

RAILWAY FRANCHISE

Bylaw Introduced at the Council Meeting

Given Only Its First Reading and Will Have to Pass Two More Stages.

About the only thing of consequence that transpired at the city council meeting last night was the introduction of the bylaw granting to the Klondike Mines Railway Company a franchise over First avenue from Princess street to Albert. There were no communications save one from Chief Lester which was as follows:

To the honorable mayor and city council of Dawson: Gentlemen—For the information of "Taxpayer" and the general public I wish to state that the letter published in a Saturday evening paper was quite unwarranted. Coal for the department is supplied on requisition from the chief of the department in quantities called for by him. A sufficient quantity of coal to supply an engine at full working capacity for from two to eight hours is kept at each engine house. In the event of the supply becoming exhausted, as happened Saturday, the custom is to have the supply replenished from the engines not in service, and more coal is immediately ordered. Hoping this explanation will be found satisfactory by "Taxpayer," I am respectfully yours,

J. A. LESTER, Chief of the Fire Department. The only new bills presented included the following: Standard Oil Company, \$1.00; B. A. Shindler, 1.00; N. C. Co., 4.00; Klondike Mill Co., \$2.30. The finance committee was the only one of the standing committees to make a report and it dealt only with the bill of Dr. Catto which for the third time was turned down with a dissenting third. The doctor was present when the report was made, but made no comment until after the session had adjourned. Then quite an amount of good natured badinage was indulged in, largely at the expense of the members. The doctor was characterized as the most persistent fighter who ever came over the pike and he retaliated by freely expressing his opinion of the council. He gave his worship and the gentlemen of the council notice that he intended to sue for the amount he alleges to be due him.

Advised the introduction of the franchise bylaw and later its first reading. The title of the bylaw is: "A bylaw of the city of Dawson to grant to the Klondike Mines Railway Company the right to construct and operate a railway upon a portion of First avenue in said city." The bill was given only its first reading and will have to pass two more stages before it becomes a law. The proposed franchise grants only the right of way from Princess to Albert streets. From the lower end of town to Princess, should it be constructed, that route, the road will pass over the bar which is Dominion land and over which the city has no jurisdiction. A gist of the bill will be found elsewhere in this issue. Various moved that the city clerk be instructed to submit a report at the end of the month showing in detail the business transacted by the council throughout the year, the same to be given to the newspapers for publication if they so desired. Mayor offered a resolution to the effect that the remuneration of P. G. Catto for auditing the city's books for the year and submitting a complete report be fixed at \$300 which was agreed to. After adjournment the mayor signed the last bunch of checks in payment of the salaries of the fire department that will be presented to the present council which will have its more regular session, that of Monday evening. More jewelry than all others combined, unequalled in quality, lowest price, at J. L. Sale & Co.'s. White Squadron—At Auditorium. Games and Christmas Tree Decorations at Landahl's. First avenue. MISS SMYTHE'S DANCING ACADEMY. Palace and Ballroom. Dancing lessons Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 10. Private lessons arranged for. Lessons a month. Lessons \$1.00. Eagle hall, opposite Nugget office.

AWARDING OF PRIZES

Major and Mrs. Wood at Public Schools

Handsome Books Sent by Hon. James H. Ross for the Best Scholars.

Acting Commissioner and Mrs. Wood, Mayor and Mayoress Macaulay and others, spent nearly the whole of the morning at the public schools today. The occasion was the break-up for the holidays, which last until January 5th. There were also a number of others there—R. P. McLennan, Alderman Vachon, Alderman Wilson, Ex-Councillor Prudhomme, Dr. Alfred Thompson, Elgin Shoff, R. P. Ritchie and Col. McGregor. Also Major and Mrs. Cuthbert, Police Surgeon Thompson, Rev. Dr. Grant, Rev. Baracough, Turner Townsend, Detective Walsh, E. E. Miller and a large number of ladies—in fact a large gathering of parents and those interested in education.

There were no vacation exercises, the idea of Superintendent Ross being to show the method of school work just as it goes on from day to day. First the visitors were shown into the kindergarten, where all the little tots were decked out in their best hats and tuckers.

Major Wood had a pleasant word for nearly every one of them, and most of them had the precocity to reply. The old-time hesitancy was absent, and neither did the little girls drop a modest curtsy, or the boys make a sweeping right arm bow. Each little one took the gift and gleefully hurried to the proud parent if they were present. Then the prizes sent for the pupils by Hon. James H. Ross were distributed by the Major, Mrs. Wood standing at his elbow. Both seemed to enjoy it very much. Always the Major had some little compliment to make, for which the children seemed as grateful as for the prize itself. For instance, when James O'Neil came up for the prize he had won for punctuality and deportment the Major said to him: "Why, Jimmy, this gives me great pleasure. You must be thinking of being a soldier, and I think you would make a good one, for punctuality and deportment are the two things most greatly prized in the army." The little girls who won prizes were also called by their first names as if he knew them all, and little Madeline Shuman blushed at his compliment upon her composition.

The public school has no room large enough to assemble all the pupils, so Superintendent Ross had to show them from one class room to another. Neither is there any distinctive name given to the rooms. They go by the name of the teacher. In one of the senior rooms Major Wood made a little speech, saying how sorry Mr. Ross, their member of parliament, must feel that he could not be present to distribute these prizes which he had so thoughtfully provided, with his own hands, as Mr. Ross took such a deep interest in all of them. However, it was a pleasure to him to present these prizes, as it gave him an opportunity of making their acquaintance and seeing for himself the good work they were doing. He wished them all "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and scarcely were the words out of his mouth when like a hastily-thrown handful of pebbles came the response: "Same to you."

The prize winners were as follows: Principal McKenzie's room—Literature and mathematics, Florence LeS. Phillips. Best essay on the Yukon, Bessie Rosman, Gussie Arnold, Lou river, Louis Mitchell. Regular attendance and best progress, Lloyd Hawley. Best drawing, Edrie Macfarlane, a case of drawing instruments. Mr. Jekell's room—Seniors—Composition, Madeline Shuman and Ethel Levine. Literature and Mathematics, Bessie Knorr and Lucile McKay. Punctuality and deportment, Cecil O'Neil. Juniors—Composition, Cecil Barry; Literature and mathematics, Clara Mayhood first, Sam Crawford second; punctuality and deportment, Samuel Waitt. Miss Keyes' room—Seniors—James S. Arnaud, Roy Fysh, Morton Townsend, Gertrude Larsen, May Schoelling, Edith Wolfe. Juniors—Helen Henry, Harry McLennan, Arthur Luto, Basil Stoenager. Miss Bennett's room—Viola Kelson, George Parker, Frank Thompson, Dave Waxstock, Finlay White, Chas. Grant, Oge Davis, Alfrida Luto, Elsie Fisher, Irving Levine.



LABOR PUTS ITS FOOT DOWN UPON THE UNWORTHY INSTRUMENT.

OPPOSITION PARTY IS BUSTED

Unworthy Instrument Calls a Meeting Without Consulting Such Leaders as Woodworth and Others—They Roundly Denounce Him and His Meeting—Racy Contradictions—The Unworthy's Attempt to Bulldoze Union Men Who Last Night Enthusiastically Ratified George K. Gilbert's Nomination.

The meeting held at Pioneer hall last night for the public ratification of George K. Gilbert as the labor candidate for the Yukon council, was one full of surprises. That the ratification of Mr. Gilbert would be so prompt and unanimous was among the things expected, and was therefore no surprise to anybody. The surprises were incidental. Joe Clarke was there. He expressed the belief of all present when he said that the opposition party was supposed to be dead. He endeavored in his vigorous way to show that it had still breath enough left to yelp. But before the meeting ended the said opposition party was split up into splinters. One of its leaders after another got up and repudiated the "unworthy instrument." First Mr. Beddoe, who had believed himself to be THE leader of that party, repudiated him. Then Mr. Woodworth, who thought he had been one of its leaders for two years, repudiated him, and the great mass of honest working men of the meeting repudiated him and indignantly resented his attempted interference with their political action.

The meeting opened with the election of Charles Fisher as chairman and George B. Wryatt as secretary. The chairman briefly told the object of the meeting and George B. Patterson made a brief address. He said they had adopted a lien law as their platform and now they should take the next step and elect a representative to the Yukon council to see it carried into effect. They had nominated a candidate worthy of the support of labor, and they should stick together and elect him. Mr. Gilbert, the candidate, was then enthusiastically called for. He was sitting in the body of the hall by the side of his wife, the only lady present. He came forward timidly and when he got on the platform seemed overcome with the warmth of his reception. He thanked the union members for the honor they had done him in tendering him the nomination, and said the success of his campaign rested with them.

"I was given the nomination in good faith," he said, "and I have accepted it in good faith. Regarding the rumor that it was not a representative meeting which nominated me, I would say that if it was not then I am not very well informed. It was tendered to me voluntarily and be-

lieving it to be unanimous I accepted it. As to the endorsement of another candidate, there are rumors that we want to be the tail of some other kite. Let us settle this tonight, whether we will endorse another candidate or stand by our guns and fight it out alone." (Applause.) James A. McKinnon proposed: "That the union men and laboring men of Dawson, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby ratify the nomination of George K. Gilbert as the labor candidate for district No. 1 of the Yukon council." This was unanimously carried and the speaker then proposed that a committee of six be chosen from the meeting to manage the campaign, and that out of that number should be selected the finance, executive and other committees. The question was asked whether they would adopt a platform at this meeting, and if they would endorse another candidate. The chairman said he knew of no intention to endorse any other candidate, and as to platform the lien law had already been adopted as such, and he did not know whether that should be ratified.

John G. Campbell spoke in eulogy of the candidate and said it was a case of the office seeking the man and not the man seeking the office. Elgin Shoff appeared as "a friend of labor" and pledged the candidate his support. He thought they should have a platform that had more in it and which would commend itself and their cause to the great body of electors. He suggested the addition of a clause that women should be given the right to vote on an equality with men, and in support of this not only made a long speech but read a long extract from a magazine article written by a Chinaman there was a letter among the audience which declared that Mr. Shoff had not added much to his personal popularity by his eloquent address. The late "unworthy instrument" was the next speaker, and it seemed at one time as if he was going to talk until today so that no other speaker would have a chance to follow him. He did not see why when they had two votes they should be satisfied with one candidate. Why elect Mr. Gilbert and give up the

other seat to their enemies? At the last election they had nominated a French Canadian and an English-speaking candidate on the creeks and he thought it would be a good precedent to follow in Dawson. "You must remember that you are eighty per cent. of the voting population, and the government cannot beat you with counterfeit money. You must remember that at this election a man may vote in Dawson and also on the creeks." Mr. Woodworth—No, no. Mr. Clarke—There are better men than Mr. Woodworth will bear me out in this. We will have 200 men vote at the Forks or Ogilvie bridge and then come to Dawson to vote, and as many vote here and then go there to vote. That is how the wage earner can beat the grafters. Now I have not worked much for wages. Mr. Woodworth—That's true enough. The U. I.—Well, I have probably earned as much money as Mr. Woodworth ever did in this country (roars of laughter). Now as to your platform, the lien law should not be your only issue. The real issue is are you with the grafters or against them? You have in Mr. Gilbert a candidate who is not an unworthy instrument (cheers). The opposition party is to hold a meeting tomorrow night, and the course it will adopt depends much upon your course tonight. It is proposed to bring out a French Canadian wage earner, and my suggestion is that this meeting be instructed to vote for Mr. Gilbert and for the opposition candidate. Mr. Gilbert would lose possibly twenty-five government votes, but he would gain 150 by opposing the government. I propose that you have a committee appointed to wait upon the opposition meeting tomorrow night. Harry Casper was then loudly called for, but as he had just that moment entered the hall, and knew nothing of the previous proceedings he declined. Dr. Catto was also called for and declined. Mr. Beddoe was next demanded. Mr. Beddoe threw off his coat in a workmanlike manner and with a polite bow toward Mrs. Gilbert said: Lady and gentlemen, I disagree in toto with the remarks of the last speaker (cheers). I think that if the laboring men find that they have strength enough to support two can-

reference to the "unworthy instrument," and he detailed under what circumstances he would work for the labor candidate, and under what circumstances he would oppose him, and ended in such a way that his audience were left in the deepest kind of doubt about it. James McKinnon said that as the hour was growing late he thought they should proceed with the election of a committee. This committee was to meet this afternoon at three o'clock and elect an executive committee, finance committee and other committees.

DELEGATES SELECTED To the Nomination Convention to be Held at Caribou. A large meeting of miners was held at the Forks last night in Dewey hall to select delegates for a convention at Caribou. The date for this convention has now been fixed for the 29th. The delegates selected were as follows: From Grand Forks, Hector McMillan; Upper Bonanza, George Thittis; Eldorado, John Riordan; Lower Bonanza, Angus McLeod. Mr. Riordan was prominently mentioned a few days ago as a candidate. He now states that for private reasons he will not permit his name to go before the convention. A meeting will be held tonight at Ogilvie bridge to select a delegate from that district.

DOWN THE RIVER Horse and Dog Teams Start Out for Fortymile. A number of prospectors and others who have been waiting for the weather to moderate, left for down the river points this morning. There were several large sleighs laden with supplies, and half a dozen dog teams, besides several individual miners who were mushing it alone. Ben Downing's stage also went out this morning with mail.

The Usual Tariff Alphonse Lepierre pleaded guilty this morning to having been disorderly and in the Northern restaurant last night. He broke some dishes while celebrating which he paid for on the spot. Corporal Egan was called in and put Alphonse out in the cold, telling him to get home, but as he was so drunk he did not know where he lived, the corporal took him to the skookum house. Fined \$1 and costs and warned not to come back again. C. L. Woodworth was up for stealing wood from the government, the logs being the fotsam and jetsam from the Hening contract which had escaped from the hoop, and which Woodworth caught with the drift. The case was enlarged until Monday.

Motion Not Allowed A motion was argued this morning before Mr. Justice Macaulay for the setting aside of the capias order which is now holding Mrs. Edith Kelly at Whitehorse. Mrs. Kelly formerly owned 28 above on Sulphur street, she sold and before leaving neglected to pay a labor bill of some \$445 or more. Hence the capias. Her husband dismissed the motion and Mrs. Kelly will have to pay or she will be brought back to Dawson in charge of an officer.

Meeting Tonight All favoring the candidature of R. P. McLennan for mayor are invited to attend a meeting to be held at the board of trade rooms this evening at 8:30. The particular business of the meeting is to organize and appoint committees to conduct the campaign.

FOR SALE—Very cheap, interest in creek claim No. 143 below lower on Dominion. Inquire E. C. Stahl, this office.

GRIMESBY SENTENCED

Will Serve a Year for Petty Theft

Found Guilty on Two Charges and Receives Six Months on Each of Them.

When Thomas Grimesby stood up in the dock at the police court this morning he looked like an anarchist. His eyes were keen, his hair disheveled and a bushy black beard completed a tout ensemble that for all the world reminded one of the rebellious subjects of Czar Nicholas. He was arrested last night by Constable McMillan and his looks were borne out by the conversation he is said to have indulged in—On his person when searched at the guard room was found a small arsenal minus the guns. There was a wicked looking bowie knife with an edge keen enough to shave with, a dozen or more .45-calibre cartridges and in his room was found a revolver to which the shells evidently belonged. When thrown in the bastille he is said to have threatened to get even no matter how long he was kept on the woodpile. "I'll get square with you and you can depend on it. I'll burn the whole country up when I get out. That's what I'll do."

This morning he had lost the most of his ferocity and appeared quite docile and possessing an intelligence and education far above the average criminal. Two charges were laid against him, both for petty theft. One was for having stolen a bearskin coat of the value of \$10 and the other for the theft of a rifle said to be worth \$40. One had been sold and the other traded to a second hand dealer.

The former charge was first taken up, Grimesby pleading not guilty and expressing a preference for a jury trial as the witnesses who could prove his innocence, so he stated, were out of the country, one having gone to Fortymile and the other outside. Both charges were tried summarily by his honor.

W. H. Walker, the owner of the coat, was first in the box. He was a farmer last summer but now is residing on Calder. He last saw the coat in Hamilton's second hand store on Princess street. At the time he left the city he had stored the coat with a number of other articles in a cabin back of Porter's blacksmith shop in South Dawson from which it must have been taken.

"Do you know the coat was taken from that cabin?" was asked. "Well, I did not see it walk away," was the naive reply.

C. W. Porter, the blacksmith referred to, could not identify the coat. He knew that Walker had stored a quantity of goods in the cabin in the rear of his shop, but what they consisted of he could not tell. Walker asked him permission to store the things there and the witness had granted it.

Charles Titcomb is a clerk in Hamilton's second hand store. He recognized the coat as being the same that was at one time in their stock. A man had brought it in and exchanged it for a coat made of half seal, receiving \$5 in addition on the trade. He had given his name and signed the book as W. S. Allen, but the witness could not positively identify the prisoner as being the same man. The face was familiar but the size of the two men did not seem to correspond. The seal coat which had been traded

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AMUSEMENTS.
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FOR MEMBER OF YUKON COUNCIL.
Dr. ALFRED THOMPSON
FOR MAYOR OF DAWSON.
R. P. McLENNAN

SUSTAINS IT REPUTATION.
 Corroborative evidence is furnished through the Nugget today of the fact that the alleged political "deal" reported in the Sun as having taken place between Councilman Murphy and the McLennan committee had no foundation in fact.
 Mr. Jas. F. McDonald, who is one of the candidates supposed to have been "named" by Mr. Murphy for a place on the McLennan ticket denies the "deal" altogether in a communication published in another column of this paper. Mr. McDonald asserts in a straightforward, manly fashion that he had no part in the alleged deal, and bears out in every particular the statements of the Nugget in relation thereto.
 Mr. Hoediger's morning organ sustains its reputation most beautifully.

SUPPORT FROM ALL QUARTERS
 It seems generally to be taken for granted that Dr. Alfred Thompson will be elected to the Yukon council at the head of the poll. The great majority of voters have decided already that they will give Dr. Thompson one vote for that office and it is a striking tribute to the popularity and high character of that gentleman that such may be said truthfully to be the case.
 The support which will be given to Dr. Thompson will be purely non-partisan in its character. It will come from every shade of political belief in the district and will demonstrate the hold which a man of staunch integrity and unswerving earnestness of purpose invariably secures upon the community in which he lives. Dr. Thompson will be a strong factor among the elective members of the Yukon council. He is thoroughly familiar with existing

CHRISTMAS GOODS
 I have just received by express an elegant line of Chatelaine and Wrist Bags, Belts, Feather Fans, Lace Handkerchiefs, Toilet Articles, etc. 25 dozen of the Latest Styles in Neckwear for Gentlemen.
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conditions in the territory, understands the wants of the mining districts and may be relied upon to give his support and assistance to every measure brought forward which may be calculated to prove of benefit to the people.
 Dr. Thompson should be elected by an almost unanimous vote.

A NATURAL OUTCOME.
 Organized labor delivered a well deserved rebuke to the late "unworthy instrument" last evening. Any man who is so manifestly insincere in his dealings will, sooner or later, reach his proper level. His clamorous demands for the rights of the laboring man may give him a hearing for a while and secure him something of a following, but ultimately the truth will prevail.

No good result ever came to the cause of labor by marching under the leadership of a demagogue. A man who constantly talks and who never works is a man to be avoided. In nine cases out of ten he is seeking the promotion of his own personal ambitions at the expense of those whom he professes to serve.

Such a man is he who carried the opposition banner to defeat in the recent parliamentary campaign. Now at last the spell has been broken and the man is revealed, and rated at his proper value. Organized labor—the men who find their bread in daily toil—will have none of him. His foolish and revolutionary appeals fall upon unheeding ears. His own party is sick of him; the labor vote is sick of him, and in plain words he has been served with notice that he is no longer a factor in affairs.

Such is the natural and legitimate termination of a career which has been marked throughout by a total absence of sincerity and good faith.

SUCCESS IS CERTAIN.
 As was set forth in the Nugget yesterday, no combinations or deals of any nature have been entered into by or in behalf of the candidature of R. P. McLennan. Mr. McLennan is pursuing an independent course and will go into the mayor's chair unhampered and unrestricted by outside influences. He is in the field in response to a very general demand on the part of those taxpayers who desire to see the affairs of the city administered upon safe and economical lines.

He is a man of broad views, of long and successful business experience and one who will give the city the identical kind of government that is demanded by existing conditions.
 Mr. McLennan has been concerned in every movement having for its aim the promotion of the general good of the community, and no citizen of Dawson can show a better record for public spiritedness than he.
 Mr. McLennan possesses every qualification required to guarantee the city the sort of administration required and we predict his election by a very good majority.

To Tour America
 New York, Dec. 6.—Adelina Patti has decided to make another tour of America, and will sign contracts to that effect on Monday. The lucky manager will probably be Daniel Frohman.
 Madame Patti had an offer to come to America last summer. For three days she seriously considered it. At the end of that time she refused, only because she felt certain conditions of the contract to be not to her liking.
 "I will come to America," she said, "but only on my own conditions. I have had many offers. I have refused them. My husband, Baron Cederstrom, wishes to go, and I too must see the country once more—so when the right day comes you may expect me."
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Stroller's Column.

Every old-timer has his pet Klondike yarn. Many of them have been told and re-told and changed and amended so often that the modern version would scarcely recognize the original.
 It seldom happens that a group of the '97-'98 brand of Klondikers get together without a free interchange of early experiences and it is needless to say that ready listeners are always found.
 Among such a group, the Stroller found himself one evening recently, and there learned for the first time how it came about that R. W. Calderhead became the possessor of the first really and truly Studebaker wagon that ever came into the country—green box, red wheels and all.

It was just after the ice broke in the spring of '97. Calderhead was working a half dozen teams around town at the nominal charge of \$100 per day each. He had a varied assortment of vehicles, but nothing in the shape of a good box wagon.
 One morning he noticed a scow tied up in front of the A. C. store on which a green wagon box stood out very conspicuously.
 That was enough for Calderhead. He rushed down to the scow and tendered the proprietor of the wagon, the sum of \$500 for it. Before the amazed scow man could get his breath a competitor of Calderhead appeared on the scene and raised the offer to \$750. Calderhead came back with \$900.
 "I'll give a thousand," said his rival. "Twelve hundred" yelled Calderhead, but by that time the man with the wagon had recovered from his first shock. If he could get \$1200 for his wagon within fifteen minutes after landing in Dawson, why not wait 30 minutes and get twice as much. The wagon was not for sale. Calderhead stormed and blustered

all to no purpose. Neither he nor his competitor could get that wagon for love or money.
 Therefore, they withdrew and consulted. Result—an invitation to the scow man to repair to a neighboring refreshment establishment. Meanwhile something happened, for when the party returned to the scow one of the wagon wheels was missing. High and low over the scow search was made but to no purpose. The wheel was gone.
 A three wheeled wagon was no good so Calderhead prepared to depart, regretting that a deal could not be made.
 But on second thought he remembered an assortment of spokes and hubs at his warehouse and he decided that a tire might be purloined in some form or other. Anyway he would take a chance and give a thousand dollars for the wagon, minus the missing wheel.
 The bargain was made in the twinkling of an eye and in a few moments the wagon was on shore—all but the fourth wheel.

Late that night when the scow man was investing Calderhead's thousand dollars in alman's left, a skiff was shoved up along side the scow. A grab hook was lowered into the water and very shortly a red wagon wheel was dragged to the surface.
 Next day the scow man swore at himself and all the world in several different languages when he saw his treasured wagon, with all four wheels rolling down First avenue behind a pair of Calderhead's heavy draught horses.

Imagine the Stroller making his prettiest bow, with his fur cap in his hand and his parkey on his arm, and saying "Merry Christmas" to all his readers. The dogs are at the door.

howling for their supper to beat the band. They have had a long, long journey.
 "For men may come
 And men may go"
 The Stroller goes on all the time. And speaking of dog-teams, you boys on the creeks will miss one of the prettiest sights that ever flashed across these northern skies and the magnitude of whose splendor would pale the glories of the aurora borealis. When the angels behind this hyperborean iridescence are on Christmas morning chanting:
 "For unto us a Child is born"
 Willie Bittner, playing the part of Santa Claus to the scholars of St. Mary's, will Jovely climb into his dog sled and give the royal command to his dogs to "mush." He has borrowed "for this occasion only," the finest team of fine dogs that ever howled a full moon into three distinct quarters, and if they do mush, and pull the big fellow to the top of the hill, by Jove, it will be the proudest moment in the lives of all soundhounds. It was quite a tussle for the team last year, and little Willie grows so fast that it is quite possible he may have to walk this year.

But wherever he is the Klondiker will enjoy his Christmas. If he has made his pile and gone to the outside, as he sits in slippers eating basking in the everlasting sunshine of the land of the Golden Gate, his mind will revert to the land where the gold was dug to pay for such luxuries. When the cabin was small and the grub was scarce, and the Christmas feast was largely of memories and fleeting pictures of home and its snug coziness.

But the boys up the creeks are better fixed this winter than ever before. Their cabins are warmer, their table is well supplied, their prospects are brighter. And next winter they hope to go to the outside for a Christmas vacation, and have the

proud pleasure of telling the story that the people down south of us can never tire of listening to, the weird romance of this land of gold amid the arctic snows. The mine's favorite newspaper, the Nugget, is this Christmas, as is customary, giving out a special edition which tells the story in as vivid a form as it can be recounted in cold type. It shows the rapid progress that has been made in this country since the beginning, in short a time ago, and particularly the many improvements in the city of Dawson in graded and macadamized streets, in sewers and in every thing that goes to prove the progress of a community. There is also something for the miner on the very first page, something that will assist the miner in his suggestion of those memories so congenial with the holiday occasion. It shows the same in his cabin, all alone, and before him is "a letter from home." For this year the Christmas mail is not late, and the improvement in our mail facilities makes one of the most interesting articles in this special edition.

The Stroller is particularly pleased to wish all his readers a "Merry Christmas" because the Christmas edition of the Nugget which will be out tomorrow is something to be proud of. While it tells of the many of improvement and progress all over this territory, it also demonstrates both in its own appearance, it will be the most splendid Christmas number, for color effects and superior workmanship that has ever been issued in Dawson. And when the mine's thoughts turn towards home, as they naturally will at this festive time, he will think how the loved ones there would enjoy feeling the special edition of his favorite newspaper.

Seven-year-old G. & W. Re at the Pioneer.
 Circulating Library at Landahl's.
 At Auditorium—White Square.

Political Announcements

TO THE VOTERS
 At the solicitation of my friends I will be a candidate for alderman at the ensuing municipal election. Your votes and assistance are solicited.
H. E. A. Robertson.

Your Vote and Influence are Respectfully Requested for
ALLAYNE JONES
 As Alderman for 1903

VOTE FOR
R. P. McLENNAN
 For Mayor of Dawson, 1903.

FRANK N. JOHNSON
 Candidate for
ALDERMAN, 1903

FOR ALDERMAN.
 To the electors of the city of Dawson: At the request of my friends I again offer myself as a candidate for alderman.
 I have endeavored during my term of office to pursue a policy of economy in civic affairs and if I have the honor of election will continue to advocate the same policy. Respectfully,
T. G. WILSON.

Dr. Alfred Thompson
 Is a candidate for the Yukon council from the Dawson district. The support of the electorate is respectfully requested.

Candidate for
ALDERMAN
 1903,
A. LA LANDE.

Candidate for
ALDERMAN
 1903,
R.H.S. Cresswell

For Yukon Council
 Candidate for District No. 1, which includes Dawson, Fortymile, Miller, Glatier and Boucher.
WM. THORNBURN
 If elected I shall endeavor in every matter to act for the general good of this territory, and I trust my many friends will give of their vote and influence.

Candidate
FOR ALDERMAN
 1903
J. A. GREENE

Candidate
FOR ALDERMAN
 1903
H. C. Norquay

Vote for
PETER VACHON
 For Alderman.

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 A new and beautiful range of Collars, Ties, Belts and Handkerchiefs. See our new Postilion Collars and Belts.
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 Good meals, good beds, good bar. Scott C. Holbrook, proprietor. Take cut-off at the mouth of Lost Chicken which brings you to the door and saves you three miles travel on the river.
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 All Steamers Carry Both Freight and Passengers

Vote for
JOHN L. TIMMINS
 For alderman. He stands for a clean administration and a patient expender of the people's money. He makes no pro-election pledges but will treat conditions as they arise to the best of his possible ability.
VOTE FOR
James F. Macdonald
FOR ALDERMAN

SPECIAL KOYUKUK REPORT

Made by Captain Johnson, United States Deputy-Marshall of That Precinct. Gold Belt Theory and General Richness of the Various Creeks.

Special correspondence of the Nugget.

Hon. Carl M. Johnson, United States Commissioner and Judge of Probate of Eagle, encloses to the Nugget a copy of a special report made to him upon the Koyukuk country by Captain Johnson, formerly Commissioner of the Corinthian Yacht Club of San Francisco, and now United States Deputy Marshal of the Koyukuk precinct. The captain is regarded as a trustworthy and reliable gentleman, as well as a shrewd and keen observer. His report is dated from Coldfoot, November 19th, and will be found to give the best description of actual conditions in that country which has so far been published. It reads as follows:

Carl M. Johnson, Esq., U. S. Commissioner, Eagle, Alaska.

Friend Johnson,—Here is my promised map of the new gold fields, over the discovery of which we in this community have become very much excited.

The discovery is the result of calculation and faithful labor, in conformity with a hypothesis (as in the case of the locating of the planet Neptune) which hypothesis was based on the theory of a gold belt, and that given three certain points in line where the precious metal existed in paying quantities, the projection of that line should be within that gold belt.

The topography of the upper middle part of the Koyukuk river country, with its steep creeks wherein gold mostly in nugget form, or coarse grains without fine particles, is found, and the varying altitudes at which found, from the creek beds to the hillsides, indicate that such gold deposits were made at a time antedating the present water courses down which torrential streams have since poured sifting out the finer and

leaving only the coarse and heavy gold.

In that early era the line of that depositing stream which today marks for us a gold belt was at a higher level than the present hills, and there is no reason to suppose that present river valleys indicate in the least the trend of ancient water flows.

Influenced by such considerations, some half dozen men from Gold Creek shortly after the discovery of rich prospects on Washington creek prepared for a prospecting trip to the southwest of that find, approximately a compass course between Gold Creek, Hammond river diggings, the head of Vermont creek, head of Swift Creek and Washington creek.

In this connection, and as illustrating the gold belt idea, I will mention a few facts with reference to these creeks.

Gold creek, as is generally known, possesses some rich claims. This past summer, owing to an unprecedented scarcity of water, Gold creek like many other creeks produced less than its usual output of gold. But little prospecting could be done. While the water did run the yield was rich. On claim No. 3 above discovery, where I visited, the owners washed out \$12,000 in ten days, and then had to quit operations for want of water.

Hammond river is a newer mining locality, in which but little work has yet been done, but sufficient development has been done to encourage extravagant expectations. A large number of men, considering our population, are now beginning winter work thereon. On No. 6 above discovery, Frank Smith, about the end of August, found a nugget valued at \$937.48, exceeding in value the famous Frisby nugget found on claim No. 1 above, valued at \$925.25.

Remarkable as was Smith's find, it soon ceased to engage public attention here. I was with Smith when

he had the nugget weighed in Coldfoot. The story of its finding is amusing. The men had a difficult time loosening it. During the forenoon whilst shovelling in, the workmen were several times troubled by what they thought was an obstructing stone in the sluice boxes, coming in contact with which the gravel would pile up and clog the run. With a shovel, they each time shoved it along the line of boxes, as is usual with accumulating gravel. At the noon hour when the water was turned off, one of the workmen looking into the boxes was almost put permanently "pop-eyed" by the sight of the "can't-lose-me" nugget.

There was one larger nugget than this that went out of the country this year, but it was not exhibited, for the reason that the finder had picked it up on ground not belonging to him, on which he was "sniping"—somewhere on Gold Creek. A friend of mine saw it in confidence. He did not weigh it but the finder said its value was over \$1000.

Vermont creek, on claim No. 3 above, Mr. Kirts and two partners worked this season under the most adverse circumstances as regards water. So little was there of it they could sluice only by damming up the water and then using, thereby securing a seven-minute sluicehead, and shovelling in during each hour, the remaining 53 minutes being required to dam up another sluicehead. Yet under these conditions they took out over \$50 per day per man.

Swift creek has also good diggings. Mr. Swift recently found one nugget valued at \$700 and another in the nugget line worth over \$400. Within the past few days a party recorded two claims on a tributary of Swift creek, and showed me some large nuggets which he picked up on a hill-top several hundred feet above the level of Washington creek.

Washington creek. Until the recent strike Washington creek was the cynosure of all eyes, and the absorbing topic of conversation. The prospects indicated rich diggings. The creek was located during the past August and September. Mr. Calhoun made the discovery August 21st. A friend of mine who having early information got in on this creek, told me that he panned over \$3 in a few hours on discovery claim.

Now as to Mascot creek. The prospecting party from Gold Creek above referred to, set forth and had assigned to themselves duties as follows: Two men were to prospect, two men to hunt game to help out a poor commissary, and two men were to pack forward the camping outfit, supplies, etc. The prospectors had not been long on Mascot creek when they struck gold, and plenty of it, lying on top of the earth on exposed bed-rock, alongside the stream—as near to being on the bushes as the nature of the article would permit.

Word was immediately sent to the rest of the party, and staking began at once, stakings being drawn for order of location. Discovery was made on September 19th, and kept quiet for some days until friends could be given a chance to get in. As usual the news soon leaked out and the regulation stampede began. In a short time the whole creek and neighboring creeks bristled with stakes, "like quills on a fretful porcupine." George Ditsworth, one of the original locators, showed me a quantity of gold to the value of \$39 that he obtained from one pan. It was a very even run of gold about the size of peas. Frank Whalley, walking from his claim, No. 4 above discovery, to discovery claim without pick, pan or shovel picked up over three ounces of gold.

Wouldn't such facts start the gold fever in any bustling man's head? But to revert to that theory of the prospecting of gold location, as a subject on which I like to dwell at this time, as to the efficacy of which I need not have faith for reasons manifest in what follows.

I have interests on Mascot, Mascot is certainly rich about discovery— which name is in the projected gold belt. By a parity of reasoning to that employed by discoverers the claims in which I am interested should be rich—passing rich, let us hope.

The country of this vicinage is very attractive from a placer point of view. Unlike our upper middle fork valley, the hills do not present ragged and jagged tops of bare native rock, but on the contrary the hills in the new district have well rounded knolls, and an extended gravel deposit is observable. The gravel is also a tightly packed detritus which will make it feasible to work the creeks by wing-damming. Some of our oldest and to my mind most promising creeks on this side have never had bedrock exposed by reason of the loose character of the gravel, through which water percolates and floods ground within wing-dams. This is notably so on Slate creek. The only method to overcome this is to carry the entire creek over a claim in a flume, which would entail an outlay of capital not within command of any of our prospectors.

One of the encouraging features of the new strike is that the ground taken up will be entered upon and prospected with a zeal and business-like intent never before displayed in the Koyukuk. Heretofore claims have been staked in new localities and held awaiting the prospecting and development work of a few men to indicate the character of the ground, trusting that in the almost two years that they can so hold by sim-

ply recording, that something may be learned without expenditure of money or energy. Hundreds of claims are held in this precinct in this way, and remain of unknown value. Now, however, men in large numbers are erecting cabins, hauling grub, equipment, etc., to their newly staked claims, and though winter is not the proper season for working these claims, they will this winter prospect them, thus preparing for active mining operations on the opening of summer.

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Yours sincerely,
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Uncle Sam's Soliloquy

Of late I have "got it" on that part of my anatomy around which My collar fits. Elsewhere also, I grieve to say, the blows have fallen.

Not gently nor slowly, but swiftly, And with a careless disregard Of that sensitiveness of conscience For which I am so rightly famous The world over. In what base manner Are my disinterested efforts, On behalf of everyone but myself, Repaid. The Land-thing of Denmark Has refused my offer to buy Islands in the Indies. King Oscar, He of Sweden, has decided that In Samoa I acted improperly. Cuba, the ingrate, shows no desire To accept the treaty drawn for her, With due care, by these mine own hands.

Chile and Colombia, sauch children, Have entered into agreements Without first consulting me, or even Ascertaining my wish. Canada, Whose overtures I once rejected, Has grown to sturdy manhood, and now, When I would listen gratefully To a request for closer union, Smilingly replies that I must first Prefer the request, and gently adds, "Alaska." Then there is the Sultan Of Bacool, truculent and fiery, Who cries, "War! give me war at once!"

I opine he would rather fight than Ah! I have it—what, ho there! Send me a rush message to those My valiant statesmen, Mark Hanna, and the learned William Devery, Of the precinct known in New York As the Ninth. Summon them quickly. We will confer. Our minds shall evolve A plan whetted the wondering world Shall bow in trembling awe, and gasp.

The while my eagle screeches loud: "Have mercy, we pray thee, forgive us."

Present your wife or husband with some calling cards for Christmas. Our styles of type and cards are the very latest. Cannot be distinguished from engraved work. The Nugget Printery.

At Auditorium—White Squadron

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WHY DO THEY TREK?

Question Put to Hon. Clifford Sifton

Regarding the Immense Immigration Into Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Ottawa, Dec. 6th, 1902.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, speaking on the development of the Canadian west, answered the question "Why do they trek?" Mr. Sifton said: "Let me indicate the actual position. In 1891 the population of Manitoba was 152,506; in 1901, 251,947. In 1881 the population of the Northwest Territories was 56,446; in 1891, 98,967 and in 1901 it was 160,000. I have no doubt that today the population of the Northwest Territories is 250,000, and that the increase during the last year has been more than during the decade from 1891 to 1901.

"But the tide of population is only beginning to rise. We see only what the American poet so well described in speaking of his own country, as 'the first low wash of waves where soon shall roll a human sea.' I am not one of those who are inclined to undue optimism. I am in the habit of looking at rosy and exuberant predictions in a somewhat cold-blooded way, but, having regard to the sources of information at my disposal, I should not be at all surprised if by the first day of July, 1905, there were about 750,000 people in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories and perhaps a million in the Yukon. What is the cause of this movement? You see the statement often that it is because the public land has become exhausted in the United States. That is not, however, the reason. The reason lies in the fact that the farmers of the northwestern States have only now become convinced of the great agricultural possibilities of our western country, and begun to realize that it is as good as the best parts of their own country, and that they can get land at vastly cheaper prices, and so the farmers of Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Dakota, are selling out and taking their families across the 49th parallel.

"A few years ago the farmers did not believe in stories that we could successfully grow wheat in northwest Canada. They have since sent their delegates, visited all parts of the country, and seen for themselves, and as a result we are witnessing a great 'trek' which will very soon place the future of that territory and the future of Canada in a commercial sense beyond the realm of doubt and conjecture.

"I speak as one who has seen the work of the early pioneers and lived among the people while the capabilities of the soil were being tested. I have seen the years of hail, wind, drought and frost, and in the light of that experience I have no hesitation in saying that in a comparatively short time you may look to see the people of the west producing upon a scale which will render them, man for man, one of the richest and most independent agricultural communities in the world.

"Here, then we have the situation in a nutshell—a vast and productive territory becoming quickly occupied by a throng of people who will be called upon to take up the duties of citizenship almost at once, whose successful pursuit of agriculture will make them financially independent, and who in a short time will constitute a most potent factor in the national life of Canada."

Spared Through the Neck

New London, Nov. 21.—John Leonard of Grotton, an employee of the Eastern Shipbuilding Company, was spared through the neck by a ten-foot strip of wood that flew from a circular saw, Thursday afternoon. The lance-like missile struck him in the throat, passed entirely through his neck, and eighteen inches of the wood projected out behind his right ear.

Cow Wrecks Express

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 6.—The east-bound Canadian Pacific express was wrecked early today at Caron station. The fireman, James Armstrong was instantly killed and Engineer McLeod badly injured. The train ran into a cow and the engine and three cars were derailed, blocking the track for ten hours.

How to Kill Hawks

A farmer who lives in Northern Louisiana has grown weary of peeping gray hawks with blue whistler backs. It takes too much time. He sat down and thought long, and finally evolved a method that does credit to Yankee ingenuity. Everyone knows that hawks perch only on dead trees. This Louisiana farmer made a strong pole some fifty feet in length by nailing some scantlings together. To one end of the pole he tied a scythe blade, with its razor edge turned up. He set the pole about 500 feet from his barnyard. An hour had hardly passed when a black hawk alighted on the scythe, grasped it with its talons, but released its hold with a suddenness that gave ample proof of the injury sustained. The bird glanced down and attacked the scythe viciously. It was cut again and again, but never released, maddened probably by its own blood, as most hawks are. After a short struggle the bird fell to the ground, with its head split open. This Louisiana farmer has killed many hawks in the same way.

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Companions sawed off the greater part of the stick and Leonard walked to a building in the yard. The stick was found by a physician to have passed between the muscles and the important vessels of the throat and neck. It was impossible to withdraw the stick without danger of killing Leonard and all the muscles on one side of the neck had to be cut and the spear removed from the side. Leonard is not considered to be in any danger, but physicians regard his experience as a remarkable one.

The Worst

"Is this the best worst you can send me?" asked the lady who walked into the meat store with a package of that edible in her hand.

"Madam," answered the meat man, "it is the best worst we have."

"Well, it is the worst worst I ever saw."

"I am sorry to hear that. The best I can do is to try and send you some better worst from today's lot, but, as I said, that was the best worst we have at present. I am sure, however, that the worst we are now making will not be any worse than this, and it ought to be better. I assure you that as soon as I get the worst you shall have the best of it. We never gave any one the worst of it so long as we have been in the worst business, and you may be sure that when we give you your worst it will be the best, for our worst worst is better worst than the best worst of our competitors."

But the lady, whose eyes had taken on a stare of glassiness, was seen to throw up her hands and flee from the place, for she was afraid the worst was yet to come.

Whitehorse It ms.

Mr. L. M. de Gex, cashier of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Whitehorse, who left here a few weeks ago on his annual vacation, was married a short time since in Kincardine, Ont., to Miss F. G. Rapley of that city. They are now en route to England on their honeymoon, but will return in the spring to Whitehorse.

Word has reached Whitehorse that Mr. Paul E. Mercier, until recently in charge of the department of public works in the Yukon, had been appointed to the responsible position of resident engineer of the Province of Quebec.

Dr. Madore of the N. W. M. P., stationed at Selkirk, has been transferred to Whitehorse during the absence of Dr. Pare, who is now at Pleasant Camp, on the Dalton trail, in attendance on his son-in-law, Dr. Fraser. Dr. Madore may be found at any time at his quarters at the barracks.

Rev. R. J. Bowen of Christ Church has been confined to his bed for the past ten days with a threatened attack of typhoid-malaria. We trust, however, that with the help of his physician the danger will be averted.

—Whitehorse Star.

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VENEZUELAN MUDDLE

America Indifferent to Any Demonstration

Claims Explanations Are Due Before England and Germany Seize Custom House.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The state department, according to statements of officials, has not been informed of the program which Great Britain and Germany propose to carry out in the collection of their indemnities from Venezuela. There may be elements in the program when put into execution which will call for explanations from the United States. There is no question considering the strong declarations of President Roosevelt as to the integrity of the Monroe Doctrine, that he would speedily make international history if any feature of the collection contravened that doctrine.

The United States is not seeking trouble and is not taking umbrage at anything either Germany or Great Britain has done. This country is sure of its ground and prepared for any plan of procedure on the part of the two European nations.

The case of Germany in 1901 against Venezuela ended in an agreement between the United States and Germany as to the German limitations. These limitations were published in 1901 and are now in the Foreign Relations reports.

The present program, as it involves a new power, Great Britain, which is now covered by an agreement with the United States, appears here to demand that some explanations be made jointly by Great Britain and Germany before action is taken at La Guayra. These explanations have not been made at the state department since the joint action of their countries was decided upon.

As the state department understands it unofficially, the plans of the powers will be: To appear before La Guayra and send an ultimatum to Venezuela. There will be no notice of bombardment in case of a refusal to comply and there will be no declaration of war.

The German ships will declare a blockade of Venezuelan ports with a view of making the republic come to terms.

The United States will recognize this blockade for a reasonable time, but it was stated today that Germany and Great Britain would not be any more permitted to establish an indefinite blockade than they would be to seize and hold indefinitely Venezuelan customs houses. There will, therefore, according to the understanding here, come a time during even a peaceful blockade when the United States will ask for stipulations as to its cessation.

It was asserted here today that it would be impossible for the two European powers to coerce Venezuela by cutting off her supplies by blockade.

The southern republics would assist Venezuela from the interior. The

CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

Mr. J. D. Hartman of King Solomon Hill is in town today.

Mr. McKay of No. 34 below Bonanza came to town yesterday. He is going to the Fortymile country.

Mrs. Primus of No. 33 above Bonanza visited her sister Miss Jennie Parry at Magnet last Sunday.

Mr. Thompson of No. 43 above Bonanza is in town today. Mrs. Thompson is on her way in from the outside.

Mrs. Warren of No. 43 above Bonanza is visiting in town for a few days.

Thos. Ward has accepted a position with Mr. Collins of No. 26 above Bonanza for the winter.

Last Saturday afternoon the cookhouse on No. 3 Gay Gulch belonging to Mr. H. D. Cole was totally destroyed by fire. Only last week Mr. Cole put in a winter's supply of goods and everything was lost. The loss is very heavy.

Dan Gleason of No. 18 below Bonanza is thinking of starting a laundry. The way he washes clothes is certainly a wonder to himself and his partners.

Marting Lund of No. 26 above Bonanza made a flying trip to town last Thursday to buy an Xmas outfit. Xmas will be celebrated in the right kind of style on No. 26.

Those who will be fortunate enough to spend Xmas with Geo. Pilz of No. 47 Eldorado will no doubt have a swell time, as George has already ordered a half sleighload of cooking utensils and provisions for that day.

Mrs. Davis of No. 30 below Bonanza has begun making preparations for the third annual ball to be given at the Elhyan New Year's eve.

A surprise party was given Mr. Coffee on Fox Gulch last Friday night. Great credit is due Mrs. Gilbert for the way everything was planned and carried out. A very nice lunch was served by Mrs. Gilbert. Lots of merriment was caused by one of the cakes which was nicely

frosted and lettered, "Ha! Ha! in a Minute." Mr. Coffee was greatly delighted over this cake, which he cut himself and passed around, being very particular that each one received a piece. It was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season and will be remembered for a long time to come by those who were fortunate enough to be there.

This being the Merry Christmas time, we must also remember that many homes right in our midst will be sad and desolate in the extreme. Among the homes which will be saddened this Christmas is that of Mrs. R. R. Brown of No. 90 below on Bonanza, whose husband was stricken with paralysis the 24th of last month. Mr. Brown came to the Yukon in 1898 with his wife and two children. He has, like many others, made plenty of money, and not being satisfied invested in mines and lost. He was a hard working, industrious, honest man; strong, hardy and healthy and full of ambition until the fatal stroke came and today Mr. Brown is lying in the Good Samaritan hospital unable to speak, unable to tell his wants and wishes, while his wife and little girl Ruth, aged 7 years, are in their lonely cabin unable to do anything for their loving husband and father. Mr. Brown was an old resident of Seattle and his many friends will be sorry to hear of the misfortune that has befallen him.

GRIMESBY SENTENCED

(Continued from page 1.)

for that of bearskin was identified, likewise the entry in the book of his customer's probable weight, guessing it at 185 pounds.

George E. Nichols has seen the accused but does not know him personally. He was in the second hand store at the time the accused came in and made the deal with the coat. Identified the bear coat positively as he later had examined it with a view of purchasing it. He also identified the prisoner as being the man who had made the trade with the clerk of the second hand dealer and said the seal coat was similar to the one the prisoner had traded for. He saw the entry and signature made in the book and the accused given the \$5 which consummated the trade.

Charles Stewart is a bartender in the Nugget saloon. In November the prisoner came to him and asked permission to leave a coat with him which was done. The coat was rolled up in a piece of canvas and the witness paid no attention to its contents. Prisoner had told the witness that a man would call for it, but no one ever came and the package remained where it was first placed until picked up by the police a few days

ago. Does not remember the name of the accused said would call for the coat.

Constable McMillan told of Walker coming to the town station on Friday last and complaining of the loss of the coat. He had gone with him to the second hand store where the coat had been found. Then they went to the shop of Porter who informed them that Grimesby was the only man who had been seen in the vicinity of the rear of his shop. A description of the man wanted was given and he was soon located and taken to the town station for investigation.

Sergeant Smith related the circumstances of Grimesby's visit to the town station in company with Constable McMillan. The prisoner was questioned closely and Detective Welsh had asked him to write his own name and then that of W. S. Allen. A comparison of the signatures with that in Hamilton's book showed them to be identical. The prisoner was afterwards placed under arrest.

Grimesby made no defence beyond stating that if his witnesses were at hand he could prove that he was not in town at the time the alleged theft was said to have been committed.

His honor immediately stated that there was no doubt in his mind of the prisoner's guilt, it having been proven so conclusively. There were too many petty thefts being committed at the present time and it must be put a stop to. A sentence of six months at hard labor was imposed.

Grimesby in the other case wanted a preliminary hearing and a jury trial in case the case was sent up to the higher court, but his honor decided to proceed with it summarily.

Two witnesses in the second case were examined, the man who owned the rifle and him to whom it was sold, when Grimesby seeing such a strong case against him asked permission to withdraw this plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty. Such was done and a further sentence of six months was imposed, the two sentences to run concurrently.

"FAKE" ADDS

Smith never takes his ads—don't advertise bankrupt stocks, goods that "must be sold," etc. Here are facts. Smith wants to break the record on Xmas sales tomorrow and will not miss a sale on account of price especially on large toys like Tool Chests, Velocipedes, Wagons, Tricycles, large Games, Pianos, Dolls' Furniture, etc. See SMITH before you buy. King street, Portland building.

Best hot drinks in town—The Slideboard.

THE WHITE SQUADRON

Holiday week was opened last evening by the Bitner company at the Auditorium in a grand production of the "White Squadron." The bitter cold weather prevented a large crowd from attending but the play was a great success from every other standpoint.

As the weather has greatly moderated today a far better house is assured for tonight and the balance of the week.

The cast of characters and synopsis of the play are as follows:

Victor Staunton, commanding U. S. S. Oregon
 Mr. Readick, Demetrio De Romacio, Gen. in Brazilian army
 Mr. Hooley, Francisco De Romacio, his nephew, colonel in Brazilian army
 Mr. Montgomery, Paulo De Silverio, captain in Brazilian army
 Mr. Mullen, Harry Marlinspike, U. S. S. Oregon
 Mr. Moran, Horatio Dolittle Fritters, with his kodak
 Mr. Morris, Santos, a Moorish slave
 Mr. Ritter, Deodora, De Fonseca, president of Brazil
 Mr. Lewis, Bacco, a bandit
 Mr. Thorne, Jacko, a bandit
 Mr. Moran, Servant
 Mr. Dundon, Admiral Kromeloff, Russian ship
 Volga
 Mr. Dinsmore, Admiral Von Wiegand, German ship
 Molke
 Mr. Dundon, Admiral Vivani, Italian ship
 Humbert
 Mr. Truchs, Admiral D'Anfonis, French ship
 La Justice
 Mr. Traube, Commander Robertson, British ship
 Trafalgar
 Mr. Thorne, Onesta De Silverio, Paulo's sister
 Miss Kelton
 Miss Freeman
 Hope Staunton, Victor's sister
 Mrs. Bitner
 Miss Martha, her aunt
 Miss Walton
 Soldiers, Sailors, Bandits, etc.

Synopsis.

Act I—The Silverio home on the outskirts of Rio Janeiro, Brazil.

Act II—The same next morning.

Act III—A public square in Rio Janeiro, with a view of the harbor. The congress of navies. Noon the next day.

Act IV—On the Parihiba—the evening.

Will care for one or two good dogs for their use during the balance of the year. Apply Nugget office.

The finest of office stationery may be secured at the Nugget printery at reasonable prices.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Communications for publication in this column are invited upon all questions of public interest. Correspondents are requested to be as brief as possible and to sign their names, which will be withheld if desired.

Republites Sun Report

Editor Nugget:

Dear Sir,—In the Sun of Sunday there appeared an article headed "Murphy to Stey Down," a part of which reads as follows: "Mr. Murphy is to withdraw from the mayoralty fight and become a candidate for re-election to the office of alderman with the assurance that three other candidates he shall name and himself will receive the full support of the McLennan faction."

In justice to myself and my friends however, I feel it my duty to declare publicly that nobody but myself has any authority to speak for me in regard to my candidacy or attitude in this campaign.

I desire it to be distinctly understood that I am not at the beck and call of any combination in this election and will pursue such course as I may consider best independent of any arrangement that other candidates may enter into.

Thanking you in advance for space I remain,

Your obedient servant,
 JAMES F. MACDONALD
 Dawson, Dec. 22, 1902.

Facts Abo it the Runaway.

Grand Forks, Dec. 22, 1902.

Editor Klondike Nugget:

Kindly give me space in your valuable paper to give the fact concerning the runaway here last Thursday night in order to exonerate those who were with me as well as myself from all blame.

In the first place when the sled

tipped over the horses were under full control. I know this for I was driving myself. Only for the old wagons and other debris in the near vicinity they would not have run away at all. This is a very sidling and had place. Prior to Thursday night several loads were tipped over at that identical spot.

Why so much fuss should be made over an insignificant runaway is more than an intelligent class of people can understand.

Furthermore, it was unkind, improper and unmanly for the author of the article that appeared in the Sun of Friday to mention any names in connection with the affair.

E. A. O'CONNELL.

Petty Thief's Work.

Some miscreant entered the Latimer cabin last night and carried off a quantity of cream and other canned goods which had escaped the ravages of the fire of yesterday morning. The tins amounting to about 20 in all had been placed on a shelf in the cabin preparatory to removal this morning.

A partly charged rocking chair was overlooked by the intruder who can secure the same as an additional Christmas gift by calling on Mr. Latimer.

Cause of Stage Fright

An expert claims that stage fright really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from this fact that persons in Dawson contemplating appearance should be careful of their diet and always buy groceries of Dunham, where they are always sure of getting the purest and best.

At Auditorium—White Squadron.

GOOD CLOTHES

Always Create a Good Impression.

If you need a new Suit, Overcoat or pair of Trousers you should get only the best. To do that you must go to

GEO. BREWITT, The Tailor
 114 SECOND AVENUE
 SATISFACTION—GARRANTEED.

We guarantee our Diamonds. You cannot buy yellow, chipped or flawed stones from J. L. Sale & Co. We import our diamonds direct.

White Squadron—At Auditorium
 Cocktails, 25c, at the Flower
 White Squadron—At Auditorium

NOTICE!

..Mammoth Auction Sale..

To the Highest Bidder

H. Pinkert has received instructions to sell

..At Public Auction..

At his Auction Mart on Front Street, opposite White Pass Dock, on

Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, 1902, at 2:00 p. m.

And to continue until all sold. A full line of Ladies' and Gents' Furs, etc., consisting of the following

Ladies' Seal Automobile Coats.
 Seal Jackets, Assorted Trimmings.
 Fur Lined Capes.
 Persian Lamb Jackets.
 Wallaby Jackets.
 Astrakan Jackets.
 Seal, Sable, Coon and Mink Muffs.
 Ladies' Seal, Persian Lamb, Coney and Otter Caps.
 Ladies' Seal, Persian Lamb, Coney, Astrakan and Nutria Mitts.
 Ladies' Martin, Mink, Fox, Oppossum and Thibet Boas.
 Ladies' Felt Shoes—Doige's make.
 Silk Skirts and Waists.
 Gent's Fur and Fur Lined Coats, Caps, Mitts, Etc.

Also a full line of Christmas goods consisting of Pictures, Albums, Fancy Furniture, Workboxes, Mirrors, Bric-a-brac, etc. etc.

The Above Goods will be on Exhibition Saturday, 20th December.

Catalogues on application. The trade respectfully invited.

AMES MERCANTILE COMPANY

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Grocery Department

Epecurian Brand Fruits

Pears, Peaches, Pineapple, Appriets, Cherries, etc., case. \$9.00

Imported French Sardines, (100 quarters to case), case. \$15.00

New England Plum Pudding, case. \$10.00

Emerald Tip Asparagus, case. \$7.50

Lenon, Citron and Orange Peel, pound. 50 Cents

Chapberry Sauces, 34 one-half, case. \$9.00

Fine Old Java Coffee, pound. 50 Cents

Specials in Ladies Fur Coats

Polongus Fur Coats. \$20.00

Wombal Fur Coats. 20.00

Siberian Lynx Fur Coats. 20.00

3-4 Length Coon Coats. 40.00

28-in. Length Coon Coats. 40.00

30-in. Length Coon Coats. 40.00

Silk Brocatel Fur-lined Capes. 20.00

Krimmer Jackets. 55.00

Astrakan, Persian Lamb, Mink, Martin, Seal, and other Caps.

MEN'S FINE SUITS

In Sack, Cutaway and Prince Albert, \$10.00 to \$30.00

Fancy Vests, \$5.00 to \$10.00

Neckwear, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Silk & Cashmere Underwear, Kid & Silk Lined, Gloves and Mitts, Fur and Silk Lined Overcoats.

Liquor Dept.

O. V. H. Scotch Whisky, case. \$20.00

Walker's Imperial Rye, case. 20.00

Canadian Club Rye, case. 21.50

Gooderham & Worts Rye, case. 22.50

5-year-old Bulk Rye, gallon. 8.00

10-year-old Bulk Scotch, gallon. 9.00

Fine Stock of Brandies, Gins, Wines and French Liqueurs.

RUGS

Velvet, Axminster, Brussels and Moquette Rugs, All Sizes. \$5.00 to \$40.00

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Oak Chiffoniers. 30.00

Oak Folding Bed. 45.00

Oak Roll Top Desk. 55.00

Oak Sideboards. 40.00

Oak Cane Seat Dining Chairs, each. 3.50

Oak Disappearing Top Typewriter Desk. 42.50

Handsome Draperies, Spreads, Curtains, Fine Blankets and Dress Comforts.

Assorted Jams and Jellies, case, \$5.00 to \$13.00

Three Crown London Layer Raisins, box. 1.25

Assorted Nuts, pound. 25c

Mince Meat, case. 9.00

Chicken Tomales, case. 13.50

Cross & Blackwell's Chutney, bottle. 1.50

Clear Havana Cigars, 100 to box. 10.00

Try a Case of Our Assorted Liquors, Especially Assorted for Christmas Trade, \$20 per case.

LINENS

Handsome Linen Sets, Hemmed Stitched Table Cloths and Napkins to match, made from finest Satin Damask, consisting of One Table Cloth 3 yards long, and One Dozen 3-4 size Napkins. \$10.00.