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WARREN IS WATCHFUL

Sizing Up the Boers Before He Moves.

HE CONFRONTS A HARD PROBLEM

Boers Brought From Ladysmith to Defend the Trenches.

Talk in London Takes a More Hopeful Strain—Times Praises Warren for His Caution—7,500 Boers at Colesburg.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 31.—Gen. Warren is reconnoitering the Boer position and endeavoring to ascertain the strength of the enemy and the character of the defenses which they have thrown up between Spionkops and Ladysmith. It is stated in the dispatches from Capetown that 5000 men have been recently withdrawn by the Boers from the vicinity of Ladysmith and are now filling the trenches preparatory to opposing the advance of the English forces to the relief of the latter town. Reports have come out as to sickness in Ladysmith resulting in lack of sanitary precautions, but the reports are believed to be unfounded.

Warren's position is less than 2000 yards from the Boer line. A sharp exchange of artillery is going on continuously. The Boers have made an effort to recapture the town but without results. Warren will advance as soon as practicable.

More Hopeful.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 31.—A more hopeful view is taken of affairs in the war office and in the clubs. No doubt is expressed that the relief of Ladysmith will soon be an accomplished fact although much stress is laid upon the character of the country through which our forces must pass to reach the beleaguered town. The Times continues in its somewhat pessimistic strain and points out the serious character of the obstacles against which the British forces are contending. It praises Warren for what he has thus far accomplished and urges that the caution with which he is proceeding is absolutely necessary to success although giving the Boers time to prepare for a more protracted contest than otherwise would be the case.

The Boers occupy a strong position at Colesburg where they have about 7500 men.

War Correspondent Dead.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 31.—War Correspondent Stevens, whose graphic descriptions of the war have been eagerly read all over England is reported as having died at Ladysmith.

Diamond Market.

New York, Jan. 18.—There is quite a commotion at present in diamond circles brought about by the unfavorable reports from the diamond fields in South Africa. The latest from Kimberley is most discouraging, the mines having

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been compelled to close down, causing dire depression bordering almost on famine, affecting thousands of work people who thrive by the cutting of the rough stones preparatory to their being placed on the Paris, London, New York and Toronto diamond markets. Antwerp and Amsterdam are the direct sufferers, and until the mining of the rough gems which these expert artists cut into perfect shapes again revives there is no telling how many other interests will be affected.

Murdered in 'Frisco.

Skagway, Jan. 31.—Further details of the murder of Fannie Hall state that the affair occurred in San Francisco, to which point the girl went after leaving Dawson. As indicated in a previous telegram the murder was the result of a lovers' quarrel.

A Failure.

Capetown Jan. 10.—The troops in the British camp of Victoria West turned out last night to repel an attempt of the Boers to cut the railroad next to the station.

A patrol reported early in the evening that they had sighted the Boers in the neighborhood.

At 10 o'clock at night the Boers opened a heavy fire near the station. The British replied and the Boers retired at daybreak their attempt having turned out a failure.

German Steamer Captured.

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay Jan. 14.—The German steamer Bundesrath belonging to the German East African line, has been captured as a prize and taken to Durban.

London, Jan. 10.—Regarding traffic generally on the east coast of Africa, the British Admiralty officials say the British government desires that all ordinary and legitimate trade conducted by foreign vessels should suffer as little restriction as possible.

Hamburg, Jan. 10.—The directors of the German East African line have received news of the arrest of the Imperial mail steamer Bundesrath. It is declared here that there was no contraband of war on board.

Boers Near Kimberley.

Kimberley, Jan. 11.—Before dawn today a detachment of the mounted forces, with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction.

Boer artillery from Kamperdam opened fire at Ott's Kopje, Kimberley fort replying with 20 shells.

The British force reconnoitered out posts along Laceratto Ridge, the Boer patrols retreating. Having accomplished this and having discovered reinforcements approaching from Wimbledon Ridge, Col. Chamier, with Royal Artillery, exchanged a dozen shells. As soon as the guns could be limbered up some 500 Boers poured in a heavy fire from their earthworks.

The British finally retired with the loss of one horse.

The movement showed the Boers were still keeping three guns in the vicinity of Kimberley and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly.

It also showed their proneness to vacate a position immediately when weaker than the opposing forces.

British Attack a Fort.

Pretoria, Jan. 14.—Commandant Smyman reports as follows from Mopolo: "On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force with cannon, Maxims and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported at 55."

Theosophical Society.

The Yukon Theosophical Club held its initial meeting last evening in its

new permanent quarters over the Juneau hardware store on Second avenue. The comfortable hall was well filled with a sympathetic and appreciative audience of ladies and gentlemen, whose intellectual development reaches out for more scientific proof of the great unseen forces of nature that surround us, and which they believe are intended for man's use when he knows enough to understand them and is wise enough to utilize them.

The steady increase in membership and the deep interest manifested proves that the club fills a popular want, while the practical methods of dealing with practical subjects makes it useful to the entire community. Next regular meeting on next Wednesday evening.

Superior Court.

Judge Dugas returned yesterday evening, fresh and exhilarated from a three days' journey up the creeks. Court was duly opened at 11 o'clock this morning, the trial of the case of McKee vs. Pinkham, which was on when court adjourned last week, being resumed.

Handball Tournament.

Preparations have been completed at Ford's gymnasium for the handball tournament, which will commence tonight, and terminate tomorrow night. A good alley has been constructed, and the room is arranged to accommodate a large number of spectators.

Six teams have entered for the contest, and some good playing is expected.

The following are the teams:

Edward H. Boyer and Sam Pond, Collins Sinclair and George Mutchler, Mark Bray and Patrick Malloy, John Devine and William Barrett, Fred Cahoon and Bert Ford, Ben Trenaman and William Norval. The sport will commence at 9 o'clock.

Missing Persons.

Letters of inquiry have been received at the town station of the N. W. M. P., respecting the following persons:

J. S. Johnson, of Salt Lake City; James Lindsay Mulholland of Liverpool, England; William Johnson of Ayrshire, Scotland; Mr. Petery of Prescott.

The Orpheum Theatre.

The new theater building now being erected on the site of the old Board of Trade will be called "The Orpheum."

The stock company which will conduct business in the Orpheum is comprised of the following men and women:

Alex Pantagis, William Brennan, Claude Staton, E. B. Lyons, Theo. Eggert, Martin Hobbs, John Kirk, Harry Lawler, Daisy D'Avra, Cecil Marion and Miss Blossom.

The following directors have been elected Theo. Eggert, Claude Staton, E. B. Lyons, Alex Pantagis and Miss Blossom.

Mr. Pantagis has been selected as manager.

The Orpheum will be opened about February 19th.

The next messenger of the Nugget Express leaves for the coast Saturday, February 3. c2

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

O'BRIEN OUT-MUSHED!

Overtaken and Brought Back to Dawson.

WILLIAM BRAYTON WANTS HIS DOUGH

Constable Allmark's All-Night Chase a Record-Breaker.

Handicapped by 30 Hours, He Overtakes His Man After Six Hours' Travel—A Contemplated Trip to Nome Ruthlessly Shattered.

Monday at noon Martin J. O'Brien and a man named Derick left Dawson for the long and perilous journey over the ice for Nome. Their start was auspicious and with four intrepid malamutes and a good outfit everything looked favorable to a successful expedition. But, alas! for human expectations and calculations. O'Brien left behind a monument in the form of an alleged debt of \$800 due William P. Brayton, formerly of the Galvin Meat Co. Brayton sets forth that several months ago he loaned to O'Brien and D. D. Bogart, who were then interested in the late Opera house, the sum of \$1200, only \$400 of which has since been returned, and as he learned of the departure of O'Brien for down the river he reasoned that his chances for ever again gazing on the \$800 were growing quite slender unless he could have the Nome-bound pilgrim overtaken and brought back. With this object in view he sought the aid of the law, with the result that a warrant was duly issued from the superior court and placed in the hands of Constable Allmark, police court officer, for service.

The curtains of night were already pinned down by the stars when the warrant was placed in the hands of the constable, 30 hours after his man had started, and it was three hours later before the officer, with the Madden house crack dog team as a means of rapid transit, cast off his lines and started on the chase. After a run of but little over six hours Allmark sighted a cabin on the river's bank, 14 miles this side of Fortymile. Ringing his slow-down bell, he brought his dogs to standstill and approached the cabin and entered, and there, wrapped in the arms of Morpheus and a fur robe, lay the object of his chase. O'Brien was very much disconcerted at thus having his plans broken into and his journey so abruptly terminated, but he made the best of the situation and in a short time announced himself in readiness to accompany Constable Allmark back to Dawson, at which place they arrived at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. The constable figures that he played in big luck as he

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Closing Out Sale.

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NOTICE.

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A JUST DECISION.

A decision respecting payment of wages upon the discharge of an employe was rendered in the police court yesterday which employers and employes alike would do well to bear in mind.

The decision dealt with a written contract wherein a mineowner agreed to employ the complainant in the case until the cleanup at a certain stipulated wage, payment to be made at the time of the cleanup.

It appeared in the evidence that some difficulty having arisen the complainant was discharged and his employer, taking refuge behind the contract, refused payment of accrued wages until the cleanup.

At the trial of the case judgment was given for the complainant, it being held by the magistrate that the contract in so far as the time for payment of wages was concerned terminated with the discharge of the complainant, and that the wages earned up until that time became immediately due.

Similar decisions have been handed down before, but, ordinarily there has been nothing in the nature of a written contract between the parties.

While, undoubtedly, cases will occur where the application of such a decision will tend to work a hardship upon the employer, it must be conceded that in so far as the general principle is concerned, the judgment is right and equitable. If it were possible to employ men on a bedrock basis and then discharge them at pleasure, leaving them to wait months for payment of wages, an untold amount of hardships would result. In many cases the wages would never be paid, for the simple reason that the arrival of the cleanup season would find that many of the parties had left the country, or in some other manner had been placed in such a position as to be unable to press their claims.

A knowledge of the position which the local courts have taken in the matter ought to prevent resort to the courts in future cases involving similar points.

THE REAL REASON.

The exodus which it now appears very clearly is certain to take place from Dawson to Nome in the early spring, will be fraught with very important results, affecting the future of this camp. Of these we believe the most important will be the object lessons which will be forced upon the attention of the Dominion government. If the local representatives of the federal government are not aware that men are being literally driven out of this country by reason of laws as narrow minded and vicious as those which Kruger has been trying to force upon the Uitlanders in South Africa, it is simply because they voluntarily blind

themselves to facts which are patent to every other man in the territory.

When men by the hundreds begin making preparations months in advance to rush in a body out of a country as rich as the territory adjacent to Dawson is known to be, there must be some exceedingly cogent reason which can be advanced in explanation. In so far as the country to which they are going is concerned, its wealth and the opportunities it may afford to the individual miner, are still matters very largely of speculation. Some other reason, therefore, than the belief that there is more gold at Nome than there is in the Klondike must be advanced to account for the coming stampede.

We cannot escape the conviction that the real influence which is working day by day toward the depopulation of this territory, is the system of regulations, the effect of which has been to destroy all incentive for individual effort and to leave a general feeling of gloom among men who have risked their all in getting into this country.

When, therefore, the fact is forced upon the attention of the government that its laws, inspired solely through motives of prejudice and greed are having a retroactive effect and must eventually, if continued, absolutely throttle the country, a change may be expected. The government wants revenue out of the Yukon territory, but it cannot expect to derive a dollar unless it makes it an object for men to come into the country and exert themselves in the development of its resources. When the receipts dwindle away, as in fact they already have begun to do, an awakening will take place in Ottawa somewhat akin to that which happened in the case of Saul of Tarsus.

The Semi-Weekly Nugget is meeting with continually growing favor on the creeks. Eight pages of bright, newsy matter are contained in each issue of the Semi-Weekly, which reaches nearly every claim upon which work is being done in the entire district. City patrons who do not care to purchase a paper every day will find all the news, both local and telegraphic, in the two issues of the Semi-Weekly, which is on sale at all newsstands.

In spite of the approaching Nome stampede the daily recorder of transfers at the gold commissioner's office shows that a good deal of trading in mining properties is going on. Several large transactions involving considerations of many thousands of dollars have occurred recently and other similar deals are known to be in process of development. It seems to be generally conceded that splendid opportunities for investment are now offered.

The organization of a Theosophical Society in Dawson demonstrates quite clearly that there are some people in the Klondike who find time for considerations other than the pursuit of the elusive gold dust. Very shortly we will be organizing sewing-circles and debating clubs. It is quite plain that the march of progress can not be turned aside from the Yukon.

Trustees Did Not Meet.

There was no meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade last night owing to the fact that there was not a quorum present; however, as there was no business of importance demanding attention, no interests will suffer through the apathy of the members. Next

Wednesday a meeting of the full board will be held in its rooms and it is important that every member be present. As the committee on mines and mining will submit its report at that meeting it is urged that the mine owners and laymen make it a point to attend on that particular occasion.

A Musical Entertainment.

A high class entertainment will be given in the First Methodist church of Dawson on Thursday evening, February 8th, at 8 o'clock. A splendid program has been prepared. Mr. Boyle of the Dawson Choral Society, Mr. Chisholm and other prominent soloists and musicians, have kindly consented to take part.

The Dawson public may confidently expect an excellent musical entertainment. The proceeds will be devoted to the purpose of securing an organ for the church and in view of the object of the affair a large audience is anticipated. The price of tickets is \$1.

O'BRIEN OUT-MUSHED.

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did not have much hope of overtaking his man this side of Fortymile.

On their return to Dawson O'Brien was taken to the guard house and locked up. As he wanted time to collect his thoughts and calmly size up the situation in which he found himself, he requested that his friends be notified of his return to the city until this morning. O'Brien was formerly in the employ of the Cattle Syndicate of this city and is very well known. He has many friends and it is probable that they will rally to his support and that he will not be required to remain in jail over tonight.

Great credit is due Constable Allmark for the success with which his night chase was crowned, and for returning with his man in such almost incredibly short time.

O'Brien's partner, not caring to continue the trip alone, returned by easy stages, reaching here this afternoon.

Appealed His Case.

J. W. Murphy of claim 43 below on Sulphur, against whom a decision was rendered yesterday in police court, in favor of Joseph Smith for \$60 due as wages, has retained Attorney McCaul and appealed the case to the superior court, having given satisfactory bonds in the lower court. The result of the trial will be anxiously awaited, involving as the case does, the points of law usually brought up in disputes of the masters and servants sort.

Notice.

SKAGWAY, Jan. 27.
To the Daily Klondike Nugget:
You are authorized to offer the sum of \$1,000 reward for the return of Fred Clayson, dead or alive. Supposed to have been murdered between Minto and Hutchiku on Christmas day. Please insert this notice in your paper two weeks.
(Signed) WILL CLAYSON.

FIRE! J. L. Sale & Co., now at branch store, 2nd Ave., next to Palmer Bros.

Send your express packages by Nugget Express. Leaves next Saturday.

Notice to Next of Kin.

In the matter of the Estate of Karl Olaus Karlson Odegaard, late of the Parish of Stranden, in the Kingdom of Norway, miner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming to be next of kin of the said Karl Olaus Karlson Odegaard, who died in or about the months of July or August, A. D. 1897, at Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, or having, or pretending to have, any interest in the estate of the said Karl Olaus Karlson Odegaard, deceased, are required to give notice thereof to The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company [Limited], administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900.

Dated, at the City of Ottawa, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1899.
THE OTTAWA TRUST AND DEPOSIT COMPANY [LIMITED],
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada,
Administrators of the Estate.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the Estate of Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, late of the Parish of Stranden, in the Kingdom of Norway, miner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Cap 129, Sec. 38, and Amending Acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, who died in or about the months of July or August, A. D. 1897, at Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company [Limited], administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900, their names, addresses and descriptions and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day the undersigned administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to

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AN ECHO FROM NOME.

Why the Cleveland's Stores Were Left at the Beach City.

Food Scarcity Was Feared and Judge Wood of the S.-Y. T. Co. Left the Ship's Grub With the Miners.

Some time ago, reports reached Dawson of a misunderstanding which had occurred in Seattle between Judge Wood of the S. Y. T. Co. and certain persons who had taken passage on the steamship Cleveland from Nome City to Seattle. It seems that the Cleveland, under charter to the S. Y. T. Co., arrived at Nome last October, having aboard considerable cargo and besides her own passengers those of the steamship Laurada, which vessel had been wrecked a few days previously, and her entire cargo lost. There were some fears at Nome that there would be a scarcity of provisions during the winter, and when it was learned that the cargo of the Laurada had been lost, such fears became more prevalent among the people, and the prices of all sorts of commodities increased immediately. To make the situation worse, one of the barges on which the Cleveland had loaded a portion of her cargo, broke its anchor chain and was wrecked.

Judge Wood, who was aboard the Cleveland, was strenuously urged to leave at Nome the greater portion of the ship's stores; and in view of the scarcity of winter supplies there he did so, thinking that he would be able to purchase sufficient provisions for the trip back to Seattle at Dutch Harbor. In his particular, Judge Wood was disappointed; no supplies of any consequence could be secured at Dutch Harbor. The trip was continued to Seattle, and the passengers were compelled to subsist on rough fare, such as pork and beans, hash, etc. Arriving at their destination a meeting was held at which, according to the reports received here, the passengers severely censured Judge Wood for leaving Nome without enough provisions. The facts fail to confirm this report.

Mr. C. F. Metcalf, who recently arrived from the outside, was at Nome at the time in question and at the meeting held by the passengers in Seattle afterwards. With reference to the matter, Mr. Metcalf said:

"When it was learned at Nome that the steamship Laurada had been wrecked near St. George's island and her entire cargo lost, the people feared a scarcity of provisions, and the season being late—it was then about October 10th—the prices of supplies greatly advanced. The Cleveland was in port with a small cargo and her manager, Judge Wood, was urged to dispose of it and also to sell the greater portion of the ship's stores. Probably 250 passengers were aboard the Cleveland when she left on October 23d for Seattle. When she reached Dutch Harbor an effort was made to supply her with a variety of food for the rest of the trip, but aside from a small amount of provisions which Judge Wood secured, nothing could be purchased. The voyage was continued to Seattle and the passengers were provided with rough fare. I was present at the meeting held in Seattle. No resolutions were passed which censured Judge Wood for disposing of the ship's stores at Nome for it was realized that it was better to have left the provisions at Nome than to have taken them away, and to have eaten them on the return trip. The meeting, however, did censure the steward and cook of the Cleveland; for it was proven that supplies which were aboard the boat were neither well cooked nor properly served. No blame attaches to Judge Wood, nor none was imputed to him."

Afternoon Whist.

At her beautiful little home on Fourth street, between Second avenue and Third avenue, Mrs. T. Mahoney on

Tuesday gave an afternoon whist complimentary to the ladies who assisted the hostess in her booth, the Palace of Sweets, during the progress of the late bazaar. Four tables were occupied by devotees of the popular game, whist, but it is not stated how many times during the afternoon the question "What are trumps?" was heard. The first prize was won by and awarded to Mrs. F. M. Smith, while the honors incident to the consolation were borne off by Mrs. Roberts. The ladies who do not play whist were charmingly entertained by the hostess during the progress of the game.

Those present who were associated with Mrs. Mahoney in the booth were Mesdames, S. H. Stewart, F. M. Smith, Hostetter, Timmins, Leslie, Bray, Merriman, Jackson, Kelly and Miss Booge. Besides the foregoing co-laborers in the Palace of Sweets were Mesdames Starnes, French, McDonald, Seely, McDunell, Booge, W. J. Stewart, Clayton, Roberts and the Misses DeLobel.

Elegantly prepared and daintily served refreshments were enjoyed by the guests during the afternoon.

The Sunday Concert.

Mr. C. N. Pring will resume the weekly musicales on the next Sunday evening. The Dawson Philharmonic orchestra will render excellent selections, and Miss Beatrice Lorne and Mr. F. W. Zimmerman will assist with the rendition of vocal music.

The program will consist of ten numbers, as follows:

March, "Manhattan Beach".....	Sousa
Orchestra	
Gems from Opera "Faust".....	Gounod
Miss Beatrice Lorne as Marguerite. Mr. F. W. Zimmerman as Faust.	
"Echoes From Manila Bay".....	Watson
Orchestra	
"Stephanie Gavotte".....	Czibulka
Orchestra	
Trombone solo, "Cavatine," from "Robert's La Diabla".....	Mr. Martin Hobbs.
Grand selection from the opera "Gasparone".....	Millocker
Orchestra	
Song, "Then You Will Remember Me".....	Balfie
Mr. F. W. Zimmerman.	
Medley overture.....	Catlin
Orchestra	
Song, "Dear Heart".....	Tito Mattoe
Miss Beatrice Lorne.	
Serenade, "Espagnole".....	Metra
Orchestra	

This program was to have been rendered on last Sunday evening and Mrs. Leroy Tozier and Mr. Erhardt had been engaged to appear this Sunday; but circumstances compelled the postponement of the entertainment last week, and Mrs. Tozier and Mr. Erhardt will be retained for some future Sunday occasion.

The Circulating Library.

The Standard Circulating Library, at 210 Second avenue, is a well patronized institution. Under the careful management of Mr. W. Harkman the books and various reading matter have been increased, until the fields of science, literature and art, history, biography, fiction, philosophy, geology, and mineralogy have been completely covered. The reading room is becoming a popular resort for those who have the time and inclination to read. Members have the privilege of taking books home to read at pleasure. The terms of the subscription are \$1 per month.

Mr. Fahnestock Will Leave Soon.

Early next week, Mr. Gates D. Fahnestock, general agent of the Empire Transportation Company, and Mr. W. H. Chisholm, one of the local resident agents, will depart for the outside via Skagway. The gentlemen will be provided with a good dog team.

Mr. Fahnestock has been in Dawson for some time. Upon reaching the coast, he will proceed to the head office of his company at Seattle, and from there to San Francisco.

When asked respecting the future intentions of the company in the Yukon, the gentleman replied:

"We are satisfied with the country. Our business in the past has been exceptionally good. I do not anticipate a dull summer season, and we shall continue to do business in Dawson."

The Nome excitement will offer opportunities to steamship companies, and we propose to secure our share of that traffic. All of our big steamships are still in the United States' government service as transports between the

Pacific coast and the Philippines, but now most of the soldiers have been returned from Manila, and we expect to have our vessels released in the near future. We shall put two steamships, possibly more, on the route from Seattle to Nome. I may return to Dawson via Nome and St. Michaels, or I may come down the river with the first boats, remain here for a short while and then proceed to Nome. In this respect, I have not determined on any particular plan, and shall be unable to do so, until I confer with my home office. Mr. Chisholm and I expect to make a reasonably quick trip to Skagway."

Fulda to Leave Soon.

Mr. L. R. Fulda, resident manager of the A. E. Co., will leave in a few days—about the first of the coming week—for Skagway, en route to San Francisco. He is all ready to go and says he could get away on four hours' notice. He is not yet able to say when he will return, and will not himself know until he reaches San Francisco, when he may have to go to New York and possibly to London and Liverpool. In addition to going out on important business Mr. Fulda will also go as first Past Arctic Chief of Camp Dawson, No. 4, Arctic Botherhood.

POLICE COURT.

Immediately on the opening of police court this morning Captain Starnes rendered a decision in the case of Henry Cassells vs. A. E. Sola, in which the former sued for \$250.75 for labor performed on the latter's mining claim. The decision was that the amount claimed, with costs, be paid within 15 days.

Jacob Nowfak, whose case against Chas. Carroll, of the California bakery for \$28 was begun yesterday morning, was awarded \$8. In explaining it to the reporter afterwards Nowfak said he did not think the case was in the "jurisdiction" of the court.

The regular police magistrate, Major Perry, who returned last night from a three days' business trip up the creeks, was present and took the bench after the disposal by Captain Starnes of the cases which had been heard before him. Major Perry's first case this morning was one against John Olsen for violating the health ordinance, the trial of which was set for this afternoon.

Huckle vs. Levy for \$350 for labor performed on the latter's claim was up, but in the absence of witnesses was continued until Monday afternoon.

Sulemjan Jeha, the Ara' of whom mention was made several days ago as having a claim for \$504 against Chris Hemple, and who cannot make himself understood in English, was again in court and by signs and gesticulations made it apparent that he is suffering for the necessities of life. He was given an order on the royal commissary for a two weeks' stock of provisions.

Frank Belleau, please call at this office for important letter.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

Tickets for the grand Sunday night concert can be secured at Reid's drug store, opposite the Pavilion.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Outgoing Mail.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday evening 12 sacks of mail, comprising a little less than 300 pounds, were dispatched for the outside. The usual hour for closing the mail is 12 o'clock on Wednesdays and it is then started at about 3 o'clock Thursday morning. But yesterday evening the work of making up having been completed, it was decided to start it a few hours earlier.

The carriers expected to be at Ogilvie by 3 o'clock this morning, the usual hour for leaving Dawson.

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Are you planning any improvements in the building line? Place orders for lumber with the Nugget Express. Office, Boyle's wharf.

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TOMORROW "SAUSAGE" DAY

Should Old Sol Shine, Spring Will Be Delayed.

Groundhog Legend Has Many Believers in Rural East—Prayers for Clouds Offered Tonight.

If the sun shines tomorrow the residents of this section of the country will do well to duplicate their orders for wood, for it will mean that the advent of spring will be long delayed.

In other parts of civilized North America a clear 2d of February is sure to throw spring back for six weeks, but here its coming may be delayed from the same cause several months. The legend is that when the first snow comes in the fall of the year the groundhog, a festive animal which is indigenous to the central and eastern portions of the United States and Canada, but which is rare on the Pacific coast and seen in the Gulf states, hides himself to his lair beneath a rock or in the ground and there remains until the second day of the succeeding February, when, with fear and trembling, he emerges from his winter quarters into the heaven given light. If the day is dark, cloudy and wholly devoid of sun light the animal stays out and spring duly begins. If, however, the sun shines on that day, the groundhog sees his shadow, becomes frightened thereat and flees with all haste back into his winter quarters and there remains for a period of six weeks, during which Boreas again musters his frigid forces and exerts his full strength and influence with the result that winter lingers in the lap of spring until the following month is well advanced. In many of the rural agricultural sections of the east firm belief is reposed in the legend of the groundhog and his shadow, and a 2d of February, on which the sun shines is productive of gloom and sadness of heart on the part of the people. Residents of this section, however, have no cause for alarm as we are somewhat shy both on sun and ground hog.

For the benefit of the readers of the Daily Nugget who may be afflicted with "denseness" we will add that tomorrow is called "sausage" day for the reason that sausage is ground hog.

Respecting Registered Mail. The following letter of inquiry was received by the Daily Nugget last night:

Dawson, Y. T. Jan. 31, 1900.
Editor of Klondike Daily Nugget,
Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Sir: Can I find out through your paper why it is that a registered letter, addressed to me, lay in our post office for 31 days, although I had inquired punctually once a week, at the window designated by my initial?

By mere accident I inquired at the registered letter window, and, upon receipt of my mail I ascertained that it had been there for the above mentioned time.

Surely there ought to be a system in vogue here whereby one to whom registered mail is addressed could be notified through the general delivery to call at the registered letter window.

INQUIRER.
Postmaster Hartman, when asked respecting the matter, said:

"We do not notify people, to whom registered mail is addressed by sending them cards through the general delivery asking them to call at the registered letter window. Every once in a while we advertise the registered mail by publication in the local press, and by posting lists in the postoffice.

"I have sent out for cards and when they arrive I shall use them to notify people through the general delivery of registered letters. At present those who have boxes are the only ones who receive such notification. We hold registered mail three months and if uncalled for at the expiration of that time we return it to the sender."

Masquerade at the Forks. Monday night was the occasion of a grand masquerade ball given by the

Grand Forks Social Club. It proved to be the crowning event in the social history of that enterprising young city, and was attended by the youth and beauty, grace and loveliness of that place. A 12 o'clock the gay-partici pants unmasked and an elegant supper was partaken of, after which the merry dance continued until the near approach of another day.

Those present and en masque were: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Chine, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey, Misses McMullen, Stansfield, Lamb, Kutz, Croft, Mrs. Primes, Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Ruppel, Messrs. Ask, Hickey, Hutcheson, Cribbs, Drs. McLeod, Edwards, Ramsey, Messrs. Hammell, Murphy, Boyle, Bell, Mitchell, Hunter, White, Walling, Raymond, Hustus, Capt. Cartwright, Sergt. Marshall H. B. Keif, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Messrs. Matheson, Carroll, Walkins, Cobb, Cupe, McDonald, Miss Rustrom, and others.

Club committee: Messrs. Sergt. Marshall, Eul, Hutcheson, McGregor, Ferguson and Boggs.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Orr & Tukey are doing an immense business on the creeks and their teams are in evidence on all the roads.

Walter Weisky of 117 Gold Run, has recently purchased from the Arctic Machinery Depot a complete saw arbor which he will use in conjunction with a complete thawing plant in developing that property. The Arctic Machinery Depot has proven to be a very successful venture for those concerned and is doing a flourishing business.

Major Perry Returns.

Police Magistrate Perry is back from an extended trip of three days duration, on which he was accompanied by Judge Dugas, over the various creeks.

In conversation with a Daily Nugget representative and in reference to the Clayson party, Major Perry said that every effort is yet being made by the police to discover the bodies and ferret out the mystery of their disappearance; that the search would have been carried on with as much vigilance had no reward been offered. The men arrested as suspects are being closely held at Tagish where they will be kept until the mystery is wholly cleared up.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature registered at the barracks last night was four degrees below zero.

At noon, the instrument pointed to two degrees below.

Next Sunday night's concert will be the best of the series. A splendid program has been arranged. Tickets at Reid's drug store, opposite the Pavilion.

A Correction.

That ubiquitous individual known as "the intelligent compositor," aided and abetted by his running mate, the intelligent proof reader, made the Whitehorse article in yesterday's issue of this paper say that lots to the value of "\$2" had been sold in the new townsite, when it should have read \$20,000.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

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Bargains—Watches and diamonds at reduced prices. Uncle Hoffman.

Safe From Fire.

A new building material is being introduced in Dawson which will very materially lessen the loss by fire if generally used. The A. E. Co. is offering to the public at a price very little in excess of the ordinary inflammable paper, a composition of asbestos which, it is said, is not only an absolute non-conductor of heat, but is as well absolutely indestructible by fire. When used in the construction of wooden buildings it renders them as nearly fireproof as wood can be made. One roll of asbestos paper will cover about 800 square feet of surface, nearly double as much as the ordinary inflammable qualities of paper. For further particulars visit the A. E. Co., Front street.

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ASSAYERS.

JOHN B. WARDEN, F. I. C. Assayer for Bank of British North America. Gold dust melted and assayed. Assays made of quartz and black sand. Analyses of ores and coal.

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WADE & AIKMAN—Advocates, Notaries, etc. Office, A. C. office Building, Dawson.

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PHYSICIANS.

J. W. GOOD, M. D.—Removed to Third street opposite the Pavilion, in Mrs. West's building.

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FOR SALE—Team of five dogs, cheap. Address Malamute, this office.

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LOST—Black bitch, medium size, white tip on tail. Liberal reward if returned to Lewis L. Metzger, opposite 32 B B L.

FOUND—Small, black husky, white feet; owner pay expense. M. W. Butts, 18, Eldorado.

FOUND—St. Bernard pup; face and two front legs white; owner pay expenses. Road house, 48 below Bonanza.

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