for sport. Betting was heavy yet even.

The preliminary "just to keep the audience occupied" was between Wm. Paul of New Zealand and "Cockney" Fox of London, and was a business even. In bloody boxing contest, Paul easily outclassed Fox and both bled profusely.

In the main event "Kid" Williams was seconded by Gleason, Raphael, Forrest and Bert Dovey, a famous lightweight. Moss was seconded by Jimmy Carroll, Charley Carroll, McKee, Morris and Murray.

When the men stripped there was applause and intense interest. It is possible to conceive of miniature editions of Corbett and Fitzsimmons you have a good picture of the men. Williams was stocky, well favored and handsomely proportioned. Moss had spindling legs, medium arms and an immense chest. Williams' head was nicely posed on a well turned neck; Moss had a small bullet head and a trick of getting it down between his shoulders. Ed. O'Donnell was referee and probably never refereed a better fight. At every call and time the men leaped lightly to center and a more genuine "go" was never witnessed. Williams had lost none of his cleverness nor his courage, but as some one remarked after the fight, "Moss fights like a dog of wildcats."

FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

1. Both men to the center. Moss stands up tall as though going to try for the top of Williams' head. As the two rush together and Williams leads his left for the cut, Moss stoops low and sweeps at the same time showing his left shoulder well forward and catching Williams' chest. Williams again led with his left and Moss met him with his head down and a fierce jab on the wind which made the fight turn pink and called a cry of "Oh! Oh!" from the intensely interested spectators. Williams landed his strong left but without discomfiting Moss. The rest of the round found Williams' chest and stomach turning red rapidly.

2. Another hot round. The "Kid" attempts to block the "ducks" and forward rushes by uppercuts but for the most part Moss cleverly catches the glove and returns a jab at the wind. The pace is so fast that though Williams lands his left it seems to be lacking somewhat in its customary force.

3. Williams is decidedly clever. A terrific uppercut almost hits Moss from his feet and a right smash on the forehead makes it red as if bleeding. Moss landed on the wind and both men miss frequently. Moss ducks and rushes and in the break away several times inhaled jabs on the wind. Williams found Moss' jaw with his right but without injury. After each break Moss continues to rush without a moment's breathing spell.

4. A terrific round. Moss will not spar instantly but down goes his head and a forward rush generally lands his left shoulder in the "Kid's" wind. A rush Moss is first to cover and chased Williams round the ring. Williams is breathing hard, but is gritty and still clever.

5. A real hot round and fast as men can work. Moss rushes but refuses to clinch and takes advantage of the break to jab the wind. No rest for Williams. Moss' style is peculiar. He stands up as if fighting high, yet quick as a flash he is down low, stooped forward and lunging for the wind. Williams' stomach is evidently becoming very tender and he tries to draw it out of reach and avoid a collision with that left shoulder. The Kid lands that left but without injury and even when he caught Moss a full right hander in the face it does not phase Williams considerably but breathing hard. The referee several times warns Moss not to butt with his head nor to punch in a break away. Williams breaks away clean and is evidently still very popular.

6. Williams' succession of blows on Moss' head looked like scalp and starts a flow of crimson. Williams cannot reach Moss' body in that stooped over position at all. Moss continues to rush faster than ever and his shoulder marks Williams' collar bone badly. Williams' face was clean of any injury but his "wind" leg is evidently in distress. His blows land on the back of the head without effect.

7. Another fierce round. Moss still continues his attention to the wind apparatus and Williams means each rapid rush bravely but without strength. Just as time was called Moss was following up Williams right and left.

8. Moss would not give Williams a moment to recover. His own body was free from marks though his head was bleeding.

9. Moss still on the "slug." His shoulder shows the marks of frequent contact with Williams' breast and stomach. Williams is clearly in distress and receives a right in the jaw which does not help him understand his opponent any better.

10. This was the last round. Those straight punches and that shoulder in the stomach were too much. Williams is knocked to the floor and spits blood. At the count of nine he weakly recovers his feet and Moss mercifully marks for him again. Once again he is out and goes down. Corporal Wilson stepped into the ring and ordered the contest stopped. Williams was clearly defeated and the referee awarded the fight to Moss.

The interference of the police was opportunely as any more rounds could not have more thoroughly decided the contest. It had been 20 rounds as long as Williams was able to defend himself, any more would have been slaughter. The audience demanded the fight for Moss.

Williams is by far the cleanest fighter but Moss is a wildcat. Only for Moss' spine, his cross and forward spring the results might have been different. He appeared to get under the "Kid" and the "Kid's" blows were lullies. Everybody left the hall satisfied that they had seen the biggest contest in town.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Nugget extends to its readers and friends in the city and on the creeks the wish for a happy and joyous Christmas. With most of us there will be a great many of the customary Christmas features lacking in the celebration this year. Nevertheless we can take pleasure in remembering the joys of former years and looking forward to similar occasions in the future, when again old ties and friendships will be renewed.

Yet the Christmas season, even in the Klondike will be filled with pleasureable events, and if due advantage be taken thereof we are of the opinion that the recurrence of our greatest holiday in this good year of our Lord, 1898, will be an occasion long to be remembered. The best we can wish for our friends is a merry Christmas, a prosperous season and a handsome clean-up in the spring.

SUGGESTIONS TO THE "MINER-SUN."

When the marriage of the Yukon Miner to the Yukon Sun had been consummated, a great light suddenly dawned upon the happy couple. It was decided almost immediately to effect a species of divorce a friendly sort of affair, to be sure, but a divorce nevertheless. As a result of the conclusion it was decided that the Sun which is popularly supposed to be the weaker member of the twain, should appear on Tuesdays instead of Fridays, while the Miner edition of the combination should still continue publication on Fridays. By this master stroke it was expected that complete annihilation of the Nugget would follow. For how on earth could a semi-weekly which appears on Wednesdays and Saturdays stand up for one minute against a semi-weekly published on Tuesdays and Fridays?

No other result could follow but death to the Nugget according to the carefully worked out plans of the Miner-Sun people. But in their zeal to accomplish this very laudable purpose a few oversights were made which have resulted most disastrously to their plans.

It was not supposed by these very ingenious persons that an alliance of a paper which bears in every line the earmark of government organ, with one which has endeavored to enact the role of miners' friend would create any suspicion in the minds of people. It was fully expected that all the very plausible stories concerning changes on the Miner staff and new additions to the Sun management would be readily swallowed and all would go merry as a marriage bell.

But the public has just about lost confidence in the protestations of the Miner end of the combination and in so far as the Sun is concerned its weakly utterances have never been given any serious consideration. The result has been an increased demand for the Nugget, a demand which is taxing the capacity of our plant to supply.

Now that their plans are so clearly developed and the inside workings of the scheme brought so plainly before the notice of the public, it would be a wise move for them, should they close either the down town or the barracks office, and publish both papers from the

same establishment. Just as much confidence in the sincerity of their utterances would be felt then as is now, and it would enable the combination to materially reduce expenses.

Should this idea not meet with approval one of the two could be dispensed with and the other could be published on Tuesdays as the government organ and on Fridays as the exponent of miners' rights. Meanwhile we will continue to appear on Wednesdays and Saturdays telling the news as it happens, and keeping a watchful eye upon the plots and counter plots with which the atmosphere is just as heavily charged today as has been the case at any time within the past six months.

IN THREES.

Many people acknowledge belief in a superstition that a case of suicide is bound to be followed by two more similar events. Whether or not there is any real ground upon which to base such a belief, it certainly is a fact that three suicides following each other in rapid succession have been and are of frequent occurrence.

It is not so difficult to find a reason why self-destruction in one case leads to the same thing in another. In a community of any size there are always a certain number of people of morbid disposition who are held upon this earth simply for the reason that they prefer enduring the ills they have in preference to flying to others they know not of.

In such cases it often requires only the force of an example to induce others to pursue a similar course. Especially has this been found to prove true in the lower stratas of society. Continuous dissipation and the attendant nervous excitement almost invariably produce a final reaction under the influence of which it is difficult for the person concerned to see any pleasure or satisfaction in life. In consequence oblivion is sought through self destruction. But to determine any reason why suicides should occur in series, so to speak, of three each is quite another matter. We see no reason why they should occur by threes any more than by fives or tens. Perhaps some of our philosophically minded readers can explain the spell that attaches to the number three in this connection.

M'KENZIE-MANN RAILROAD STEAL.

Last winter the miners on the Klondike had their representatives at Ottawa. The gentlemen were paid by the miners and really had no standing in the House at all, though by their vigorous lobbying they made themselves so much felt as to result in the entire defeat of the government's pet measure—the McKenzie-Mann railroad steal. Had the measure gone through, Messrs. McKenzie and Mann would have at once entered into possession of every inch of mineral ground in the district which happened to be unrecorded at the time to some one else. The following, from the Mail and Empire shows the scheme to have been revived and the miners are without defence or representation at the capital:

The following Ottawa dispatch appears in the conservative press: A rumor is prevalent here that Hon. Clifford Sifton intends to re-introduce the Mann-Mackenzie Yukon railway contract next session and that the publication of Mr. Louis Coste's report on the navigability of the Hootalingua and Lewis rivers, between the proposed terminus of the line and Dawson City, is intended to pave the way. The scheme, whilst not precisely the same in detail as that thrown out by the senate last session, will still be identical in design. It will be remembered that Mr. Sifton only most reluctantly gave way to the pressure of his colleagues and agreed not to introduce a second bill last session.

OUTSIDE OPINION.

From the Winnipeg Free Press: No person or paper has yet come forward with a charge of wrong doing against a Yukon official. A Vancouver paper stated, and it was repeated by telegraph, that a Mr. F. Johnson had entered an action against the federal government for damages arising out of a refusal on the part of some one to record his claims. This statement is false on the face of it, because no action had been entered. The case will never

be heard of, but it was a good enough statement for the coast correspondents to unload on the patrons of their service.

[The Winnipeg Free Press is misinformed to say the least. A suit is certainly on file at this place by which a Mr. Johnson of Vancouver expects to recover damages for the loss of valuable property lost to him through the acts of the officials a year ago. A letter which passed from Mr. Wade to Johnson was sent outside last summer as evidence, it being then the intention of taking the matter to Ottawa. A brother of the Mr. Johnson in Dawson is a merchant of Vancouver and it is through him the matter became public.—ED.]

From the Winnipeg Tribune: The rather startling announcement appears in the Free Press as a dispatch from [redacted] on interesting topics, musical meeting at 8:30 p. m.

CREEK ITEMS.

Mr. Wilson, who was injured while sledding on Hunker is up and around again, although not thoroughly recovered.

Dr. Smith, who owns 38 above on Sulphur, reports a good pay-strike—three and one-half feet up that will hold up fifty cents. He has five men at work on the claim, and last Friday eked up several nuggets, one weighing two dollars.

The recent warm weather has created havoc in the pay-streak on 7 and 7A above lower, are being, as also are some on 10 below upper, and is very doubtful if work can again be resumed in these holes.

Considerable work is going on up Bear creek and a number of lay men report fair pay. The work is being done by Messrs. Petro and Ker on 7 below, where 11 men are at work digging. No. 6 below is also being extensively worked by lay men.

A. Carlson, employed on 35 below on Hunker, was quite severely bruised by a flying sled of wood. The sled broke and man and sled were precipitated down the hill. Carlson received a sprained ankle and is quite badly bruised, so that he is confined to bed.

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the truth of the stories of official corruption and rottenness in the Yukon which have been told in every paper in Canada they have been effectually dismissed by the facts which we are enabled to make public today. They make a shameful chapter in Canadian history which when fully confirmed as they are bound to be by proper investigation, will be enough—if there is any public opinion left in Canada—to drive from office a well known minister of the crown, and place a half dozen officials where they should have been long ago behind the prison bars.

The Herald proceeds to state that it has information from a gentleman of undoubted intelligence and veracity, who left Dawson City as late as the middle of August, that fully confirms the most serious charges made against Siftonian rule in the Yukon. This gentleman's report we quote in part:

"The universal feeling in and around Dawson is that the administration is disgracefully and hopelessly corrupt. Nearly every official makes a business of extorting bribes. It is impossible to get a good claim recorded unless the officials are given a sum down in cash or an interest in the claim. The post-office officials habitually ask for and receive bribes for the delivery of mail matter. When gold is discovered on a new creek the claims are not thrown open for entry until the officials and their friends have grabbed all the best slices. If a miner goes to record a claim he is asked to wait a couple of days while it is ascertained if the claim has been previously entered for. Upon going back he is told that he is too late—the claim has been recorded. He is not allowed to see the books, but upon enquiring he finds the claim entered for in the name of a prostitute or some other friend of the official's, and it is openly charged that the hard-working prospector is deliberately stood off in order that the officials may use the information he has given them to steal his claim. Good men—miners and prospectors—who have gone into the country believing they would get British fair play have got dirt. They are either leaving for the American side or patiently waiting to record their claims when the new commissioner arrives on the scene, hoping that his advent will be accompanied by a sweeping reform. They say it is no use trying to secure justice from the present officials, and if they find a good claim they say nothing about it. The extraordinary royalty imposed under Mr. Sifton's regulations has resulted in enormous quantities of gold, how large nobody but the owners know, being concealed or smuggled quietly out of the country."

There are two objects in the punishment of wrong-doers by the law; the first is to give warning to people who are similarly disposed to the prisoner and the second is in the way of atonement by the prisoner. In the saloon licensing ordinance just passed by the council a provision is made for the punishment of

saloon inspectors who shall by collusion with saloon keepers defeat the objects of the ordinance, or who shall use their position as a means of extorting money, or who shall accept money from the men they are to watch. In the hands of an unscrupulous person the position of inspector could easily be made to yield many times the salary of the office, while the punishment for being detected is but a \$100 fine for the first offense. The inadequacy of the punishment is plain to everyone; the section of the law forbidding inspectors, accepting bribes, fees, etc., etc., is a waste of white paper when the penalty is such a gentle one.

The proposed amendments to the mining regulations as suggested by the Miners' Association should interest the miners on all the creeks. It must not be accepted for granted that all the changes offered are just what the country needs. The fullest discussion possible should be obtained before any recommendations to the government are made. With this end in view we understand that meetings will be held on the different creeks for the purpose of hearing expressions of men who are actually engaged in the work of developing claims. If a set of regulations can be framed that will reflect the views of a majority of the men now on the creeks, the association will be in a position to recommend them to Ottawa with considerable prospect of their being ultimately adopted.

The Elks are to be congratulated upon the representative character of the audience which attended their social session on Tuesday night. In looking over the large assembly of well dressed ladies and gentlemen who attended, it was quite easy for one to forget for the time being that he was living in the Arctic regions.

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THE SOCIAL SESSION OF THE ELKS.

Wholesale Arrests and Fines Inflicted Upon the Audience.

An Enjoyable Program—Dancing Before Breakfast—A Merry Throng Submits to Fines Inflicted in the Name of Charity.

The social session of the Elks Club on Tuesday night was a most remarkable success. The size of the audience was limited only by the size of the house—the new family theater being filled to its utmost capacity.

President William H. Bard made the opening address. He told of the Order and its objects; of the silent, though extensive charity of its members, of its being purely an American institution without a single branch outside the boundaries of the United States. He told of the existing need in Dawson of their services. He welcomed the order who had gathered with the Elks and invited them to unbend and join freely and unreservedly in the festivities. He then appointed D. W. Semple chairman of the social session, and right well he played his part.

According to the time-honored custom in these sessions the chair appointed policemen, had them decorated with enormous shields and resolved itself into a summary court with absolute power over the persons and pockets of those present. By the powers vested in him warrants were issued and prisoners ranged in front of the platform. In the name of charity each was fined—the fines ranging from \$2 to \$24—and before the commencement of dancing everyone in the hall had been so fined. In some cases, beside the fine, the culprit would be peremptorily ordered to sing, play, recite or tell stories for the edification of the audience, and other fines were inflicted upon the performers according to the degree of atrocity with which their numbers were rendered. The charges invented against the defenceless culprits by the chair were quaint and unique and caused much amusement, each victim delighting in the squirmings of his fellow-sufferers and considering the sight as a part compensation for his own.

The following numbers were contributed during the evening: Banjo solo, by A. F. George; address by Captain Jack Crawford; songs, with banjo accompaniment, Ben Davis; song by G. O. Noble, with chorus by the Dawson minstrels; song and Highland dance, little Margie Newman; song by Mrs. Adeline Pusey Barlow, song by Mrs. Miller, address by Col. O. V. Davis, song by Cad Wilson; instrumental duet by Messrs. Casley and Burkhart, stories by Leroy Tozier and recitation by Mrs. Semple.

Throughout the program the refreshment committee circulated freely through the audience with sandwiches, and other refreshments which were not sandwiches but came around in goblets. The floors were then cleared for dancing and the art terpsichorean was conscientiously indulged in until nearly daylight.

The event was well-managed throughout and the goodly company was a more representative gathering of Dawson's best people than has ever been seen here before.

One feature of the evening, which cannot be overlooked is the unsatisfactory lighting of the hall by acetylene. The opening of the door would admit fog and the fog would cause a charred deposit to accumulate in the burners. Toward morning, candles and lamps had to be substituted entirely, as the burners were not giving the light of "fallow dips"—twice the lights went out entirely.

Miners' Meeting.

The president and secretary of the Miners' Association are arranging for meetings of miners on Wednesday and Thursday evenings on Hunker and Dominion creeks, respectively, for the consideration of the proposed amendments to the mining regulations. The meeting on Hunker creek on Wednesday, will be at the large cabin of Mr. Hunker, on Discovery. On Dominion, Thursday, the meeting is called for the road-house on No. 30 below upper discovery.

The subject in hand is a most important one and miners interested in the future welfare of the camp and its inhabitants must see to it that the proper changes are substituted for the presents iniquitous and impossible regulations. Ways and means of properly presenting the suggestions at Ottawa are also to be considered. It is essential that the proposed amendments should be what is practically wanted by the real miners, and suggestions from any and all of them will be in order at these meetings.

More Reports Wanted.

Additional particulars are now obtainable of what Corporal Richardson's loss of the official mail sack at Hechtaliqua means. Since word of the loss has arrived at Dawson every department of the government has been busily engaged in digging up memorandums and references with which to prepare another report of October's business. The gold commissioner's office is still worse off, for in Richardson's mail sack was not only a report of October's business but also that of September. From the disorderly manner of keeping records in that office it will be easily realized there is very much of a task ahead of the clerks. All the vouchers for October's pay have been lost.

From Indian River.

John Patterson has just returned from a ten-day trip, covering Little Blanche, Quartz, Eureka and other creeks tributary to the Indian river. From observations which he made of the work being done on the creeks visited he is of the opinion that the Indian river district is certain to develop into a fine camp. The

benches on Little Blanche and Quartz, he states are turning out remarkably well.

Mr. Patterson considers that the Indian river presents the best opportunity for hydraulic mining of any river in the Yukon basin. He says that the river very plainly cuts the gold belt and in process of time has piled up incalculable quantities of sand and gravel carrying coarse gold. It is his opinion that a great deal of capital will be attracted to the Indian river for investment during the next year.

Mr. Patterson says that moose are quite plentiful in the territory he covered and the country is also well-stocked with wolves.

To Investigate Thistle.

A great many inquiries have come to the Nugget office for definite and reliable information concerning the Thistle creek country. In response to the demand the Nugget has dispatched a special correspondent to Thistle, with instructions to cover the entire creek, and from personal investigation determine the exact situation. He will also look into the Carlisle country and ascertain if the strike reported from that creek has any foundation, in fact. Readers of the Nugget may expect some interesting information within another week.

Masonic Funeral.

The Masonic funeral of Brother John L. Bell, late of Ellsworth, Kansas, who died on Tuesday, Dec. 20th will take place on Saturday, Dec. 24th, at 11 a. m. from his residence on the upper ferry trail near Corduroy bridge.

Brother Bell was a Master Mason and a member of the Masonic bodies—lodge, chapter and commandry—of Ellsworth, Kansas, and Isis Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

All Masons are respectfully invited to attend and the Masonic escort will leave the A. C. Co.'s corner, at 10:30 a. m. sharp.

Fire on Tuesday.

At noon on Tuesday the fire boys had a splendid opportunity to show their ability to handle an incipient fire at Williams' cabin, first door north of the Pioneer hall. A blaze had started from the stove-pipe and had involved the entire space between ceiling and roof. The boys were on the scene in a hurry, and very calmly proceeded to put out the fire off-hand with the chemical engines. With the very best of order the roof was removed, together with the ceiling, and the owner, B. W. Levens estimates his damage to his roofless cabin at only \$200.

St. Mary's.

The books of the above institution, for the week ending, December 21st, show that 16 new patients have been admitted and 19 discharged. This leaves 80 inmates at present in the hospital.

The deaths were Ed. Prout, aged 25, of Argyle, Minnesota, and John Harkins, aged 45, of Ainsworth, B. C., both on the 21st.

Hospital at the Forks.

The miners of Bonanza have at present under construction what seems a feasible hospital scheme, viz.: Twenty men to take yearly or half-yearly tickets to provide initial expenses for equipment, provision, etc., and 300 men to provide, by a monthly rate, an income sufficient to meet the probable expenditure. The whole affairs of the institution are to be managed by a committee elected by the members and reports to be presented by them to the members once a month.

The ladies have invited the miners to a social to be held in the church on Xmas eve., and at that meeting final arrangements are to be made.

Official Temperatures.

For the week ending Wednesday, December 21, the official weather report shows a temperature which will undoubtedly astonish the outside world:

	Lowest	Highest	Wind Miles per hour.
Thursday	9.8	15.8	2.6
Friday	15.5	19.7	5.3
Saturday	5.8	13.1	3.8
Sunday	5.6	11.2	4.6
Monday	-10.2	0.0	3.4
Tuesday	2.5	1.3	4.7
Wednesday	-14.1	-6.7	4.4

The temperature is mild enough for the New England states while the small velocity of the wind makes the temperature still lighter upon humanity than the same temperature outside would do.

POLICE-COURT ITEMS.

R. Marston and C. Walker paid \$1 and costs as a sanitary tribute.

A. Williams felt exceedingly gay, the result of bibulous tendencies and paid \$25 and costs.

J. McGilvery didn't know when to stop; took another one and became incoherent. \$25 and costs.

A. Platte bubbled over from too much inward pressure and his pocket was bled to the tune of \$25 and costs.

S. Taylor was maddened to work several and became jolly; a few more and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

J. O. Smith occupied a cabin which H. C. Quiner said was his. The superior judge will decide upon the case.

H. Simecock relieved this Arctic monotony by a liberal application of "O. be joyful." Things were not at all so splendid in the morning; \$25 and costs.

E. M. Lesikatos is the man who saw Esther Duffy's dog, suborned him, harnessed him, and was making tracks with him for Dominion. The telephone proved quicker than the dogs and a capture was made at the Forks. Lesikatos paid \$20 and costs and Esther got the dog back.

Dr. Dumas, an American physician, was fined \$50 and costs for not submitting to an examination as to his fitness by his Canadian rivals, and was fined another \$25 and costs for having a sign outside his door advising the world that his name was Dumas and that he had studied medicine and surgery.

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THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

A Jury Investigates the Death of Kitty Straub.

The Decision Corroborates the "Nugget's" Story of the Suicide—Drug Clerk Reid is Censured.

Wednesday at 4 o'clock p. m. Inspector Harper of the N. W. M. P. convened the coroner's jury for the purpose of inquiring into the death of Kitty Straub alias Stella Hill, who committed suicide in her room over the Monte Carlo theatre Tuesday morning.

The story of Stella's death has already been told in the Wednesday edition of this paper and the evidence given before the coroner's jury has corroborated the Nugget's story in every particular.

The jury impaneled was Foreman Henry McCauley, W. A. S. Hooley, P. Rooney, F. W. Goodman, Robt. Waddell, William Greig.

Anna Hunter, an employe of the Monte Carlo theatre, was the first witness called and testified to seeing deceased in the hall with Mr. Tracy as witness came upstairs. Deceased was asking Tracy to light her lamp.

He did so and went into the room of deceased with her. Heard the deceased order him out of her room. Tracy came out and said to witness that he thought the deceased was going to poison herself. About five minutes after Charley Hill came up and burst in the door. As the door was burst in he saw deceased just in the act of drinking from a glass. It was not more than half an hour after Hill broke in the door that the deceased died. Monday the deceased showed witness a new waist that had been given her and said "When I die I should like to be buried in something like that." Deceased was somewhat under the influence of liquor the morning of her death.

Dr. W. A. Richardson was the next witness called. He testified to being called shortly after 8 o'clock by Charley Hill, who said, "Stella has taken poison," and showed him a glass and asked him what it contained. Witness hurried to the Monte Carlo and found deceased in convulsions. She died in about five or ten minutes after his arrival.

Jack McCabe handed the witness a bottle similar to the one produced in court. The cork was found on a corkscrew. He gave them to the police. The deceased showed symptoms of strychnine poisoning. "As I went to the bedside of the deceased she said 'Hurry, Doctor, I am dying.' She went into convulsions as I entered the room and never rallied. Have no doubt that it is a post mortem was made that traces of strychnine would be found in the stomach."

Charley Hill, a bartender in the Pioneer saloon, was next called and testified as follows: "Stella came into the Pioneer saloon about 7:50 a. m. with Frank Marshal and two women. I was asleep behind the bar. They woke me up and I noticed Stella had been drinking and did not wish to talk with her so told her to go home and she replied 'I am going to stay here.' I started from behind the bar and she went out. Stella had previously come into the saloon about 2 o'clock and asked me to go to breakfast with her, but I told her I was playing cards and could not. She stood with her arms around my neck for about 10 minutes and then went out. She did not seem annoyed. Last winter she attempted to poison herself with laudanum and arsenic. She was drunk at the time. I also believe that she at another time attempted to take poison while in the house of Hattie Nicholson. About five minutes after Stella last left the saloon I went to breakfast alone. When I returned 'Billy' the bartender told me that Stella had some strychnine and he thought she was going to take it. I hastened to the Monte Carlo to Stella's room, and asked her to let me in. She refused and I burst in the door. She was standing in the middle of the room with her back to the door. As I entered she threw a glass from her with her left hand. I picked up the glass and went for Dr. Merryman, and not finding him I went for Dr. Richardson. I woke him up and told him I thought Stella had taken poison. I returned with the Doctor and as I entered the room some one handed me a letter and a bottle similar to the ones shown."

Kitty Lawrence was then called and testified to being with Stella Tuesday morning and hearing her say: "I have lived with Charley four years and am not going to have him throw me down now."

Frank Marshal, the next witness, also testified to hearing Stella say to Geo. Mead: "Charley will never see me alive again. He also thought he heard her say something about poison."

Maud West, an employe of the Monte Carlo theatre, on being sworn said that Stella came to her room with Mr. Tracy, and first asked them to advise not to interfere with her, showed the neck of a small bottle partly wrapped in a handkerchief. She also testified to hearing Stella's remark about the waist, mentioned in Anna Hunter's testimony.

Fred N. Tracy, the next witness, simply mentioned parts of the preceding evidence.

O. A. Borrette, pianist, at the Monte Carlo, was in Maud West's room when Stella and

Tracy entered. He corroborated the testimony of Maud West.

Frank Reid testified that he was certain that Stella came to her death by her own hand. He knew Stella and her parents in Oregon when she was a little girl.

Geo. Mead was called and his testimony sustained that of the preceding witnesses.

Albert Reid, the drug clerk employed by Kelly & Co. was then called. Mr. Reid testified that at the time he sold her the poison she was perfectly calm and collected. He is a regular licensed drug clerk, belonging to the Pharmaceutical Society of the N. W. T. The register of sale should contain the date, the name and quantity of the poison, the signature of the salesman and the signature of the buyer. The register of Kelly & Co. showed only the date, the name of the poison and Stella's signature.

J. W. Rodgers, proprietor of the Monte Carlo, Jas. McCabe, cashier of the Monte Carlo, and R. DePreux, of Kelly & Co., and Ernest Shoff, dispensing chemist, were called, but did not give any additional evidence of interest. Except that Dr. Du Preux said that he would not have sold the poison himself and thought he would have instructed the clerk not to do so.

F. Takey, constable, and Corporal Wilson, of the N. W. M. P., were called to corroborate some points of the preceding testimony and to identify the deceased, as the body shown the jury.

The verdict was in substance, as follows: That on Tuesday morning, Dec. 20th, Kitty Straub alias Stella Hill, came to her death in her room at the Monte Carlo theatre, from a dose of strychnine administered by her own hand, while in a fit of temporary insanity. The jury also found that Albert Reid showed great lack of precaution in selling strychnine to Stella Hill.

Red Men.
There will be a called meeting of the Red Men's Club on Sunday, Dec. 25th, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers and permanently organizing. All Red Men are requested to attend.

Meeting at Fraternity Hall.
C. S. WERNER, President.
W. H. GOODWIN, Secretary.

Probably Frozen to Death.
Another case of distress and death comes to hand: Tom MacFetrick is an old man of 60 or 65 who came in this summer. Lately he has been occupying a very small cabin on the hill back of town. Being somewhat taciturn little is known of him by his neighbors. He had a fire pit or partner somewhere up the gulch, but did not see him often.

On Monday last the neighbors remember seeing him moving around outside the cabin, but are not sure whether they saw him Tuesday. On Thursday F. Krappé remarked on the deserted appearance of the cabin to Charles Leacock. The pair decided to investigate and the door of the cabin was forced. On the floor of the cabin laid the old man with his head under the table. The body was, of course, frozen rigid as iron and a post-mortem was impossible without first thawing out the body.

Dr. Thompson made such examination as was possible, and decided that there were no indications of violence at all. Examination of the premises showed no signs of a struggle of any kind. In the old man's pocketbook were letters, showing him to be from Hokatikee, New Zealand. There was also \$18 in cash. In the cabin was an ample supply of provisions.

From inquiry among the neighbors it is further learned that the aged unfortunate had been more or less ill for some time. Dysentery had weakened him until it was dangerous for him to have lived alone. From the evidence yet in hand it is impossible to decide whether the poor fellow sank to the ground with weakness and slowly froze to death, unable to make himself heard by the neighbors, or whether he died suddenly and froze afterward.

Undoubtedly there is no country on earth where it is more dangerous to live alone than in this sunless land of snow and ice. The interdependence of men for even life was never so well exemplified as here. Hardly an issue of this paper but records the death or loss of limbs of someone which might all have been avoided by companionship with one's fellows.

Notice to Lot Owners.
Owners of lots in Harper and Ladue's townsite of Dawson wishing to obtain patents direct from the government must present themselves within two weeks at the office of the Yukon commissioner with all their deeds of transfer, including the first, as well as the last.

Flange Among Dogs.
EDITOR NUGGET:
The loathsome and contagious disease known as mange has been making ravages for months past among dogs in Dawson and in the course of a few months will impair their usefulness. Unless this disease is checked in time it will be a hard matter to arrest its progress after it reaches a certain stage. Dogs being one of our principal motive powers and generally used by the rich and the poor, we hope this matter will receive attention from the honorable Yukon council, by appointing a special stock inspector to look after this matter. It requires a practical man who understands the disease and can cure it, and if the owner of the dogs fail to do so then that it be the duty of the inspector to cure the animal and return it to the owner after the expense is paid. This action would prevent the disease from spreading among the now healthy dogs, and permanently cure those afflicted, thus protecting the owners of dogs from unnecessary loss and expense.

Yours Respectfully,
FRED GUION.

Eagle City Land & Improvement Co.
This company has spared no expense in securing clear title and deeds and are in a position to offer the public a bona fide deed to the property.

Certificates of record for every transaction from location to the present time can be seen at the office of Crawford, Edwards & Whittren, mining brokers, at any time.

Eagle City Land & Improvement Co.,
J. POTTER WHITTREN, Mgr.

Public Notice.

To all whom it may concern:
Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Honorable the Commissioner in Council for a charter to be granted existing "The Yukon Hygeia Water Supply Co.," a body corporate and politic for the purposes and with the objects following, that is to say:

1. The right and privilege of erecting and maintaining buildings and machinery in or near the town of Dawson, in the Yukon territory, for the purpose of purifying water by the process of said water to be taken from the Yukon river or the Klondike river, and for the further purpose of supplying the public demand for such purified water at rates not to exceed ten cents (10c) per gallon delivered.
2. The proposed corporate name of the company shall be "The Yukon Hygeia Water Supply Company," and its chief place of business shall be at the town of Dawson.
3. The proposed amount of capital stock shall be the sum of \$5,000, divided into three shares of the value of \$2,000.00 per share.
4. The names in full and the addresses and calling of the applicants, who are to be the first or provisional directors of the company, are as follows:

BELENDA A. MULRONEY, Dawson, Hotelkeeper.
J. B. O'LEARY, Dawson.
J. J. MULRONEY, Ottawa.
Dated at Dawson this 20th day of December, A. D. 1898.

TABOR & HULME,
Advocates for Applicants.

Eagle City Land & Improvement Co.

This company has gone to a great expense of purchasing land within the Eagle City townsite for business and residence purposes. In view of the large expenditure of money necessary for carrying out developments within their ground and for further improvements such as securing a sub-lease of the water rights for supplying water from the spring situated near the head of an American creek, grading the streets, cutting sanitary ditches, the company is going to offer for sale a few of its choice lots in the central portion of the townsite at public auction, commencing Monday, December 26, and continuing for the rest of the week at 10 p. m. to 5 p. m. Terms one-half cash, balance in 30 days. A fine map showing townsite, location and buildings and railroad as staked by the government survey, will be on exhibition. LEROY PELLETIER, Auct.

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Apply at the Nugget Express office, Front st.

Hershberg, the Seattle clothier, will sell you clothing at exceedingly low prices.

Closed for Christmas.

All the government offices in Dawson will be closed on Monday, the 26th for the proper observance and celebration of Christmas.

Have your repair work done at J. H. Holme & Co., opp. Fairview, second street.

Want a stove or heater? See J. H. Holme & Co., opp. the Fairview, about it.

Secure reserved and box seats at Kelly's drug store for the Wondroscope. Next Sunday at the Monte Carlo.

A minstrel show in aid of St. Mary's is to be given on Christmas night at the Tivoli.

Change of program at the Wondroscope exhibition next Sunday. Don't fail to see it at the Monte Carlo.

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The Female Minstrels will be given at the Family theatre by the Dawson Dramatic Club under Miss Houck Thursday Jan. 5, 1899.

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The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50 cents.

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