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THE FRATERNITY TEMPLE BENEFIT.

An Evening of Splendid Entertainment at the Monte Carlo.

The Benefit was a Social and Financial Success—Funds Raised to Complete the Building.

Thanksgiving eve was the occasion of a round of gaities in Dawson. There was amusement of some kind for everyone and nearly everybody in town availed themselves of the opportunity. The grand benefit given by the fraternal orders for the purpose of securing funds for the completion of Fraternity Temple, was one of the greatest successes of the season. The cosy and comfortable Monte Carlo theatre had been denoted for the occasion and the management extended every assistance possible to add to the enjoyment of those who attended.

The secret orders which are represented in Dawson and which participated in the preparations for the benefit are as follows: Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights Pythias, B. E. O. Elks, Woodmen of the World, Red Men and A. O. U. W.

The committees which outlined and carried out the work were made up of the following gentlemen:

Executive committee: Masonic—Col. O. V. Davis, W. H. Bard, W. M. Wilson, E. H. Langley, John Gillson, Odd Fellows—Dr. Snyder, N. A. Soggs, Knights of Pythias—Dr. George E. Meriman, Jack Patterson, B. P. O. Elks—Captain Jack Crawford, George Noble, A. O. U. W.—Captain A. Starnes, Wm. Cunningham, Woodmen of the World—R. C. Perkins, C. W. Watts, Red Men—Lloyd Botts, James Maher.

Finance committee—W. H. Snyder, Captain A. Starnes, Dr. Merryman, Lloyd Botts, R. E. Perkins, Gus Seifert.

Entertainment committee—W. M. Wilson, W. H. Bard, John Gillson, Theo. Eggart, F. Howard.

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Reception committee—W. H. McPherson, Capt. Starnes, W. J. Perkins, James Donaldson, Jack Patterson, W. A. Cobb, James Maher, Sergeant Bates, G. H. Burns, A. A. Lynn, Mike Sullivan.

The committee men worked early and late and at great sacrifice to contribute toward the success of the entertainment. On Wednesday afternoon a grand parade, participated in by members of all the orders, took place and added much to the public interest in the affair. Capt. Jack Crawford had been selected to act as grand marshal of the parade but owing to a sudden illness the Captain was unable to attend. In his absence Mr. W. H. Bard was asked to take charge of the parade and officiated in a most acceptable manner. He was assisted by Jim Donaldson who acted in the capacity of aide. The procession numbering nearly 600 men formed in front of the A. C. Co.'s store. Nearly all who were in line are members of the various orders and a beautiful silk banner decorated the laps of their coats. Banners were carried in profusion and added much to the effect of the scene. The band which had been engaged for the occasion was unable to play owing to the intense cold. The line of march was taken up First Avenue to the barracks and from there a countermarch was made down to the original place of formation.

Meanwhile, under the magic touch of artists and decorators the Monte Carlo was being transformed into a veritable little palace. The patriotic spirit was strongly in evidence, festoons of bunting and flags being the most prominent features of the decorations. The Star Spangled Banner and the Union Jack were intertwined most effectively and appropriately for it would be hard to know whether there was a larger proportion of American or British in the audience.

Every seat was sold and occupied long before the curtain rose for the first number of the program. The boxes gaily arrayed and decorated were all filled. No. 1 of the right tier was reserved for the government officials; No. 2 for the Monte Carlo; No. 3 for Mr. Wm. Chappell; No. 4 for the Alaska Exploration Co.; No. 5 Drs. Merryman, Gilson and McFarren.

No. 1 on the left tier was occupied by representatives of the Aurora; No. 2 by the A. C. Co. No. 3 by the N. A. T. Co.; No. 4 by the Northern Club; No. 5 by Mr. Wm. Wilson and wife, Mr. J. Jordan and wife, Timber Agent Willson and wife, Mr. Wm. Bard, the Misses Gussie and Nina Sanders.

The program had been carefully arranged and was participated in by the best local talent both professional and amateur.

Col. O. V. Davis, as chairman of the evening, opened with a short but well phrased and pleasing address.

Fred Breen was at his best and his turn contributed largely to the entertainment of the audience.

The Esteps, John and Annie, put forth their best efforts and scored a hit.

George Noble never sang with more feeling and in consequence was rewarded with long and repeated applause.

The Newman children were as usual a feature

of the entertainment. Little Margie, in particular, quickly won the hearts of the large audience and in response to enthusiastic and repeated recalls sang "Annie Laurie" and charmed the Highland Fling.

Miss Grace Robinson, in the costume of a messenger boy, sang "The Railway Guide" very effectively. She responded to an encore.

Miss Lillian Katherine Malcolm proved herself an elocutionist of superior merit. Her rendition of "The Progress of Madness" held the audience with the most intense interest. Her efforts showed the effect of long and careful training and the demonstration at the close of her part developed clearly that she had touched the sympathies of her audience.

Herbert Robertson was in good voice and pleased his listeners.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson recited, with much pleasure to all who heard.

Fred Tracy's splendid voice filled the hall and made him a favorite.

Caprice was not allowed to leave the stage until she had responded to repeated encores.

Mrs. Adeline Pusey Barlow, favored the audience with a beautiful operatic selection. Her rich, highly cultivated voice has a depth of feeling not often found and her effort was thoroughly appreciated.

Mrs. B. F. Miller contributed largely to the entertainment of the audience.

Miss Cad Wilson was announced and received a demonstration. Four recalls proved conclusively that she is a talented performer and a genuine favorite.

Mulligan and Linton added another to their long list of popular hits.

Messrs. Brown and Black are a clever pair and entered thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion.

Corporal Conway, though suffering from a severe cold, responded to a call for a song.

Miss Ross, of Boston, a pleasing elocutionist, recited.

Though the program lasted until midnight no lack of interest was shown and at the close the general feeling prevailed that a first-class entertainment had been given.

Dr. A. J. Terwagne, A. J. Mangold and a party of several others will leave Dawson for the outside on December 5th. The doctor is a pleasant little Frenchman from Paris, and beside representing the *Figaro*, a paper in France very like the *Times* in England, also represents considerable French capital and all summer has been securing claims and interests in claims until he now has one hundred. He and Mr. A. J. Mangold will return in the spring.

What will probably prove in the end as valuable as the claims to his company is an accession of 2,500 acres of coal on twelve-mile creek, below Dawson. Under the management of Mr. Thibaudou the coal has been uncovered, breasted and exposed in a variety of ways and proves to be of good quality and from four to six feet in thickness. Mr. Thibaudou is left in charge and will immediately proceed to survey and build a tramway from the vein to the Yukon. The right-of-way has also been secured as far as Dawson.

Reasons for Being Thankful. Thanksgiving has passed. Was it only a feast day? Did we satisfy only the inner man with savory viands? Did no grateful emotions bestir within us that our lines had fallen in as pleasant places as they had? For even though many have been trial burdened during the past year, have been homesick, heartsick when overtaken along the trail with the heavy, irksome tasks pertaining to it, yet surely each one has something to be thankful for.

In this cosmopolitan mining camp of Dawson city are gathered all nationalities, but Thanksgiving day has a peculiar meaning. Was not its origin in the old Puritanical days back in New England? Do not thoughts of our forefathers kindle anew the fire of patriotism in every American heart? And yet other nations, in their time honored custom of an annual thanksgiving, may just as truly and appropriately give thanks for a plentiful harvest. All people, under all conditions of life, may be thankful for the good things of which each one partakes to some extent. Some little pleasure is enjoyed by everyone. And though gratitude to God should be our daily duty, or pleasure, yet it is quite apropos that one day of the year is set aside for special thanksgiving, only we should have a care that that day should not fall in its special function, and be wholly given over to physical pleasure. What is that Owen Meredith says in the poem of Lucile about man living without love or books, but not without dining?

We know the latter is true but should we starve the soul? Nay, the three kinds of life—physical, mental and spiritual, appeal to us for attention, and each in its turn should have due consideration.

"Thanksgiving Day" and "Home" are inseparable. Each of us must have had tender thoughts of the dear old home and the loving inmates—indeed, memories surged over us un-

til not only were our hearts and minds full but even our eyes overflowed with the sweet pathos of homesickness. A picture of home with the dear father and mother and other loving ones were in many minds last Thursday—perhaps everyone was stirred with thoughts of the loving ones left behind, and the hopes to be reunited ere another Thanksgiving Day comes.

LU LU ALICE CRAIG.

Proceeds of the Benefit. It took a long while to get the full returns of the Fireman's benefit entertainment at the Monte Carlo two weeks ago. Returns for tickets sold had to be gathered in from various sources but at last everything is complete, and now the gross proceeds are given for publication. The total returns of the affair are \$1001, with the total expenses less than \$50.

PERSONALS. Wm. Bard, of No. 60 below on Bonanza, spent Thanksgiving in Dawson.

C. M. Woodworth, the well-known attorney, is rapidly improving in health.

Captain Jack Crawford is reported to be laid up very sick in his cabin.

Wm. Russell, who has a number of Hunker interests, took Thanksgiving dinner in Dawson with his partner, Mr. Nokes.

Chas. W. H. Schultz has left by dog team for the outside. He intends returning as soon as he can perfect arrangements.

E. Leroy Pelletier, of the Mine Exchange, has been spending considerable time on Dominion where he owns a number of interests.

Richard A. Davenport, of No. 21 above upper discovery on Dominion, was in town recently. He reports things coming his way on the creek.

A box reserved for the government officials at the Monte Carlo last Thursday night was occupied by Gov. Ogilvie, Gold Commissioner Thos. Fawcett, Capt. Harper, Col. Steele, Capt. Starnes, Judge Dugas, Capt. Scarth.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES. The Tramp Shriners and 321 degree Masons are to hold another banquet on December 3d.

L. G. Garfinkle, of the North West Trading company, is improving rapidly in health, and the credit is due to the motherly care of Mrs. Rfid.

J. D. Milligan, of San Francisco, is lying dead on No. 19 Hunker creek, and will be brought to town for burial when snow makes the trail better.

Attorney C. M. Woodworth is out, and will soon be knee deep in business again. The supposed typhoid fever turned out to be malaria, and the gentleman was up and out before the expected crisis.

Thursday evening next will witness a sparring contest for points between the Black Prince and Kid Williams. Anyone who knows the two men knows that an interesting set-to will be the result. Both are working hard to be in their best trim for this important event.

Mr. Jake King leaves with letters and express matter for the outside on December 15th, and will leave Seattle on the return trip about February 20th. Jake is a well known hustler, and many will entrust their outside business in his care. Louis Allenberg will accompany him.

Dr. Merryman was called by phone on Wednesday morning to the Stanley claim, No. 26 Eldorado. He found Jack Stanley suffering from a severe attack of scurvy sore mouth. The doctor treated his patient with his usual skill and expects to find him much improved on his next visit.

At the great Paris exposition, to occur in 1900, there is to be a Klondike department devoted wholly and solely to this region, its products and its peculiarities. Where is no land where such an exhibit will do more good for in no considerable country whose newspapers penetrate to Dawson is there so much misunderstanding of this great land as in that same France.

POLICE COURT ITEMS. The past three days have been slack.

J. A. Wilson paid \$200 and costs as an inducement to take out a license.

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ANOTHER OLD TIMER PASSES AWAY

Harry Spencer of the Pioneer Dies of Typhoid Pneumonia.

News from the Forty-Mile District—Every Indication that the Lower Country Will Turn Out Big.

And big, whole-souled Harry Spencer is no more. On Thursday evening, when the balance of the territory was finishing a day of thanksgiving, the household of Harry Spencer and friends were plunged in sorrow by the sudden yielding up of the ghost by the popular hotel manager and genial proprietor of the Pioneer. He was sick but eight days, and died of typhoid pneumonia.

Harry Spencer is originally from Seattle and afterwards of Juneau. In the fall of 1894, with a partner, he dared the passes and started for Circle city, then the Mecca of northern gold hunters. While yet 50 miles from his destination the pair were frozen in, and hastily prepared winter quarters for themselves. In the spring he repaired to Circle, and for some time engaged in mining, etc. In 1896 he married Mrs. Gilbert, who, with her sister, was keeping a restaurant. He acquired some considerable city property, and was running a saloon at the time of the Klondike strike. At this place he formed the present partnership of Spencer, Dinmore and McPhee, and the partners have acquired considerable good mining and city property since then.

Harry was a popular, whole-souled fellow, big in stature and great in heart, to whom can be traced many an act of charitable kindness. Having spent many years of his life engaged in the hard work of mining, his sympathies never wavered from the companions of his youth and his place was always the resort of the horny-handed sons of toil.

He leaves behind a host of warm friends, and his funeral will be the most notable yet in Dawson. He was a member of the order of Pioneers and one of the three Dawson fire commissioners. The funeral takes place on Sunday, under the auspices of the Pioneers and the funeral procession will be supplemented by the fire department and possibly by detachments of the police and military.

He was 38 years old and leaves a wife and one stepson. Many hearts will always cherish a warm place for the memory of Harry Spencer.

Grand exhibition of the Wondroscope at the Monte Carlo Sunday evening. General admission, \$1.00; reserved seats, \$1.50; box seats, \$2.50.

Forty-Mile Notes. Mr. G. L. Steelsmith and party arrived in Dawson from Forty-Mile and returned with two men and himself with three dog teams laden with provisions on Wednesday. Mr. Steelsmith talks entertainingly of the lower country and has acquired some promising properties there. Forty-Mile to Dawson is about two and a half days' travel with convenient cabins built years ago at preparatory camps. Steelsmith thinks the Forty-Mile district has a remarkable future in store as there are 1500 people at work this winter to show up its deep diggings. Prior to this nothing but shallow bar diggings have been worked. The town has from 150 to 200 occupied cabins. Mild weather has driven many men from their shafts but he thinks Christmas and cold weather will see the district giving to the world some remarkable discoveries. Great activity is being shown upon Walker's fork, Chicken creek and their tributaries, creek being 250 men at work upon Chicken creek alone. On the North fork, Hutchinson, Confederated and Fish, with their tributaries, are showing innumerable cabins and other preparations for active work. Canyon and Moose, the principal tributaries of the main stream, have already given their discoveries to the world. Forty-Mile city is patterning after Dawson in some things. Once a week a grand dance occurs at the large saloon of Joseph Toman, at which the three white women of the town are the reigning belles. The feminine deficiency in numbers is made up by drawing upon the supply of squaws from the neighboring mission.

Great activity is being shown at the A. C. coal mines, 13 miles below. A tram-road 1 1/2 miles in length is being built from the mines to the water's edge. The vein of coal is from four to six feet in thickness, and 17 men are engaged in digging and sucking. It is believed, from the scarcity of dry wood around Forty-Mile, that this winter will yet see coal being used there as fuel.

Don't fail to attend the Wondroscope exhibition on Sunday, night at the Monte Carlo. General admission, \$1.00; reserved seats, \$1.50; box seats, \$2.00.

Fire Up the Trail. On Wednesday, about 3:35 p. m., the Bonanza hotel, situated on 61 below on Bonanza creek, went up in smoke. The day was cold and the stoves running fiercely with no large amount of water handy. About a fourth of the contents of the hotel were removed before the flames barred access and egress. Among the valuables lost by proprietor Dawley was \$3,000 in currency and \$2,500 in gold dust. A portion of the latter at least will be saved. The total loss is variously estimated at \$5,000.

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NOTICE

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SELF-GOVERNMENT.

It is about conceded that Dawson is not to be given self-government as nearly absolute as the other cities of Canada. The members of the Yukon council are appointees of the Dominion government at Ottawa, and in this matter reflect the wishes of that central government. Now the opinion held at Ottawa of the inhabitants of the Klondike is easily seen to be at variance with the facts. Acknowledge, for the sake of argument, that the population is largely alien; what then? The Canadian government's opinion of aliens is shown by their sending a large force of useless troops to watch those aliens, and also, probably, by their instructions to the Yukon government not to yield self-government to Dawson as it has been yielded to other Canadian cities of half our size. Now, the character of Dawson's inhabitants is most remarkably different from that of any other city upon the American continent, and so far from making us less able to wield the powers of self-government makes us peculiarly fitted for it. In the first place we have no young and inexperienced people. Every other Canadian city has a large percentage of callow youths just of age to vote, and yet of such limited worldly experience that they are liable to be led astray by sentiment and enthusiasm and throw their influence upon the side of wrong. In Dawson we have only men of wide experience; men who have in their respective countries voted from ten to fifty years. Again, in every other Canadian city there is a large proportion of the improvident and reckless, who never had one hundred dollars together in cash at one time in their lives. It might be a doubtful experiment to hand over the reins of power to such men; but this, also, is an absent quality amongst Dawson's population, or how did we get here? To sum up, our population is made up entirely of provident people of years of experience, and who are well used to the self-government denied them here. As stated in our last issue, the council is quite willing to hand over to us the taxing power, yet are reluctant to withdraw their own control of our affairs, which they effect through the retention of the police and police courts.

The personnel of the N. W. M. P. is excellent, and it is officered by men of unimpeachable character, yet the nature of the organization is military, and each individual is responsible only to his own superior officers, and no matter what his offense he is tryable only by his own officers or in court martial. Now then, here is the situation in a nutshell. Supposing Dawson to accept the half self-government offered and to pass a hundred town ordinances. The gentleman in charge of the N. W. M. P. would undoubtedly instruct his subordinates to see them carried out; but in case of a neglect to do so what remedy has the mayor of Dawson or his council? Simply to complain to the head of the N. W. M. P. The *esprit du corps* of the force is remarkably strong, and is one of its many good features, yet that very *esprit du corps* would undoubtedly bring about a silent yet powerful hostility to the new powers of an outside organization, such as would be the city of Dawson. Each member of the N. W. M. P. is sworn to uphold the laws of the land—but so are the marines, the sailors, the soldiers and

the militia; yet no one would suggest the retention of these latter for metropolitan police duty. The N. W. M. P. has been called upon in emergency to do police duty in even the largest cities of Canada, and we believe filled the breach effectively and well. So have the marines, the sailors, the soldiers and militia, yet this is simply an argument for a powerful reserve, as would be the case should we have our own police and something arise by reason of which we lost control of events. In such a case the N. W. M. P. would prove invaluable as an ally.

There have been a few expressions of opinion from individual citizens upon whether or not we wish this kind of an incorporation at all. The columns of this paper are open for the discussion of the subject, and we will welcome any honest expression of opinion upon the matter.

FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The Nugget in previous issues has spoken of the necessity of a public school in Dawson. It is a reflection upon the public spirit of our citizens that during the entire life of the town no successful effort has been made to maintain a school, public or private. The attempts that have been made to meet the lack of a school have proven necessarily failures by reason of lack of financial support. It cannot be expected that in a city as large as this a school can be maintained from fees charged the children who attend.

It is a duty which devolves upon the entire community to provide its youth with opportunities for securing at least a rudimentary education.

In proportion to the number of inhabitants there are comparatively few school children in Dawson. In all probability there are not more than 75 children of school age in the city who would attend. But it is just as important that these should be taken care of as though their numbers were ten times as large.

We understand that under the laws of the North West territories it does not require that a town organization be in effect in order to form a school district. The latter can be organized independent of a municipal corporation, and its limits may exceed or be made smaller than those of the town or city.

This being the case there is no need waiting the slow working machinery and interminable red tape which seem to be involved in making Dawson a corporate body. We should have a school by all means, and have it at once.

Efforts are now being made along these lines to effect the organization of a school district, with the end in view of maintaining a school, open to all children free of tuition. The movement is one in the right direction, and is entitled to sympathy and support from every citizen.

DANGEROUS POWERS.

The powers of a gold commissioner are so great that it is essential we have a man in that position, of judgment and integrity. Undoubtedly many of the powers assumed by the present incumbent are assumed without warrant, but enough of them are real to make it plainly apparent that in weak hands they are dangerous. One of the most dangerous is the power of the gold commissioner to hold claims for friends without representation work. A man on the creeks finds an abandoned claim after long hunting. The original staker is not in the country and left probably before development work in the neighborhood of his claim had shown it to have much value. The would-be relocator satisfies himself on every particular and takes a witness onto the ground to see him stake it and to be able to prove that no work has been done on it. At the office the applicant at once perceives that the claim is well known there to be a desirable one, or if it is not, then his application is accepted and the affidavit of the witness taken. In the other case the pair are liable to be asked if they had shoveled the snow from off the ground so that they could know the exact condition of the surface. The answer to such a question is always "no!" and then the discouraged applicants turn away leaving the office the delightful in-

formation that that particular claim is without a cabin or any other signs of work of sufficient extent to show through six inches of snow. What an underpaid clerk will do with such information in his possession can only be surmised. One premise in the solution must not be lost sight of; such information is saleable or negotiable for an interest. But supposing the applicant and his witness to have a personal knowledge of the ground before the snow covered it and can swear from actual observation that it is undisturbed by either pick or shovel. Then Mr. Fawcett's subordinate can peep for an instant between the covers of a little book, look wise and inform them that "the claim is being held over without representation by order of Mr. Fawcett." This latter gentleman's powers are so absolute and arbitrary that no reasons need be and seldom are given. There is a well founded suspicion abroad that this "holding over without representation" is done with the negligent owner out of the country and at the promptings of Mr. Fawcett's own gentle heart. Sometimes the claim is held "subject to the payment of the prescribed fee of \$150" a regulation which is in none of the books of mining laws yet to our hand. How much of this has been done will not be known until the present gold commissioner's successor has been installed and Mr. Fawcett out of the country. It is most surprising how much has lately been found out about the recently retired officials since their disappearance from the range of our vision. Had they remained they would have largely prevented this state of affairs by maintaining the records secret, as was done up to a few weeks ago. Knowing that the present incumbent is to be succeeded just as soon as his successor can arrive, it is not so strange that Mr. Fawcett prefers to spend his lonesome nights in the office he is so soon to abandon forever.

AN EXPERIMENT.

The social evil cannot be discussed in newspapers, though unquestionably but for this taboo the evil would rapidly grow less; yet there is a phase of it in Dawson unfamiliar to most of us and yet which appeals strongly to our sense of a government's duties to its people. We refer to a certain order from police headquarters some two weeks ago by virtue of which the denizens of Second avenue are made the subjects of medical inspection twice in each and every month. There can be but one opinion expressed upon the wisdom of the order and that is favorable, though this enforced regulation should not be made a means of tremendous emolument to favorite doctors. The women of this class are not able to resist any measure which may be proposed for their regulation, and though this order should become a means of great pecuniary oppression yet would there be no resistance from this helpless class. The medical service is so readily performed that there appears no need for other than the most reasonable charges, and even then the income from that same will be a handsome one and the commission profitable.

With the order well carried out, combined with the complete isolation of Dawson from the rest of the world for the greater part of the year, the conditions are here for a successful ending to what is largely an experiment upon the American continent.

TOLL ROAD MATTER.

To the observer it is apparent that one of the reasons for granting the permit to construct a tram-road or wagon road to Messrs. Henning & O'Brien, was that a host of unpaid laborers should be paid their hard earned wages. This proviso was incorporated into the permit, and shows a most commendable desire on the part of the council to protect the defenceless laborers of the Yukon. Unfortunately for the laborers it was a leap from the frying pan into the fire, for after the laborer was paid his fifty dollars, or whatever amount he had earned in the construction of the road, he proceeded to secure employment up the gulches. This necessitated hauling his outfit there, and he soon found not only his fifty dol-

lars gone in toll but more of his scant cash with it. His sled is weighed each time he passes the toll gate going eastwards. So are his ropes and the wrappings of his load. The scales are not inspected by any public inspector, and the poor sled hauler is entirely at the mercy of the taxgatherer.

The test suit of the Nugget vs. Henning & O'Brien has not yet had a date fixed for a hearing. It is an important suit if won, but even if lost there are other moves pending upon this Yukon checker board which will prove or disprove the right of these concessionaires to collect taxes from our people.

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GREATEST SUCCESS

The Dawson Ladies' Fireman's B

Random Costumes Characters—Immense of the Dancers—A D

What a mighty race of a city in the show where a year ago was down cabins huddled to a bunch of people in the bitter cold of a new city of well-dressed sociable people. Never before presented to the Fireman's Masquerade when the Pioneer door with beautiful figures and a manly neatly-dressed double completely around the

All honor is due the benefit they tendered. The comm Mrs. W. M. Huston, Florence Hamburg, and most sincerely for the are good judgment of the affair. If anyone which might of the affair it was no nothing missing whi the sum of the enjoy not appear. The ener infected the town, and place in the costum ally the ladies. The amous forms show skill in the making of som made by the gals as of being trans metropolis upon so There were over 15 Pioneer hall been th would have been pon the immense crowd chair. Expressions on every hand, and use of the lady would surely be t showered upon them

The names of all the but amongst the n Storer were—

Uncle Sam, a tall Jonathan costume; Burke.

Actress "Nadgi," unknown.

Mephistopheles, re Fanning.

Dog "Musher," i Martia.

"Soft Dough Stiff ancient hapsacks; M

Moosehide Squaw, an Indian idea of fi

Dawson Fire depa ball, in helmet and appropriate emble buckets, hooks, etc.

There were sever Mrs. Deal, in divi pink cap, afterward

There were too in short pale blu strings-of-pop-corn appearance in darl and mortboard-corn showed to per

"Butterfly," by white muslin over

Clown, by Mr. W

"Fire Laddie," uniform and brass

Mexican costum the Fire departme

Santa Claus, in r and flowing beard

Troubadour, a Mr. Joe Cooper.

A notable pair w by Miss Pelkington

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The "Queen of Mrs. Stingle.

A pretty and Miss Mayner as

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Unless seen one of the material.

A very pretty Miss Rattie McM

Both were of a s short pink dress

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yet tastily ar bouquets. The

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GREATEST SUCCESS OF THE YEAR.

The Dawson Ladies Manage a Huge Fireman's Benefit Ball.

Handsome Costumes—Pretty Figures—Good Characters—Immense Crowd—Photograph of the Dancers—A Display of Beauty.

What a mighty race is this people building up a city in the shadow of the North Pole. There a year ago was a snowy waste with a dozen cabins huddled together on the flat and a bunch of people in Indian costume fighting the bitter cold of an Arctic winter, there is now a city of well-dressed, pleasure-loving and sociable people.

All honor is due the ladies of Dawson for the benefit they tendered the Volunteer Fire Department. The committee of arrangements: Mrs. W. M. Huston, Mrs. C. Yager and Miss Florence Hamburg, must be congratulated most sincerely for the indefatigable energy and good judgment displayed in the management of the affair.

The names of all the maskers were not secured, but amongst the most notable seen by the crowd were: Uncle Sam, a tall figure in the regulation Jonathan costume; represented by Mr. Harry Burke.

There were several "Topsy's," each one good. Mrs. Deal, in divided gunny-sack skirts and plaid cap, afterwards taking a prize. There were two pop-corn girls; Mrs. Agnew, in short pale blue-silk dress, trimmed with strings of pop-corn.

A very pretty pair were Mrs. Robert Birch and Miss Rattie McMullen as two "Flower Girls." Both were of a size and dressed exactly alike in most pink dresses, profusely ornamented with garlands of flowers, both wearing short blond wigs and carrying baskets of blossoms, artificial yet tastefully arranged in small button-hole bouquets.

A couple were easily the most notable pair in the room. Miss Georgie Grant, a petite figure in pretty dancing girl costume, was the attraction which turned many eyes.

The judges appointed for the award of the prizes were Dr. La Chapelle, Alex. McCumber, T. C. Healy, Theodore Krutzen, Mr. Stumer, Dr. Merchant and Mr. Campbell. The gentlemen had a most difficult time to arrive at a decision between the many excellent costumes present.

The door was attended by Al. Cowley, Lyle Spray and Geo. Dyer. From the Official Observatory. Temperatures for the week ending Wednesday, November 25th, were very equable and showed a maximum difference in temperature for one week, night and day, of less than 9 degrees.

It will be observed that while Saturday shows the lowest mark of the week, there was no day but came within a little over two degrees of any other day. But the rate of the wind is really more important to the comfort of the people upon the Yukon than the number of degrees below zero registered by the thermometer.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION

The Council Will Consider Means for Preventing Cases of Destitution.

An Ordinance Will Be Considered Providing for Licensing of Pilots at White Horse Rapids—A Dawson Episode.

The evil effects of the rush into the Klondike last winter were largely nullified by the order of Major Walsh that each one crossing the summit should bring into the country 1000 pounds of provisions and enough more to feed the owner on the way to Dawson.

Another piece of pending legislation is the regulation of the navigation of Miles Canyon and White Horse rapids. The experience of last spring shows that many untrained rivermen engaged in the business of pilots and something like 200 boats were lost during the first rush before the people began to realize that not every man was a pilot who claimed to be one.

The governor's strict ideas upon propriety and morality are so well known that it adds relish to a little story going the rounds sub-rosa, but for the truth of which we do not vouch. The story is to the effect that upon a recent evening our chief executive was thoughtfully wending his way homeward, with head bowed and mind involved probably with some of the problems of statesmanship which have arisen recently.

Editor Nugget: Sulphur creek has long been enjoying a reputation for underlying wealth hardly warranted by the facts. Last winter saw one or two holes found a row of holes going down from end to end of the creek and great things were expected as soon as they reached bedrock.

Several applications for ferry privileges were read and Judge Dugas was requested to draw up a ferry boat ordinance to embrace them all. Schoemaker & Reinart's application for trail privileges from the mouth of the Felly to a point 25 miles up the Stewart was brought up but tabled indefinitely.

He Ate Their Yeast. Blue Chip Harry the printer went up to Hunker last Sunday to visit Mr. Russell, who owns a number of interests on that creek. Harry, arriving there found no one at home, so being cold and hungry after his long tramp, started the fire, cooked some bacon and made a pot of coffee.

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A FIGHT THAT WAS NOT A FIGHT.

The Referee Awards the Receipts to the Hospital.

Dr. LaChapelle Able to Be Around Again—Lovers of Skating Enjoy Themselves at the New Rink.

Thanksgiving eve was the time fixed for the sparring contest of 20 rounds between ex-champion welter weight Jimmy Carroll and Jack Cronin, of Colorado. The Monte Carlo was well filled with patrons of the sport and a good show was expected. A preliminary four-round bout between Charley Carroll and Jack Murray furnished amusement while awaiting the main event. Charley showed himself strong and uses his head very much like his father in dodging. Both young fellows were clever and in good trim and their exhibition was enjoyed by all.

In the main event Mr. Donaldson was again referee, Curley Munroe was official time keeper, Tommy Darrin for Cronin and Ed O'Donnell for Carroll.

Carroll was the first to make his appearance and was greeted with loud applause, showing much popularity. Cronin came last and each was provided with three seconds. The stripping of the two men showed Cronin in considerable flesh with powerfully muscled arms and body. Carroll was more trim, but the condition of either man cut no figure in that short contest of a round and a half. To the surprise of all who had hoped to see a good clean contest the two proceeded at once to slug, slap bang, hammer and tongs, with Cronin making conspicuous fouls for the evident benefit of the referee. Repeatedly Cronin would go to grass, sometimes when hit but oftener when not, and notwithstanding the hard hitting an impression commenced to gain ground among the many spectators that they were being "faked," were in fact witnessing a "hippodrome."

The first round showed Cronin on the ground some twenty times with Carroll in like predicament three or four times. Carroll was evidently disgusted with his opponent's lack of tact in so openly betraying his evident intention of losing the fight and was not at all backward in "getting in" good and hard whenever an opportunity presented itself. Whenever the combatants embraced it was remarkable how easy one or the other was thrown down, "by a simple twist of the wrist," as it were. Cronin made a great show of punching Carroll below the belt and once in falling gave a tricky exhibition of how to place your foot in your opponent's groin.

Round number two was a continuation of the first. Cronin wanted it over and over quick and after a few slap bang exchanges dropped his guard for a good left swing from Carroll and got it full in the face. Down he went and stayed there until the referee could have counted 20 if he had been so disposed. A great snow was made of helping him to his corner.

All this while there was considerable confusion at the ringside. The sports were mostly disgusted and the uninitiated wildly hilarious at the quick success of the favorite. The referee was wise and announced himself not altogether satisfied with the contest and deferred a decision until Friday morning.

LATER—Friday morning referee James Donaldson decided the affair "no contest" with all bets off and the moneys taken in at the door to be divided between the hospitals.

Dr. LaChapelle Again About.

Dr. LaChapelle has had a very narrow escape by reason of a most severe attack of Typhoid, but is again around and doing business at the old stand. A man named Cota on 133 below lower discovery, on Dominion, was very sick and called upon the doctor to come out and attend him. This the doctor did, though not feeling very well himself. Then the doctor was taken down himself and lay in a cabin on lower discovery while the fever ran its course. While lying unconscious from fever, his patient, whom he was unable to attend, died and a favorable opportunity is awaited to have the body taken to Dawson for burial.

The Skating Rink.

The skating rink on Third street is a splendid resort for healthy amusement. If more people deserted their hot stoves and repaired occasionally to the rink there would be less sickness among them. Thanksgiving night the rink was illuminated and thrown open and presented a charming sight to visitors. A hundred candles illuminated the vast canvas arena and the well swept and newly sprinkled ice, with the snow covered walls on either side gave out a most agreeable sense of neatness. Wholesome and healthy fun was the order of the hour interspersed with fancy skating by experts who were present. The office men of Dawson should not be slow to avail themselves of this agreeable method of taking necessary exercise, in a temperature much less severe than that of the outside atmosphere. The rink will be open on Saturday night again and on each and every afternoon.

Encouraging Report.

E. W. Van Valkenberg recently came to Dawson from Sulphur creek, bringing with him his partner, E. L. Brit, who is seriously ill from

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over-exertion. Mr. Van Valkenberg states that on claims No. 17, 18 and 19 above discovery on Sulphur, 41 men are at work having 7 holes to bedrock and the pay uncovered in each. The owners of the claims are much encouraged over recent developments.

Van Valkenberg is mourning the loss of a fine dog team. He left the team in the street while he stepped into an office on first avenue. He was gone only a short time but on his return no dogs or sleigh were in evidence. Up to latest accounts he had not been able to locate either.

A National Holiday.

EDITOR NUGGET: It is quite customary among Americans to speak of Thanksgiving day and similar jubilee occasions as "national holidays." My impression, gained from a long residence in the states, is that even the Fourth of July is purely a state matter, and made a holiday by state enactments.

Yours most obediently,
CANADIAN.

[The answer to the foregoing will be a surprise to many loyal Americans. The United States has no national holidays; that is to say there is no federal law bearing upon that subject at all. Days like the Fourth of July are endorsed by each individual state from California to Maine, and in the sense of their extent and universality are national. The term "national holiday" can be and is used in this sense alone.—Ed.]

Sunday night the Wondroscope will be exhibited at the Monte Carlo. An evening of good, clean entertainment. General admission, \$1.00.

Henning Under Bonds.

Henning, the tramway man, was in court Friday, charged by Boyle and Slavin with the unwarrantable confiscation of logs belonging to the complainants. From the evidence it appears that Henning took the logs to build his tramway, though his own permit was only on the Klondike river, miles above that point. The justice bound him over to the superior court with two sureties of \$500 apiece and his own bond for \$1000.

At St. Mary's.

For the week ending, November 23d, the books of the above institution show 21 new patients, with 28 men discharged. This leaves a total of 109 patients receiving the care of the hospital. There was one death, Frederick Couture, a native of Edmonton, N.W. T., aged 19.

Attention Firemen.

All members of the Volunteer Fire Department are requested to meet at the fire station at 1 p. m., sharp, Sunday, Nov. 27, to attend the funeral of the late fire commissioner, Harry Spencer.

FLETCHER,
Chief of Fire Department.

Creek Items.

Upper Bonanza prospects are improving every day.

The Monte Christo benches are showing up well. Poverty hill is keeping up its reputation, and spots are being found which turn out as high as \$7.50 to the pan.

The benches of Nos. 28, 29 and 30 below on Bonanza are improving daily. Pay dirt as high as \$10.20 is being uncovered.

Grand Forks inhabitants don't have to come to Dawson any more for their pleasures. Every hotel at the Forks celebrated Thanksgiving in style, and feasting, dancing and music was the order of the day. Many of the pleasure takers were sleigh parties from Dawson.

As an unknown miner was wending his way along the creek trail on No. 8 below on Wednesday, dragging a sled load of provisions, a large firewood log was slid down the bordering hill and missing the man by a hair's breadth smashed the sled into splinters, and scattered beans and flour for fifty feet around. No one hurt.

I. D.

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The Wondroscope.

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Mail and Passengers for the Outside.

On December 10th Mr. T. G. Wilson will leave for the outside carrying mail and express matter. Being provided with good dog teams can take one or two passengers. Wilson is the only man that made two round-trips over the ice last winter, so it goes without saying that anything entrusted to his care will reach its destination.

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