

ROYALTY ILLEGALLY TAKEN

Exchequer Court of Canada Renders Three Decisions Favoring the Miners—May Affect \$300,000 Collected in the Spring and Summer of 1898.

Messrs. White, McCaul & Davey yesterday received a cipher dispatch from Ottawa that will bring joy to the hearts of a number of their clients and ultimately, so it is believed, dollars to their pockets.

fixed at 10 per cent. the order in council being passed July 29, 1897. The order did not become a law by statute, however, until September 11 following and was not received and posted in the office of the gold commissioner until September 29.

actions upon which judgments have just been rendered were heard in Ottawa last February, Mr. E. D. Armour, K. C., one of the leading counsel in Canada, and Messrs. Lewis & Smellie, Ottawa, agents for Messrs. White, McCaul & Davey, appearing for the suppliants and the crown being represented by the minister of justice and his deputy, Mr. E. L. Newcombe, K. C.

Messrs. Jostin, Chappell and Carmack all crossed the continent from Seattle for the purpose of giving their evidence at the hearing. It is understood to be the intention of the minister of justice to carry the cases in appeal to the supreme court of Canada and if necessary to the privy council in England, so it may be a year or two before the matters have reached a final conclusion.

SERIOUS CHARGES ARE MADE

C. M. Woodworth Fires Hot Shot at Men High in Government Positions—Alleges Corruption and Misrepresentation in Securing Concessions.

Concessions and concessionaires were dealt a hard blow at the mass meeting at the A. B. hall last evening. Attorney C. M. Woodworth, who has made a thorough study of the concessions and the manner in which they were acquired, and who has disputed the titles of several of the concessionaires before the gold commissioner's court, was the principal speaker of the evening.

for ground on the lower part of Hunker and that ground to this day remains untouched. Whether Anderson made his application in good faith or as a means to scoop miners I do not know—probably he made it in good faith. Mr. Fawcett recommended the Anderson concession and it was granted. Boyle and Slavin applied for a concession in the Klondike valley from rim to rim. Other concessions were granted to Dr. Milne, Bronson & Ray, Matson and others, and a large number of applications were received.

fractional claims on the left limit of Bonanza creek between Fox gulch and Adams. James Sutherland was then acting minister of the interior and was a partner with Boyle and Slavin, and was also interested in the Matson concession.

"On one fraction on Magnet Hill owned by the concession the report of the mining inspector shows that \$42,000 was taken out. This \$42,000 was divided into five equal parts, two of which parts, one of the partners affirms, were never accounted for but which in all probability were used for parliamentary purposes."

"E. C. Senkler reported to the minister of the interior that within the limits of the territory applied for by Bronson & Ray there were 38 creek, 50 hillside and 50 bench claims. About 40 claims were in active operation and the estimated output would be \$100,000. With the exception of about 40 claims the ground was reported by the gold commissioner as being unfit for placer mining methods and on November 3, 1899, Bronson & Ray received their grant. By the terms of the grant they were to do \$5,000 worth of work every year. The first year they were excused because they couldn't get machinery, the second year they were excused because they didn't have machinery on the ground. They haven't worked it yet. That ground was worked by a simple, downright steal, and the miners have had to suffer by it and that is the cause of lower Bonanza looking like a barren wilderness today."

"In the summer of '97 Slavin & Boyle applied for a concession on the low-lying ground of the Klondike extending from rim to rim. The limits of this concession were extended until it took in Bear, Jackson and Lindow creeks, the Klondike benches and a great deal of ground not applied for besides. One-quarter of the Slavin & Boyle concession was sold to Treadgold."

"The Milne concession is a rocky stretch from the mouth of Hunker to the mouth of Bear creeks. Ogilvie gave him a certificate that it had been prospected and Senkler gave him a certificate that it was worthless for placer purposes."

"All these concessions have been obtained by misrepresentation, trickery and fraud," he concluded, "and the only remedy is the cancellation of all the concessions and let them go back to the individual miner."

"Mr. Reddoe was then called to the platform and made a strong talk for the cancellation of the concessions, which, he stated, had been obtained fraudulently and by misrepresentation. He presented the following resolution to be wired to Ottawa: 'We request the government of the Dominion of Canada to immediately enquire into the means by which the Anderson, Milne, Boyle, Bronson & Ray, Doyle, Matson, Slavin & Gates and Miller creek concessions were obtained; as to whether said concessions were obtained by fraud and misrepresentation and granted in error and improvidence, and as to whether the regulations have been complied with in the grant or continuance of said leases.'

Other speakers were called upon who likewise were strongly in favor of the cancellation of the concessions and who supported Mr. Woodworth in his statements. Space, however, will not permit giving a full report of the balance of the speeches, but they were all in harmony and sympathy with the movement inaugurated last evening.

Greatly Surprised. I was never more surprised than I was to see such a display of fine groceries—many of them imported—at Dunham's, The Family Grocer. I did not know there was as fine a stock in Dawson, said one of Dawson's most prominent citizens. Corner Second ave. and Albert street.

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NORA FULLER'S MURDERER

Was Chas. Hadley, for Fourteen Years an Accountant on the San Francisco Examiner—Chief of Police Claims the Mystery is Now Solved.

Special to the Daily Nugget. San Francisco, April 22.—A sensation has been caused in San Francisco by the announcement of Chief of Police Whitman that he has undoubtedly proved that the murderer of Nora Fuller was Chas. Hadley, for fourteen years accountant in the business office of the Examiner. On January 16, the day of Nora's disappearance, Hadley also disappeared

and has not been seen since. Theo. Kitkey, a handwriting expert, declares that the man who wrote the name C. B. Hawkins in the advertisement luring Nora Fuller to her death was Hadley. He has compared the handwritings and declares they are identical. So hurriedly had Hadley left his lodgings and fled he did not even go to the bank and draw a balance on deposit.

Stabbed by Negroes. Special to the Daily Nugget. Emporia, Kan., April 22.—Young negro ruffians stabbed Prof. Charles Huey, of the Kansas Normal School, because the latter drove them from a fence surrounding a park where a baseball match was in progress. Samuel Harrison was arrested.

Heavy Crops. Special to the Daily Nugget. Winnipeg, April 22.—The C. P. R. officials anticipate an immense crop in Manitoba and the northwest. Large immigration is pouring in and there is much buying in farm and city property. New reductions in tariffs have been announced.

Oldest Preacher Dead. Special to the Daily Nugget. St. Paul, April 22.—Rev. Cyrus Brooks is dead, aged 91. He was the oldest Methodist preacher in the state.

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William Accepts. Special to the Daily Nugget. Berlin, April 22.—Emperor William has accepted Cecil Rhodes' trust relative to German scholarships at Oxford.

portant subject. Mr. Woodworth then took the platform and in a speech lasting nearly an hour dealt with the question in a clear, concise manner, impressing those who heard him with the idea that he knew what he was talking about. In part Mr. Woodworth said: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In what I have to say I will not so much strive to interest you as I will to give you information. I wish to lay before you facts as I understand them; facts that will show the manner in which the concessions have been obtained from time to time and which will further show how the facts and dates join hands in leading up to the Treadgold concession. We will see how this has been going on for three years, to the detriment of the development of the country and for the simple purpose of making the most money for those in power."

"In 1897, in the rush of that year many overstaked one another on Dominion creek and the gold commissioner, Thos. Fawcett, closed the ground from location. In the next year a similar muddle was experienced on the hillsides on Dominion and they were closed from location by Major Walsh.

"On the lower part of Bonanza and Hunker there were large tracts of land which were represented as being unprofitable to work by ordinary placer methods and would have to be worked on a large scale. Mr. Anderson, a miner of experience, applied

"The Matson concession, situated 500 feet vertically above the left limit of Bonanza one mile in width and running parallel with Bonanza creek between Fox gulch and Adams, was applied for on the 2nd of November, 1898. In the application it stated 'On close examination a deposit of from 60 to 100 feet of alluvial wash gravel had been found which would not contain an average of more than 2 or 3 cents to the cubic yard and that it could not possibly be worked without the aid of machinery and a large supply of water. It would be necessary to bring water from the Yukon river and would mean an expenditure of at least \$250,000.'

"This is the way they got their ground. In 1899 Mr. Matson swore that he had prospected the ground thoroughly, found the depth to bedrock from 100 to 130 feet, depth of pay dirt from the surface 30 feet. The greatest amount of gold in any pan was 30c, with an average pay of about 4c.

"On the 1st of September, 1899, Matson et al applied for the abandoned claims and fractions on the left limit of Bonanza in front of the concession to be used as a dumpage ground and which they claimed had been staked while the concession was being prospected and was being held for the most part for speculative purposes.

"On the 16th of September Commissioner Ogilvie sent a letter to the department of the interior recommending that the ground applied for by the concessionaires be granted irrespective of the applications of the placer miners, who it was claimed by the commissioner had applied for the ground without any other warrant than the expectation that if Matson 'struck it' then they would be 'in it.' On November 11 application was made through Latchford, McDougall & Daly to James A. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, for all the reverted, abandoned, unrecorded and

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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium—"David Harum." Orpheum—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

CANCEL CONCESSIONS.

Sooner or later sufficient pressure must be brought to bear upon the government to secure the opening of all concessions. There can be no doubt that the privileges intended to be conferred in the hydraulic regulations have been woefully abused.

Nearly five years have elapsed since the first concession was granted and during that interval two things have been made perfectly plain. In the first place large areas of ground which would be eagerly taken up and worked by placer miners have been included within the limits of concessions, and in the second place, in no single instance have the various concessionaires made a bona fide effort to work their ground by hydraulic methods.

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careful manner and with a directness which left no doubt of the earnestness of those who prepared them. In brief it is alleged in connection with several tracts of ground now held under the provisions of the hydraulic regulations, that they have been obtained by falsification and misrepresentation, connived at and aided by officers of the government for their own private emolument and gain.

When the flood gates of Yukon oratory are turned loose within the classic halls of the house of commons, the members of that body will begin to realize that Dawson, while somewhat out of the regular line of travel, still has a place on the map.

With five members of the Yukon council to be elected in the fall and the prospects good for an M. P. to be sent to Ottawa, politics will soon begin to boom again.

If seats in parliament were provided for all who wish to represent the territory, a large addition to the chamber would be required.

The stages have thrown off runners and replaced them with wheels. Another harbinger of spring.

Dime Novel Heroes.

Vancouver, B.C., April 4.—M. E. Ryan, detective of the Great Northern, did some clever work for his company in getting a confession out of little Oswald Peel and Teddy Beadle that they wrecked Monday's train from Seattle to Westminster, at Liverpool, about a mile from the terminus.

The boys, who are 12 and 13 years old respectively, were fishing in the company of two other boys, Ivan Peters and Wilson Burnett. Peel was telling the other boys of books of adventures he had read and the wonderful things boy heroes did. The boys' imagination became fired, and Peel and Beadle decided to emulate these dime novel heroes.

In their confession they state that they only intended to surprise the train hands by running the train on to the wrong track at full speed. They did not make a good job of it, however, and the switch was not entirely open. There were fifty people on the train on the day of the accident, and but for the presence of mind and watchfulness of the engineer, the boys would have had to answer to the charge of wholesale murder.

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NEW 400 CREATED

By Ultra Aristocrats of New York

Effect of the Recent Vanderbilt-Hohenzollern Dinner—Two Factions Exist.

New York, April 3.—New York has a new "400." By the calendar it dates a little over a month back, and in actual numbers it includes scarcely a quarter as many as the original list which furnished metropolitan society with a name.

Prince Henry of Prussia, acting upon the cable command of the Emperor of Germany, accepted the exclusive invitation of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., to dinner. He at once set the die in a famous family feud and drew lines for another society trust in New York City.

Old lines have been wiped out and a general reorganization has been begun. The directors of the society trust were elected when Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt invited them to the Prince Henry dinner. What remains to be done is the filling in of ranks according to the general plan laid down in the Vanderbilt dinner.

THIRTY-SIX INVITED.

Thirty-six New York guests, each representing an American family distinguished for wealth, social prestige, literary or artistic values, sat down at the Vanderbilt tables with Prince Henry and his suite.

It was an affair to which millions could not purchase an invitation. The official roster of invited guests, it is now claimed by those who know the New York social register, may be accepted as the authoritative "who's who" in society.

It is the pick of the most exclusive set in America in a social way. Following are the New Yorkers who were bidden to meet the representative of the Hohenzollerns, and it may be added that not a single invitation was declined: Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bryce, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cass Ledyard, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Baylies, Mr. and Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Post, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexler, Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, Mrs. Cass Canfield, Mrs. Francis K. Pendleton, Mrs. Richard Gambrell, Mrs. Lewis Chanler, Mrs. C. Dana Gibson, Mrs. T. J. Oakley Ryneland, Miss Beatrice Mills, Miss Alice Babcock, Miss Jay, Miss Burden, Miss Anna Sands, Miss Barney, Miss Bishop, Colonel J. J. Astor, Egerston Winthrop, Stuyvesant Fish, August Belmont, Robert L. Gerry, F. L. Polk.

To these may be added Mr. and Mrs. Moreton Frewen of London and New York and the Countess Grey of England.

TOUCH OF ROMANCE.

A careful analysis of the list of New Yorkers with the claims to distinction by each, reveals some interesting facts. Not the least remarkable of the facts is that the cornerstone of the latest four hundred is a love story.

Had young Cornelius Vanderbilt accepted his share of the Vanderbilt millions five years ago it would have meant the surrender of his bride Miss Grace Wilson. In that event New York society would never have divided along the lines of the Vanderbilt and anti-Vanderbilt factions, and the Vanderbilt-Hohenzollern dinner could not have taken place.

The second most interesting point is that exclusive and doubly barred as is the entrance to the circle of the new four hundred, it has nevertheless opened to several whose chief claim is not to millions but to birth or the prestige of brains. This, however, is not so noticeable as to alarm the conservative. Broadly speaking, the four hundred is a society of millionaires, although not necessarily of multi-millionaires. Youth dominates and matrons who have been heretofore among the associate leaders have become full-fledged managers.

Lastly, the new four hundred is an Astor-Wilson dynasty, with the reigning branch of the Vanderbilt-Whitney-Sloane family eliminated almost entirely from the situation.

The list includes at least one name notable for immense wealth—John Jacob Astor; one, possibly two, which may be associated with philanthropy, Mills and Gerry; literature, Lloyd Bryce and Moreton Frewen; millions, Belmont; art, Gibson. The rest stand variously for

vast business enterprises, family or beauty and social position combined, in case the name is that of a woman.

Make a Big Haul! St. Joseph, Mo., April 5.—A special to the Daily News from Beatrice, Neb., says:

The state bank at Roskin, Neb., was robbed of \$16,000 in cash at midnight last night. The bandits, supposed to be five in number, gained entrance to the bank by prying up a window and then opening the front doors of the building. Holes were drilled in the doors of the bank safe and large charges of nitro-glycerine exploded simultaneously. The explosion blew both doors off their hinges and made access to the money box easy.

The robbers took all the currency and paper money in the bank.

The noise of the explosion aroused the inhabitants of the little town and rushing to their windows they discovered three of the robbers making off to the westward. The Beatrice bloodhounds were at once telegraphed for and went to Roskin on a special train.

Arriving at Roskin, the dogs were taken to the bank and at once took up the trail of three of the robbers to a spot about half a mile west of Roskin, where the entire party had mounted horses.

The dogs are still on a trail in a westerly direction and it is thought the robbers were riding in an effort to reach the main line of the Burlington toward Denver.

RELIEF IS DEMANDED

City Council Will Call in a Body

Acting Commissioner Newlands to be Interviewed Today in Regard to Certain Matters

The city council proposes to lock horns with the Yukon council, or rather with Acting Commissioner Newlands, and if the relief now so eagerly sought in the way of the repeal of certain territorial ordinances that stand in the way of new ones the city fathers desire to pass is not effected—well, there will be a fall taken out of somebody if such a thing is possible.

The matter came up last night at the council meeting by Alderman Murphy asking Alderman Adair what had been the result of the interview he had had upon the subject with the acting commissioner. The chairman of the finance committee replied that to his committee's request that a meeting of the Yukon council be called for the purposes desired Mr. Newlands had given them nothing definite, notwithstanding that they had endeavored to impress upon him the urgency of attention being given certain measures at once. The best they got, so the speaker said, was that the acting commissioner had the matter under consideration.

Alderman Murphy—"Our main troubles so far have been to get the Yukon council together in order to secure the assistance we so greatly need, and I want to go on record right now, Mr. Mayor, as protesting most vigorously against the way the acting commissioner is now and has all along acted in the matter. If he persists in refusing to call a meeting of the Yukon council for the purpose of repealing the ordinances with which those now under consideration by this body would conflict, and which would enable the city to collect its just revenue upon goods arriving in a week or two upon the opening of navigation, I wait the odium to fall where it belongs and not upon the city council, and furthermore I want it to be understood throughout the city."

Acting Mayor Macdonald from the chair asked if the committee had received any encouragement from Mr. Newlands, to which Mr. Adair replied that the acting commissioner had said that if the case were one of absolute urgency he would accede to their request, though the statement was made in a rather diffident manner. His worship remarked that the case was certainly one of urgency, as several bylaws now before the council can not be passed until others already in force are repealed. Alderman Vachon brought the matter to a head by moving the council wait upon Mr. Newlands in a body, and this afternoon the lion will be bearded in his den, the motion having carried unanimously.

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China to Have Christianity

Go ye out into all the world and preach the gospel. Thus spake the Christ to His disciples near the end of His wondrous career.

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Therefore we believe the gospel of Mary's Son will do no injury to any race of people. It must inevitably and ultimately do good. But we are as certain that modern Christianity often does a great deal of mischief simply because it is not a revelation of love.

Modern Christianity can do a civilized community very little injury, but it is evident on the surface that it has had a demoralizing effect, and will have a demoralizing effect on China for a considerable time to come. We charge the great bodies of the church with the revolution in the far east. These great communities of Christians have, unwittingly perhaps, caused the Chinese to pour forth every conceivable falsehood in the shape of promises.

These apparent facts lead us to declare that the test for missionaryship is absolutely absurd. It is not enough that the missionary should be physically strong and seriously religious; he should also be a calm, philosophical mortal not easily bewildered with either natural or spiritual phenomena. He should have a big heart, but this should be thoroughly under the control of a cold, discerning, logical intellect.

Instead of such men, boys and girls have been shipped to the Orient to convert to modern Christianity the most ancient nation of mankind, a nation with an ancient history before Rome was built on her seven hills. And the worst of the matter is that the missionaries differ largely from each other in their interpretation of the Christianity of Christ, thus exhibiting no larger a knowledge of the gospel of love than those whom they endeavor to make converts.

I know that the noblest of man have been missionaries, that well meaning, if short sighted men, are missionaries. But this knowledge does not hush the voice of reason. Again we declare that the great bodies of the church are accountable for the lurid history of the last two years. The missionaries in China could hardly help exposing the petty differences which are so apparent throughout the civilized world. The Roman Catholic missionary honestly preached what he considered to be the gospel of Christ. The Episcopalian informed them that the Roman Catholic emissary was wrong, that the church he represented misinterpreted the teaching of the God man. The nonconformists differed from both and differed vaguely and unreasonably from each other.

The poor Celestials were bewildered. They gazed on the shepherds with doubt and fear and did not hear them gladly. John Chinaman fancied he was being deluded for a purpose, and no one could nourish a fancy into a seeming fact as quickly as he. His excursive imagination endowed the evangel of peace with powers they did not possess. They were the forerunners of diplomats and armies, he thought. Can we marvel that he mused many of them?

After all, his unreasonable fancy proved to be a reliable prophecy. For soon the cavalries of Christendom encircled Peking and the artillery of Christian kings and emperors threatened to level the walls of the holy city to the dust. The followers of the mild and glorious Nazarene were rescued amidst the clash of swords and bayonets and the clamorous roar of the world's most ponderous artillery. The magnificent Soul who commanded His followers to go out into all the world and preach His gospel also ordered His most intrepid disciple to put up his sword.

Christian princes, kings and emperors have not spoken thus, and the fanatics who caused the tremendous outrage lacked the authority to do so. The emperor of Germany in a fine frenzy requested his troops to remember that they were Christian soldiers, and then commanded them so to act that the name of Germany would thrill the Celestials with terror for centuries to come.

The armies of Christendom have forgotten the spirit of Christ, and only filled the hearts of China's millions with thoughts of revenge. The promises of China are worthless. Her officials will promise anything under the sun. Let missionaries, who adore righteousness, stay at

home and civilized powers beware! It is hard to imagine that among 400,000,000 of beings there is not one daring, lofty spirit who would be to his countryman a saviour, a liberator, almost a god. There must be an one in China today. His ideal of honor is hardly the same as ours. He might not consider it dishonorable to break a promise, or promises, extracted from his people at the point of the bayonet and under the muzzles of our guns. And it is very questionable, according to the records of civilized warfare, if it would be? No single power in the world today can conquer China. Christendom may wage victorious warfare in that far eastern land, but she cannot subdue the myriad children of a prophet of God.

Oh, advocates of "peace and good will amongst men!" what have ye done in your fanatical endeavors to plant a varied and doubtful Christianity in China? Ye have called forth the hounds of murder, rapine and war. Instead of obeying your Master by shaking the dust of China from your feet ye have persisted in sacrificing not only your own lives but the lives of thousands innocently ignorant and become the tools of unscrupulous politicians. One cannot exonerate the Chinese, but we are much to blame. And when the candid historian reviews the appalling records of the last two years the cruelty of the barbarians will only be equaled by the rapacity and wanton destruction of the Christians.

We are certain that it will be impossible to plant our varied interpretations of Christianity in China for centuries to come. And suppose it were possible to plant Christianity in China would it be profitable to do so? We do not think so. The representatives of the churches have been rescued by the allied armies of their countrymen, and for ages the so-called ambassadors of "peace and good will" will be looked upon, not as the emissaries of Christ, but as the forerunners of lawlessness and tyranny. If the imperialism of our day hath resulted in any notable crimes we must remember that it is the result of missionary enterprise to a very large extent.

It is almost impossible for the differing sects of Christendom to Christianize China at any time to come, nor is it worth while for them to try. The Roman Catholic church alone might do so. Her pompous services would appeal to the vivid imaginations of the Celestials. But while Christianity is represented by so many differing sects; while her advocates quarrel among themselves, it would not be accordance with the spirit of Jesus to ever endeavor to establish that gospel in China. Moreover, the first duty of the Church Universal is to Christianize Christendom! When the great nations of the world exhibit a thorough knowledge of the religion of Jesus in every-day life it will be time enough to convert the Celestials. Until then, and that day is far distant, it would be remarkable effort to even try.

Oh, advocates of peace and good will amongst men! Surely it is hardly consistent for cities like London, New York, Chicago and others, to subscribe millions of dollars for the purpose of proving to the Chinese that the teaching of their most luminous soul doth not save! It may be right and proper for our citizens to endeavor to suppress his satanic majesty in China and make a boon companion of him in New York! I really think it is rather unreasonable to proclaim to the Celestials that they shall enter our paradise "without money and without price" and to charge them \$100 for breathing the air of our fair, free land!

Let the different sects of Christendom organize "A Humanity Aid Society!" Provide that society with the same amount of money during the coming year as has been spent in missionary enterprise in China during the last and thousands of our poor will be rescued from the demons of hunger and despair! Men will believe in Christianity again when it becomes mighty in its sweep for the universal good, when every organized Christian church endeavors to accomplish a certain amount of honest, practical, Christian work.

I call on the divines who honor and love their Master to emulate Him in their daily lives. All the money your flocks can spare is required at home.

Missionaries who go to China at present are extremely foolhardy, neither brave nor wise. Those who provide them with the means of sustenance, considering the desperate state of affairs in the slums of our big cities, have a poor conception of the ideals of the Village Carpenter.

It is neither worth while nor reasonable to endeavor to plant a doubtful version of Christianity in

China at present. Let the churches unite in the serious work of elevating the down-trodden at home and the spirit of Jesus will rejoice.—Rev. John Stewart.

Committed Suicide.

New York, April 9.—Oscar A. Shaffer, secretary and treasurer of the W. H. Baker Chocolate Company, committed suicide at the offices of the company in Wall street today. He used a revolver.

Mr. Shaffer was 28 years of age, and married, and in the morning had made an appointment with his wife to meet him at the office at the close of business hours. She reached the office a few minutes after the revolver shot was heard and the clerks had found Shaffer sitting in his chair dying.

Edward Norton Resigns.

New York, April 9.—It was announced today that Edward Norton, president of the American Can Company, had resigned. He is at present in Europe, where he had gone to undergo an operation to prevent blindness. The officials of the company today said that an important lease had been signed with the Pacific Coast Cannery Association, whereby the plants of that company will pass into the hands of the American Can Company.

OBITUARY.

New York, April 9.—Wm. Strauss, counsel for the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Company and land grant commissioner for the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company, is dead at his home in this city. He was 50 years old.

Pensacola, Fla., April 9.—Capt. Sewell C. Cobb died on Monday while on a pleasure trip off Egmont key, aged 75 years. The body was brought here today. Capt. Cobb was widely known through his articles on the Nicaraguan canal.

Boston, April 9.—Mrs. Elizabeth Whittier Pickard died at her residence here this afternoon. Her father was the younger brother of John Greenleaf Whittier and at an early age she became a member of the poet's household at Amesbury. After the civil war she taught in the schools of the Freedmen at Richmond Va., Camden and Charleston, S.C. Of late years she had taken much interest in the preservation and care of Whittier's birthplace in Haverhill.

New York, April 9.—George B. Meade, a Wall street speculator, was found unconscious today on the steps of the apartment house where he lived, and died several hours later. Meade was at one time a prominent broker in Philadelphia.

San Francisco, April 9.—Word has been received in this city that Rev. Horatio Stebbins, pastor of the First Unitarian church of this city, died last night at Cambridge, Mass. Some time ago Dr. Stebbins suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered, and this attack was followed by a serious affection of the heart, which finally carried him off.

Louisville, April 9.—A telegram from Los Angeles, Cal., announces the death from diabetes of Col. Blanton Duncan. Col. Duncan commanded a Virginia regiment in the Confederate army in the civil war and was later at the head of the Confederate printing bureau at Augusta, Ga. In 1876 he was defeated for congress by Henry Watterson. He was a native of Kentucky and moved to Los Angeles fifteen years ago.

Chicago, April 9.—Alexander C. Nevins, a well known newspaper man and of late years telegraph editor of the Record-Herald, died today of heart disease. Mr. Nevins' health had been bad for several months and two weeks ago it was found necessary to perform an operation in order to save his life. Although the operation was successful he had become so weakened by sickness that he was unable to recover from the shock.

Have to Show Me.

Now comes a story from Alaska that Indians report finding some old ships far inland. They give descriptions of the vessels which correspond with those of the ships of the Vikings. The story recalls a famous yarn published in Leadville during the palmy days of that camp. A reporter with a glowing imagination discovered a ship up in the mountains beyond the Cloud city and published a report of his examination of the strange craft. That story attracted wide attention and set the archeologists by the ears. For a few weeks it was a raging sensation. Perhaps that reporter wandered off into Alaska with the throng of gold-hunters to give us a new sensation with the scene located at such a distance that Missourians could not ask him to show them the ships.—Idaho Statesman.

Job printing at Nugget office.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Was Kindly Received at Charleston

Made Ringing Address in Presenting the Sword to Major Michah Jenkins.

Charleston, S. C., April 9.—Greeted and honored by manifestations of the respect and esteem of enthusiastic thousands, President Roosevelt was the guest of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian exposition today. The weather was ideal. The events of the day began with a grand procession through the streets of Charleston, and afterwards there were speeches in the Auditorium, the presentation of a sword by the president to Maj. Michah Jenkins, with a luncheon at the Woman's building and inspection of the grounds and buildings. The enthusiasm of the people was unbounded, and there was standing room only on the sidewalks and porches and doorways and in the wide piazzas of the houses along the line of march.

The parade started from the St. John hotel, the president's quarters, at 10 o'clock, and was composed of marines, seaman, cadets, artillerymen and militiamen of four states, under command of Col. Charles Morris, U. S. A., of the garrison at Sullivan's island.

When the president entered the Auditorium he bowed and smiled his acknowledgements to the cheering which greeted him from thousands of throats.

Flags and bunting were draped within the building and a dias erected for Mr. Roosevelt was covered with a large flag. The audience heard the speaker with attentive appreciation and cheered to the echo many of the sentiments expressed, but the president was the centre of attraction at all times. President Roosevelt's incisive, clear words never fell on more attentive ears.

Mayor Smythe introduced President Roosevelt, who spoke as follows: It is to me a peculiar privilege to speak here in your beautiful city. My mother's people were from Georgia, but before they came to Georgia, before the revolution, in the days of colonial rule, they dwelt for nearly a century in South Carolina, and therefore I claim your state as mine by inheritance no less than by the stronger and nobler right which makes each foot of American soil in sense the property of all Americans.

Charleston is not only a typical Southern city; it is also a city whose history teems with events which link themselves to American history as a whole. In the early colonial days Charleston was the outpost of our people against the Spaniard in the South. In the days of the revolution there occurred here some of the events which vitally affected the outcome of the struggle for independence and which impressed themselves most deeply on the popular mind. It was here that the tremendous, terrible drama of the civil war opened.

With delicate and thoughtful courtesy you originally asked me to come to this exposition on the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The invitation not only showed a fine generosity and manliness in you, my hosts, but it also emphasized what hardly anything else could have emphasized, how completely we are now a united people. The wounds left by the great civil war, incomparably the greatest war of modern times, have healed, and its memories are now priceless heritages of honor, alike to the North and to the South. The devotion, the self-sacrifice, the steadfast resolution and lofty daring, the high devotion to the right as each man saw it, whether Northerner or Southerner—all these qualities of the men and women of the early sixties now shine luminous and brilliant before our eyes, while the mists of anger and hatred that once dimmed them have passed away forever.

All of us, North and South, can glory alike in the valor of the men who wore the blue and the men who wore the gray. These were iron times, and only iron men could fight to its terrible finish the giant struggle between the hosts of Grant and Lee. To us of the present day and to our children and children's children, the valiant deeds, the high endeavor and abnegation of self shown in that struggle by those who took part therein, will remain forevermore to mark the level to which we, in our turn, must rise whenever the hour of the nation's need may come.

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Stroller's Column.

Stroller has received two communications in the past two days regarding the Dawson dentist who is passing through an Ohio matrimony agency for a wife "right" who must be from 20 to 35 years of age, color not stipulated. Letters received by the Stroller from ladies who do not hesitate to say they would like to get in with the dentist is so numerous that they fail to understand who is doing so well, who is the property, as he says he has six thousand bucks in the bank as he says he has stipulated in his advertisement matrimonial paper that the man who becomes his wife "right" must have some money, or be content to an inheritance. A woman who signs her name Bertie the Stroller to find out if the tooth carpenter is square or not. She says she is from 20 to 35, depending on what part of the year it is. As the dentist says that he is not after a family she will suit that respect.

Two ladies referred to must be somewhere for assistance than to Stroller, as he declines to take any man's affairs who need the home supply and sends back to the Buckeye state to find a wife especially when, says in his "ad", he wants to "right away." Had he applied to Stroller in the first place he would have been supplied even before he wanted notice reached the Stroller in the far east; but evidently he thought the home product not to his taste, but must needs go to a far country to add to a wife. Verily, his actions are an insult to the marriage agencies of the Yukon and the Stroller's advice is for them to write and tell him so. His address, given in the matrimonial paper, is lock box, Dawson, Y. T.

Rockwell, who lately left for the Koyukuk, may have had all his troubles were of him when he managed to get to before the N. C. Co.'s reached there by wire, but recent arrival from the lower is reported that his were only beginning about time.

Well was preceded down the some days by Billie Thomas Billie Devine, to whom he had the information that he follow along in a short time. He must be for at every road and saloon along the route from Dawson to Coldfoot on Koyukuk the story is that the Billies told that "our business Mr. Rockwell, will be along some days with our stupendous and he will pay all our bills." He said that at every place along the route Rockwell was being con by bills for board, lodging, cigars and other incidentals had been advanced to the two. Whether or not Rockwell the bills is not stated, but the are that they are still on

ably there is no one agent of family discord than meaning. And yet some women are so happy as when standing giving advice to their husband about how to beat a carpet, window shades or put up a pipe.

women just as soon as they that one sickly and bilious robb been seen in the neighborhood and tear the house all up. Tip carpets up from the serve cold dinners, wear their up in a towel or a stand for a week and expect their to hurry home in the evening to beat carpet.

Stroller knows of several in Dawson who, because the out the 8th day of May two ago, have already moved their stoves back in the summer that cows can get into, with that their husbands are wearing their overcoats to every morning.

er a man longs for the old house days of his single life when he is beating a carpet or a breakfast in an open shed you have to hug the stove to keep warm. There is nothing of a man losing his glove

SESSION WAS TAME

Not Much Doing at the Council Meeting

Spicy Communication From Dr. Catto Who Offers to Join in Work of Philanthropy.

Last night's meeting of the city council was rather tame, about the only thing occurring to relieve the monotonous routine being the reading of a spicy communication from Dr. Catto in reference to his bill for professional services, which the finance committee has turned down repeatedly. Then, too, it developed during the evening that the council proposes to raise the very devil himself and a small retinue of imps if Acting Commissioner Newlands does not call a meeting of the Yukon council and repeal some ordinances which now block the wheels of the municipal chariot. For the first time since the council became a body corporate his worship the mayor was absent and in his stead Alderman Macdonald, as president of the board occupied the chair.

The usual grist of petitions, communications and bills were read by the clerk, among the latter being two from the Northern Commercial Company for \$16 and \$4.75 and one from J. P. O'Connor for \$75. A protest signed by Gregory & Co. and Wm. Furnival upon the license it has been decided to charge auctioneers was submitted. They consider the fee of \$200 exorbitant and would like the privilege of meeting and consulting with members of the council before the bill comes up for the final reading. They ventured the opinion that a license of \$100 would be about the proper caper.

Quite a lengthy petition was read from the promoters of the Dawson Electric Railway Company asking that a bylaw be passed granting the company the privilege to construct, maintain and operate an electric railway on the streets of Dawson; to lay tracks, utilize existing bridges, erect poles, etc. The petition, which is signed by J. A. Williams, William White and others, sets out that when incorporated and the franchise for which is asked is received the company will at once begin the construction of the road and will have it completed and in full operation during the summer of 1902.

A. M. McKay filed a protest against the proposed cordwood tramway the Northern Fuel Company desires to construct and operate on Duke street. His residence is along the line of the street it is desired to utilize and he gives notice to the council that he will hold the city responsible for any depreciation in value that his property may suffer thereby in the event of the franchise being granted the company.

A long communication from J. Utlander addressed to the "Mare and council" which the clerk informed the members was composed of advice and suggestions as to how the city affairs should be managed, was tabled without reading. A like fate came very near being meted out to a letter from Dr. Catto, which would have been unfortunate, as by the lingering death which generally follows the tabling of communications it is desired to be rid of, that of the doctor would have sunk into oblivion and the gingery things it contained would thus have been lost forever. The doctor is something of a cynic and in his petition re his bill for professional services rendered an indignant he did some sarcastic stunts that were intended to make the council in general and the finance committee in particular look like thirty cents. He confesses to a mild sort of surprise at the persistent refusal of the finance committee to recommend the payment of his account, and especially so since learning that Dr. McArthur, who directed him to perform the service rendered, has been regarded as the city health officer since March. What astounds him most is that Alderman Adair should talk about the city going in for philanthropy and yet turn down an account which in a matter of life or death of a human being had been duly earned and afterward certified to by the proper officer. Perhaps the man for whom the service had been rendered should have been allowed to die; it may have been a mistake to have allowed him to live. The doctor further stated that Alderman Wilson had once asked him if he

would accept \$50 in payment of the bill, but he did not know whether at the time he was speaking as a private citizen or a member of the council. With rare sarcasm the council was informed the city treasury did not wholly belong to them; a part of it the citizens of Dawson had a claim upon and as the medical health officer has full power to act in the matter of life or death he was within his jurisdiction when he called for the professional assistance of the petitioner. The territorial government, he says, has no more to do with his bill than the fire department. The doctor ended his peroration by making a proposal that as the question of philanthropy had come up he would suggest that each of the members contribute one-eighth of the bill—\$25—and he would do likewise by discounting the total that amount. "How strange," said he, "that Alderman Wilson has to be forced to accept a salary of \$1500 for his services, yet I who need the money so badly should be compelled to struggle so hard to squeeze out a paltry fee of \$200 from your august body." The report of the finance committee recommended the amendment of the assessment ordinance so that assessments could be made any time after January 1. The bills of McLennan & McFeely for \$11.25 and John Jenkins for \$22.75 were ordered paid. The committee on bylaws and printing recommended the purchase of certain office stationery for the use of the city engineer.

Under the head of inquiries Alderman Murphy asked the city solicitor what position the auctioneers who already had a license would stand in in reference to the new license bylaw now before the council. The solicitor replied that those who had procured licenses from the territorial government since the incorporation would have to secure one also from the city but those issued prior to incorporation would hold until their expiration.

Alderman Adair moved the adoption of a resolution in reference to the petition of the Northern Fuel Company for permission to lay a wood tramway on Duke street. The resolution authorizes the company to proceed with their work according to the plans which they have filed and under the instructions of the city engineer, subject, however, to the right of the council to revoke the franchise should it ever interfere with any of the drains or other city improvements.

The committee on streets was directed to look into the application filed some time ago by parties desiring to sink a well in South Dawson, and the council decided to do nothing further with the license bylaw until an interview was had with Acting Commissioner Newlands.

On account of the absence of Mayor Macaulay the appointment of P. J. Nash as city clerk, as was published exclusively in yesterday evening's Nugget, was deferred until the next meeting.

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**THEATRE
MELANGE**

"David Harum" at the Auditorium

Orpheum Presents "The Turkish Harem" an Oriental Fantasia of Love and Luxury.

People who have read "David Harum," and there are few who have not, were unusually interested in seeing the dramatization of the novel as presented this week by the Bittner company at the Auditorium, and if one enjoyed the quaint, backwoods humor and horsey dialect of David in the book a repetition of the pleasure can be secured by witnessing the play. It is thoroughly wholesome, full of laughable incidents, yet devoid of any coarse allusions so often found in many plays of similar character and equally free from soul-racking emotions that leave an audience tired out after viewing a performance. Some of the cast are excellent, a few are indifferent and one or two are fierce. Miss D'Avara has risen almost to a star of the first magnitude in her impersonation of the Widow Cullom and shares equally the honors of the evening with David. Her makeup, stooping gait brought on by years of toil and hardship and the whining tone of her voice, are as true to the original as could be. Mrs. Bittner is a delicious Aunt Polly, one of those good motherly old souls whose constant thought is the happiness and welfare of those about her. Miss Lovell extracts out of Mary Blake all there is in the part, which is not much. A sweet young girl with whom John should fall in love was essential to the proper ending of the novel and is equally so in the play. Miss Lovell is that, which is about all that is required of the part. Mr. Bittner looks, acts and does David in a manner that compares very favorably with W. H. Crane, who first created the part. His horsey language, fondness for a joke and unflinching good humor, particularly when he gets the best of the deacon in a horse trade, is refreshing to the theatrical appetite satiated with heart-rending dramas. His business with the mortgage and the story he tells the widow in the third act is one of the best bits in the play. Mr. Cummings is John Lennox, the hero in reduced circumstances, who like Mary Blake, is essential to the ending of the play. He has but little to do, but what he has he does well. Mr. Sedley is Chet Timson, David's old clerk, whose place John takes, and who regards himself as the most important personage in the village. Mr. Layne plays Zeke Sweeney, a miserly old usurer, a character which is right in his line, and Mr. Southard does General Wolsey, a character which is not in his line. But one thing occurred to mar the pleasure of last night's performance and that was the interminable stage waits, which seem all the more inexcusable as the settings in each act are very simple.

ORPHEUM

The second week of the Orpheum under Mr. Pantages' management opened with an oriental display of youth, beauty and vivacity. "The Turkish Harem" is another clever skit from the versatile pen of Mr. Ricardo Maurettus in which he had the collaboration of that clever artist and producer, Miss Kate Rockwell. The travesty is in but one act lasting about 45 minutes, the scene showing the interior of the sultan's seraglio with odalisques of surpassing beauty and hours of bewitching manner disporting themselves in various ways, each clad in the regulation Turkish panties of a warm and fervent hue. During the action of the burlesque Mamie Hightower, fresh from the bosom of her Circassian home from whence she has been wrested by the Turkish brigands, is put up at auction and knocked down to the highest bidder. Paula Cordero executes a very delicious cyrhal dance with the grace and abandon so characteristic of the orient. Blanche Cammetta and Dorothy Campbell, Arabian princesses, entertain and some of the slaves do a few tumbling stunts. The act is brought to a close by a very pretty march led by the queen of all Amazons, Kate Rockwell.

In the olio which follows, Cecil Manton is first heard in operatic selections, then comes Bessie Pierce, who emerges from a box containing

more mysteries than that of Pandora. Dolly Mitchell appears again after a slight illness; Helen Jewell sings a coon song, which she should not do, her voice being worthy of something better than such trash. Maurettus & Brown are seen in a new specialty, Mulligan and Krieg, assisted by Charles Moran appear in a clever burlesque and Vivian introduces two new songs. Mason and Evans close the show with their trick house, in Chinese costume, one of the best acts ever presented in the city.

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Slavin and Burley have completed their training and are now in excellent condition for the contest Thursday night at the Orpheum, where a most excellent arrangement of seats has been made. Tickets are selling like hot cakes as it is generally conceded that the meeting will be an innovation in the pugilistic history of Dawson.

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Never was more fully verified the Biblical assertion "In the midst of life we are in death" than in the hardware store of D. A. Shindler at between 9:15 and 9:30 this morning when Clifford C. Whitaker, a hunter who spent the winter on the upper Klondike, was shot and almost instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a Steven's target pistol in the hands of Joseph H. Smith, clerk in the store above mentioned.

The two men had been sitting cart-ridges in the pistol, and finding that "specially long" 22 calibre would not fit in it, had put a short 22 therein and Smith was closing the breach when, in some way, his handkerchief with which he had been wiping the barrel, became fastened on the hammer, discharging the weapon. Whitaker, who was standing just to the left of Smith received the ball in his right breast between the nipple and arm pit. Both men looked at each other and Whitaker placed his hands on his side and said: "My God, I am shot!"

He never spoke again. Smith grabbed him in his arms and let him slowly down, holding his head upon his knee until the poor man was pronounced dead. The ball had penetrated a large artery, and possibly the heart, as blood gushed in a large stream from his mouth.

D. A. Shindler, who was present when the accident occurred, hastened into the store of Chas. Milne and telephoned for Dr. Thompson who went at once to the scene, but life was extinct when he arrived.

The police and Inspector Coroner Wroughton were at once notified and took charge of the body, having it removed to the undertaking parlors of Brimston & Stewart.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon an inquest was held by Coroner Wroughton and the following jury: Richard Cowan, foreman, R. M. DeJex, Robt. Kemp, Daniel Rose, Temple F. Sinclair and E. W. Ward.

The principal witnesses were Jos. H. Smith, D. A. Shindler, Chas. Bush, Chas. Milne, Walter H. Wilson, Sergeant Smith, Dr. Alfred Thompson, Jas. Greenfield and P. M. Webster, the facts elicited being in accordance with the above mentioned account of the deplorable accident.

The verdict of the jury was that deceased met death by a bullet wound from a pistol in the hands of Joseph H. Smith and that the discharge was wholly accidental and that Joseph H. Smith be wholly exonerated from any blame in connection therewith.

Clifford C. Whitaker was about 40 or 42 years of age and leaves a wife in Seattle. His father-in-law, a Mr. Ford, is mining on Dominion. He had arrived from up the Klondike only a few days ago and had only yesterday disposed of his stock of moose meat which he was to have delivered today. It is not yet known where or when the body will be buried.

**LATE NEWS
OF CREEKS**

What is Doing on Eldorado and Bonanza

Snow Mostly Gone and Roads in Danger From Falling Rocks and Gravel.

Mr. A. J. Maiden of No. 30 above Bonanza came to town yesterday as a witness on a lawsuit.

Mr. Joe Webb of the Forks, proprietor of the Miners' Friend restaurant at that place, was in town last night.

Passengers coming from the Forks yesterday on the stage say in places rocks from the hill sides have fallen down in the road which make it slow traveling and also dangerous.

Oscar Anderson of Grand Forks is the first to take the front out of his store, which gives it a neat and attractive appearance.

Last Tuesday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willet of No. 43 above Bonanza was the scene of a happy gathering. A surprise was given in honor of Mr. Willet's birthday. Although being taken by surprise the host and hostess proved equal to the occasion and soon games of all kinds were in progress. At midnight a dainty luncheon was served after which dancing was commenced and kept up a couple of hours, when the guests departed, all wishing Mr. Willet many happy returns. Those present were: — Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. Worden, Mr. and Mrs. Shield, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willet and Mrs. Burnett.

The dance held last Friday evening by the Grand Forks Social Club was by far the grandest and swellest affair yet given. The ladies were there en masse and it is safe to say never had a more pleasant and enjoyable time. The music, furnished by Messrs. Seibert and Ancrola, was superb—in fact one could not sit still. Every dance called for an encore and it was 4 o'clock before the home waltz was played. The lunch was excellent and the floor could not be better. Mr. Vincent and Mr. Anderson materially added to the pleasure of the evening by rendering a solo each. It is not to be supposed that this is the last dance to be given for as soon as the roads become passable the club intends to continue their popular dances. Among those present were: — Mesdames Gorst, Coffin, Ballantyne, Leck, Celeste, Merman, Arndt, Lamb, Say, Seeborn, Savage, McDevitt, Kline, Wilson, Brewitt, Misses Kearney, Arndt, Cavanaugh, Maymie and Daisy McDevitt, Coutts, During, Matteson, Ketcheson, Messrs. Dalgleish, Crawford, Gardner, Coffin, Bostrom, Johnson, Hart, Pickel, French, Brewitt, Hamil, Gorst, Lamb, A. Johnson, Christenson, Flanagan, Peterson, D. McDevitt, Kline, Pretty, Vincent, Rowe, Haggerty, W. McDevitt, Ballantyne, Gladwin, Anderson.

On last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Hieseth gave a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Hieseth's sister, Miss Bostrom. The merry party met at the home of Miss During, which was brought into service for the entertaining. Whist, singing and music took up the forepart of the evening, after which several amusing games were played provoking no end of laughter. Mr. Vincent sang several songs to banjo accompaniment, and Mr. Ullman discoursed sweet and mellow music on the zither, which added considerably to the evening's enjoyment. At 1 o'clock the party repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hieseth where a bounteous spread had been prepared. The table was a dream of delight—literally covered from end to end with refreshments and highly complimentary to the hostess who prepared it. Toasts were proposed and given while a running fire of wit and pleasantry kept the diners in continual laughter. Those present were: Mrs. Falk, Mrs. Klien, Mrs. Hieseth, Messes Bostrom, Anna Langseth, Lizzie Langseth, Anderson, Gearson, During, Messrs. Langlo, Aune, Youngstrom, Erickson, Vincent, Ullman, Link, Bostrom, Kline, Fitzmaurice, Johnson, Anderson.

Messrs. Kinsey & Kinsey, the Forks photographers, have torn down their former quarters and are replacing it with a frame building covering a space of 25x30 feet. These enterprising young men have steadily forged ahead and are keeping abreast of the times.

Mr. Peter Link, one of the hustling

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