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**RECEIVED BY WIRE.**  
**PEACE AND WAR**  
Are Both Being Actively Ar-  
ranged For in Flowery  
Kingdom.

**IRISH POLICY LOOKS THREATENING.**  
Speaker of Parliament Interdicts  
Gaelic Tongue.

**ADDITIONAL YUKON CRAFT.**  
One of Young Cudahy's Abductors in  
the Toils—Big Mining Deal  
in B. C.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Pekin, Feb. 20, via Skagway, Feb.  
27.—Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang  
have each received telegrams which  
virtually mean that China will comply  
with the demands of the powers. In  
the meantime preparations for war are  
still going on and arrangements are  
being made by the allies for a general  
advance which will be met by a large  
Chinese army. The newspapers appear  
to think there will be war. The Lon-  
don Chronicle says war would be much  
more dignified than so much continued  
chattering.

**Gaelic Tongue Interdicted.**  
London, Feb. 20, via Skagway, Feb.  
27.—The Irish policy is becoming very  
apparent and threatens to assume an  
ugly form by the time of the coronation  
of King Edward. In the house yester-  
day Thomas O'Donnell insisted on  
speaking in Gaelic and was repeatedly  
called to order by the chair. Finally  
a peremptory interdiction was entered  
in the case of the foreign tongue.  
King Edward has gone to Germany  
on a brief visit to his sister.

**Big Mining Deals.**  
Vancouver Feb. 21, via Skagway,  
Feb. 27.—The Britannia Mining Com-  
pany has been sold to Bewick, Moer-  
ing & Co., of London, for \$750,000 to  
be paid within three months.  
The iron mines on Texada island  
have been transferred by the Puget  
Sound Iron Co. to the Pittsburg Iron  
Works Syndicate on a royalty and will  
now be actively developed.  
A London syndicate has purchased  
the Stenwinder near Fairview, B. C.,  
also a large portion of the townsite in-  
cluding the big hotel. The Sten-  
winder will be worked on a large scale  
the coming summer.

**Callahan Arrested.**  
Omaha, Feb. 20, via Skagway, Feb.  
27.—James Callahan has been arrested  
for complicity in the kidnaping of  
Young Cudahy who has fully identified  
Callahan as one of his abductors. Cal-  
lahan denies all knowledge of the affair

but says if he had any he would serve  
a term in the penitentiary rather than  
reveal it and turn state's evidence for  
the reason, he says: "Pat Crowe would  
run me to the end of the earth and  
then run a knife through me."  
**More River Craft.**  
Pittsburg, Feb. 20, via Skagway, Feb.  
27.—James Reese & Sons have just  
taken a contract for building river  
craft of one hundred thousand tons  
capacity for the White Pass & Yukon  
Route for use on the Yukon river.  
The craft will be in the shape of steam-  
ers and barges.

**Must Go to Law.**  
Washington, Feb. 21, via Skagway,  
Feb. 27.—The secretary of the interior  
has declined to reopen the Skagway  
townsite case, but says the contestants  
can institute legal proceedings in the  
federal courts. He also refused to send  
a special agent to Skagway to view and  
report on the situation.

**RECEIVED BY WIRE.**  
**WILL PROTECT SMALL DEALER**  
Says General Traffic Man-  
ager Lee of W. P. & Y.

Seattle Feb. 21, via Skagway, Feb.  
27.—The White Pass & Yukon Route  
has been waiting for the various Daw-  
son transportation companies to make  
new freight rates for the approaching  
season. The new traffic manager of the  
railroad, Lee, attended a meeting held  
by the various companies at San Fran-  
cisco where he announced that the pol-  
icy of the White Pass road is to pro-  
tect the small merchants in the Yukon  
even to the extremity of reducing  
freight rates to \$20 per ton if necessary.  
Lee has returned from San Francisco  
and is now engaged in compiling a re-  
vised tariff rate which will be on the  
dead weight basis. So far as arranged  
the rate from Seattle to Dawson will be:

On large shipments of staples, \$100  
per ton.  
On small lots, staples, \$135 per ton.  
On table luxuries, \$145 per ton. On  
light but bulky articles the rate will  
be from \$120 to \$160 per ton.  
A special tariff will be made on ma-  
chinery. Special rates will be given  
the Canadian and American govern-  
ments and municipalities.

**ORDERS IN COUNCIL**  
Received at Gold Com-  
missioner's Office.

Two orders in council were received  
at the gold commissioner's office yester-  
day, coming in by the last mail.  
One is an extract from the report of  
the committee of the privy council re-  
garding the rescinding of the order in  
council dated March 29, 1899, reserv-  
ing to the crown all fractional mining  
claims in the territory and throwing  
said fractions open to entry.  
The other is an order for the admin-  
istration of grazing and hay lands in  
the Yukon territory.  
Leases in hay lands may be granted  
for a period of ten years at an annual  
rental of \$100 per square mile.  
Applicants for leases must furnish a  
complete description of the lands ap-  
plied for and in case the land is un-  
surveyed must have it surveyed at their  
own expense.  
Applications for permits for hay land  
must be made to the crown timber agent  
and permits granted shall vest in the  
permittee the exclusive right of owner-  
ship of hay upon lands covered by per-  
mit.  
Applications to cut hay may be made  
after February 1, and permits to be  
issued on or after the first of May.  
No hay may be cut on Dominion  
lands prior to a date to be fixed each

year by the crown land and timber  
agent according as the season may be  
early or late.  
Land at important points may be re-  
served by the crown land and timber  
agent for general public use and cattle  
grazing. The area so reserved to be de-  
cided by the land and timber agent  
and by the commissioner, but in case  
of dispute the decision of the land and  
timber agent to be final.  
Owners or purchasers of cattle may  
use these reserves for grazing their  
cattle upon furnishing sufficient evi-  
dence to the crown land and timber  
agent that it should be granted them  
and by paying five cents per day for  
each head of cattle so grazed.  
A charge of five cents per day per  
head to be charged to cattle grazing on  
public lands while driving through the  
Yukon territory.

**TOPIC OF CONVERSATION**  
Is Yesterday's Order Re-  
lating to Gambling.

The possible effects which may ensue  
from the peremptory orders issued yes-  
terday respecting the closing of gam-  
bling is the general theme of conversa-  
tion around town today. It appears to  
be the consensus of opinion among  
business men that the enforcement of  
the order will have, temporarily at  
least, a serious effect on business.  
It has been anticipated all along that  
the games would be closed on June 1st,  
or at least that after that date public  
gambling down stairs would be stopped.  
That the order is to be placed in effect  
two months and a half ahead of that  
time has created no little consternation  
not only among the gambling fraternity  
but also among business houses which  
receive the patronage of the "perfish."  
Another feature of the case as sug-  
gested by a prominent business man to  
a representative of this paper this  
morning is this, that most of the gam-  
blers have nothing but their wages  
upon which to depend and while many  
of them figured upon leaving after the  
opening of navigation they will not be  
able to do so if the orders as announced  
yesterday are carried into effect.

It is not improbable that a petition  
will be circulated seeking a stay in the  
enforcement of the orders until naviga-  
tion opens.  
**Recorder Was Busy.**  
Yesterday was the busiest day the  
recorder's office has seen in many  
months. Two hundred and thirty six  
applications for claims were made, but  
it will be some time before grants can  
be issued, as in nearly every case the  
records will have to be looked into be-  
fore a proper title can be issued to the  
applicants.  
In many cases several applications  
were made for the same claims and as a  
result considerable litigation will en-  
sue. Minutes and fractions of minutes  
and even fractions of seconds were used  
by applicants in swearing as to the  
time of staking. In one case there  
were four applicants for the same  
claim. The first took oath that it was  
just one minute past 12, the second took  
oath that he staked one-half minute  
past, the third that it was one-quarter  
of a minute past, while the fourth,  
who is a woman, took oath that she  
drove her stakes just as the minute  
hand had ticked one second over the  
hour of midnight. All applications  
were received and entered and grants  
will be issued as soon as possible.

**Important Meeting.**  
There will be a meeting of the execu-  
tive committee of the public museum  
tonight at 8:30 in the commissioner's  
office for considering the drafting of a  
constitution and by-laws. All mem-  
bers of the committee are urged to be  
present.

**RECEIVED BY WIRE.**  
**ACTIVE BOERS.**  
Are Derailing and Looting  
Trains on South African  
Railroads.

**BRITISH BAGGAGE TRAIN WRECKED**  
Grave Anxiety for Dorrien and  
His 2,500 Men.

**KRUGER GOING BACK TO WAR**  
Seattle Detectives Find No Trace of  
Lancaster or McDonald—Bodies  
of Nine Victims Recovered.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
London, Feb. 21, via Skagway, Feb.  
27.—The latest news from South Africa  
is of a most discouraging nature. The  
Boers are derailing trains and permit-  
ting the natives to loot them. Kitch-  
ener's baggage train was derailed and its  
contents secured and carried away by  
the Boers. Kitchener narrowly escaped.  
The inference is that Dewet has again  
escaped from the cordon by which he  
was surrounded.

Krugers contemplates returning to  
South Africa. He has just completed  
a memorial of the war, copies of which  
he has sent to all European govern-  
ments and to President McKinley.  
Since February 6th no news has been  
received from Smith Dorrien who was  
in command of 2500 men. On that date  
he had 24 killed and 46 wounded in  
an engagement with Gen. Buller's troops  
at Bothwell. Very grave anxiety is  
felt for the fate of his column.

**More Boer Barbarism.**  
Colesburg, Feb. 20, via Skagway,  
Feb. 27.—Boers derailed another train  
near Jolsbasch which was looted by  
natives. The Boers shot, killed and  
wounded many passengers.

**The Lancaster Mystery.**  
Seattle, Feb. 21, via Skagway, Feb.  
27.—An appeal from the Dawson Board  
of Trade to the Chamber of Commerce  
has been received by the latter body  
relative to the disappearance of Joseph  
S. Lancaster and Malcolm McDonald,  
both from Dawson. Detectives who  
have been working on both cases since  
last December report that there is noth-  
ing to indicate that either of the mis-  
sing men met with foul play in Seattle.

**Six Bodies Recovered.**  
Nansimo, B. C., Feb. 20, via Skag-  
way, Feb. 7.—Six bodies have thus far  
been recovered from shaft No. 6 of the  
Cumberland coal mine in which the  
late explosion, killing 66 men, oc-  
curred.  
Special Power of Attorney forms for  
sale at the Nugget office.

**We Offer to the Ladies**  
Of Dawson and vicinity our entire stock of  
Dress Goods and Silks at exactly One-Half Price,  
among which will be found the following  
attractive Values:—  
Colored Taffetas, per yard..... \$1.25..... was \$2.50  
All Wool Tricot Cloth per yd..... 50..... was 1.00  
All Wool Ladies' Cloth per yd..... 75..... was 1.50  
**Special Sale**  
...Ames Mercantile Co...

# THE BIG STAMPEDE

For Crown Placer Claims Is Now on and the Town Emptied.

BEGAN LEAVING LAST EVENING.

Gold Run and Eureka Attracting the Most Attention.

SOME LITIGATION EXPECTED

To Follow as a Result of the Stampede—A Few of Those Who Have Gone.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. When the sun looked down into the valley from behind the hilltops this morning he looked upon a city fast being depleted of the flower of its stampeding mushers.

They have gone and are going, not by twos and threes, silently and noiselessly fading away in the dim shadows of the night as upon former occasions, but by scores, by dog team, bicycles, on horse back and in sleigh load lots they are hurrying out of town, and by tomorrow morning, only those of little faith such as Homer Bean, and others whose business will not permit of their leaving will be left in town. The others will have gone, and Dawson, till they commence to return, will be largely deserted.

A very large number who have had their eagle optics on "good things" made available by the opening for relocation of government ground tomorrow, left the city last night, and more departed in the cold gray of this morning's dawn.

Last night at Williams' roadhouse at the Dome, the bunk beds were all full of tired stampedees, and about 25 laid their weary bones upon the hospitable, though hard planks of the floor, to sleep and dream of fortunes yet to be gathered from the gravel.

A great many who do not care to be absent from town for the necessary length of time, or who cannot leave for various reasons, are sending others to stake on shares, the one staying at home paying the expenses of the trip and recording fees, and receiving a half interest in the ground staked. Some will acquire a great many interests in this way.

The bulk of the stampede is directed to Gold Run and Eureka creeks in search of stakable fractions, of long supposed richness. Besides by a recent survey on Gold Run some hillside fractions of supposed value are made available tomorrow.

Regarding creek fractions it is thought at the gold commissioner's office that there is likely to be a great deal of friction which can only be lubricated by future action of the courts, as many fractions have been and more will be staked, where there is no ground really open for location, or, in other words, the ground is already taken. One or two cases of this nature have already been brought to light by the filing of suits, and many more legal contests are inevitable.

Another thing about creek fractions which it is well for stampedees to bear in mind, is the fact that the base line of the creek upon which a claim has been staked has absolutely nothing to do with the base line of the claim itself.

The minister of the interior has declared that the base line of the claim is established by the location stakes, and that the side lines must run at right angles to this base line so established and not at right angles to the base line of the creek unless the two coincide.

This decision throws open to location a very large number of small gore-shaped fractions on creeks long since staked and supposedly vacant of all ground open to location.

Eureka creek is largely an objective point for a large number of stampedees who are under the impression that the creek was rightly named, and that good things are waiting for those who are fleet of foot and have a sharp ax. No. 57 Gold Run was among the claims re-

cently thrown open for location and would have been looked upon with eyes of covetousness by several hundred stampedees had it not been reserved at the eleventh hour, so to speak, by reason of an application for compensation by some one who knew a good thing, and took advantage of his right under the law which allows those who have bought ground at government sales, for which, owing to errors, or other good and sufficient causes, the government cannot give a title to, to apply for other ground by way of compensation for his loss. Under that law the gold commissioner has no choice but to withdraw from location privileges, such ground as is applied for under that section. That privilege of compensation will cease when the hands of the clock point to the midnight hour tonight, however, and no further compensation in that way, at least, can be made.

It does not by any means follow that because a compensation applicant files an application for a certain piece of ground in lieu of the one he purchased, but did not get, that he will be granted the claim asked for. That is a matter which has to be looked into and decided upon later. Stampedees upon returning from the present excursion must not become filled with bitterness of spirit or wax wroth if grants are not forthcoming upon the filing of applications, because, as a Nugget representative was informed at the gold commissioner's office this morning, there will be no time to issue these grants at the time on account of the great number.

The applications will be taken and the grants will be issued later if everything is in regular form and the applicants are entitled to them.

In accordance with the great number of stampedees, and the number of claims for which grants will be asked, there is very little doubt but what the number of legal entanglements which will arise will be in proportion to and keep pace with the applications.

To such a fine point of nice calculation has the matter of time been reduced by intending stampedees that during the past ten days, hundreds have been keeping a very close watch on the barracks 12 o'clock gun, and watches have been nicely regulated to correspond with it to the second.

A few days since there was a case in the gold commissioner's court, where six men told the truth when they swore to having staked a claim, each for himself during a certain hour, and each of the six produced his watch to prove the truth of his assertions with respect to the time. The watches corresponded to the gun time exactly.

That the race is not always to the swift may be demonstrated in the coming race for the recorder's window, where, of course, cognizance can not be taken of seconds of time, and through this there is a very good chance that much litigation may be started.

The awarding of a claim to one out of several applicants who each swear to having staked the ground at a certain time, is a matter requiring very nice discrimination in which other circumstances besides the exact time will almost surely have to be taken into account.

There is another stampede on today besides the one for crown lands purchased at the recent sales, and this morning lined up before the recorder's window there were about 30 tired but determined stampedees all awaiting an opportunity of paying the recording fee and acquiring there the right to "have and to hold," the fruits of their labor in claim staking on a Hunker tributary Saturday.

This tributary is known as Eighty pup, and will be remembered as being the scene of the discovery of the mastodon and uncouth remains now being exhibited in the city, and while the stampedees who applied for grants today designate their prospective property as placer mining claims, there is a faint suspicion in the minds of many that the real intent is to mine for relics of a forgotten age, in the form of mastodon bones.

At all events, Eighty pup has been stampeded, and it is said not a piece of ground big enough to bury a dog with rabies is left for those who come after the stampedees.

All the means of conveyance which the city affords have been exhausted and they are supposedly inadequate to the demands.

Teams have hired for as much as \$60 for a day, and the man who owns a bicycle is having no lack of opportunity to loan it to friends who are ambitious to become claim owners by right of successful stampeding.

Many familiar faces from about town are missing today, and while it is not definitely known that their destination is an unclaimed patch of ground supposed to conceal within its frozen depths gold in large quantities, such is

the information somewhat loudly whispered when questions concerning their whereabouts are asked.

The handsome faces of Jim Post and Messrs. O'Brien and Jackson are missing from the precincts of the Savoy today, likewise the genial mixer of stimulating drinks is absent from his usual place behind the bar, and it is said of them about town that they have gone to plant initial stakes where they will do the most good.

A. P. Matteson is also far from the maddening crowd.

O. S. Lanning, the obliging accountant of the A. C. Co.'s office, accompanied by Wm. King of the same institution has gone to gather in what he can find that looks good to him, and there is a peculiar springiness to the step of many other of the boys in the store which seems to confirm in a manner that they have been doing some speed practicing on their bicycles of late with this emergency in view, and the chances seem good that some of them will disappear temporarily this evening.

B. Sheppard of the A. E. Co.'s hardware department is missing, and Peter Vashon has not been seen today and it is averred that they are taking a little much needed exercise on the hills.

B. Baldwin, of the A. E. store, has been heard to remark that he will stampede this evening about the time the curfew should ring, on condition that some one will loan him a mule. So anxious is he to do this thing by the aid of a long eared quadruped, that he don't even restrict the mule as to kicking.

Mr. Visared of the same store is expected to swell the stampeding multitude by his presence this evening.

Homer Bean, the well known sour dough who up to the present time has always fallen a victim to the staking habit on slight provocation, shakes his head decidedly when asked concerning his intentions in the present outlook, and says: "Nit. I know where there is a piece of ground 15 minutes walk from the Forks that is open to location, and I could have had it if I had been a mind to stake, but I won't."

"There is gold on all sides of this piece of ground, and on a bright day by the aid of a magnifying glass you can see gold in the air above it, but its use to me. If I staked it the gold would evaporate from the air above it, and slide off the bedrock onto an adjoining claim the first time I struck a pick in the ground, but whoever stakes it will get a good thing. I have staked and grub-staked and stampeded for years, and the best I ever got was the worst of it."

The employees of the Ames Mercantile Co., are admittedly conservative in their ideas regarding stampedees, and it was said this morning that no one had gone nor was going, but it is known of Jack Chisholm that he harbors a dog team which he has refused to lend, and his friends are keeping an eye on him, fearing the worst.

So the story of the stampede goes on, and might be told of nearly every house in town, as every one who can possibly get away has gone, or will go during the next 12 hours, and tonight it is thought there will be many hundred people less in town than there were last night.

## PLAYED CARDS ON SUNDAY.

### Police Court Crowded This Morning.

It was a full house that greeted Magistrate Rutledge on the opening of police court this morning, and the crowd present revived recollections of the balcyon days when from 80 to 100 knights of the green cloth appeared each month, said "guilty" and paid \$50 and costs per. However, the complaints this morning were of gaming on Sunday in cigar stores and hotels, from 28 to 30 men having indulged in that pastime yesterday when they should have been out basking in the God-given sunlight. In the crowd were a number of members of the sporting fraternity, business men and one noted dealer in limburger-tainted hams. The attorney that the crowd "chipped in" and retained asked that the cases be continued until this afternoon, which request was granted.

The case of John Curry, charged with having at the Savoy theater, where he is employed as a waiter, Saturday night stolen a purse containing \$150, was continued until tomorrow afternoon. Curry is out on bonds, with Druggist Reed and John Dougherty as sureties.

W. G. Baird, proprietor of the Rochester saloon, sold liquor yesterday and was detected in the act by an officer. This morning Baird pleaded guilty to the charge and paid a \$50 fine with \$20 trimmings in preference to spending one month in the reduction works.

## STEAMERS WINTERING HERE

Sixteen of the Yukon Fleet Comprise the List.

Many Are Tied Up Both on Upper and Lower Rivers—Busy Season Will Be Witnessed.

From Tuesday's Daily.

There are 16 steamers wintering in and near Dawson, the slough opposite Klondike City presenting in the distance an appearance similar to that of a small manufacturing town, owing to the number of smoke stacks pointing heavenward from nine steamers, which are laid away there until Boreas releases his grasp on the Yukon in the gentle springtime.

Of the steamers at that place, two—the Susie and Louise—are owned by the A. C. Co., and operated between Dawson and St. Michael. This company also has several large barges at the same place.

The Dawson & Whitehorse Navigation Company's steamers Tyrrell and J. P. Light are also there. It is possible that, as the water on the upper river will not be at its best before July, these steamers may make a trip to St. Michael before going on their regular season's run. However, owing to the unusually heavy snow fall this winter there will probably be plenty of water to enable them to engage in the upper river trade as soon as the ice goes out.

Next comes the Rock Island which is operated on the lower river, being one of the fleet owned by the S.-Y. T. Co.

The other steamers there are the Bonanza King, Monarch, Gold Star, Aquilla and a number of barges. Of these steamers all will be operated on the upper river except, perhaps, the Monarch, which may return down the river. On the water front of the city is the large refrigerator steamer Robert Kerr which is owned by the Pacific Cold Storage Co., and which will operate between Dawson and St. Michael in the meat carrying trade, this season. The little steamers Clara and Emma Knott are on the water front as is also the Michigan. The Clara and Emma Knott will likely be operated on the Stewart river run from Dawson as soon as navigation opens.

Only two of the C. D. Co.'s steamers—Victorian and Mary E. Graff—are wintering at that company's ways across the river and below West Dawson. The remainder of the fleet is up the river, some near the mouth of the Hootalinqua and others at or near Whitehorse.

Only two of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s steamers are here—the John C. Barr and Chas. H. Hamilton—the others being down the river.

The A. E. Co. has none of its fleet here, but at various points on the lower river.

The Ora, Nora and Flora, owned and operated by the Klondike Navigation Company are all on the upper river.

As many new steamers are to be added to the local fleet on the opening of the season, business on the river is destined to be very brisk.

### His Words Were Prophetic.

"Making a photograph of James Harper was the most startling experience of my life," says George G. Rockwood, the New York photographer. "In the year 1869 it transpired that no good picture existed of the four Harper brothers, and it was determined that they should sit to the same photographer and have a uniform series of pictures made. A very successful photograph of Fletcher brought them all.

"James Harper was the second to sit for me, and as he was passing out of the door of my studio he saw a portrait of Rev. Dr. Muhlenburgh, the founder of St. Luke's hospital. We entered into a brief discussion of the mighty results of the well and wisely directed efforts of one man as illustrated in the establishment of this beneficent institution. He said, 'If anything should happen to me, I believe I should like to be taken to St. Luke's hospital, for there organized, practiced skill would perhaps be paramount to even the tender care and love one gets at home.'

"His words were prophetic. After declining his warm invitation for me to ride with him, he left the gallery, I think, near 2 o'clock in the afternoon. About 5 o'clock a gentleman rushed into the reception room and asked, 'Was James Harper here today?' 'Yes.' 'Did he sit for a photograph?' 'Yes, and here is the negative—a superb one.' 'Thank God! He was thrown from his carriage this afternoon and now lies dying in St. Luke's hospital.'—N. Y. Sun.

## RECEIVED BY WIRE. W. P. & Y. R. EXPANDS

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WHICH IT TAKES OVER APRIL FIRST.

Nine New Steamers Will Put on Upper River.

SUBSTITUTE OIL FOR WOOD.

All Freight Traffic Will Be by Weight—Lots of Nutton—Skagway Votes Today.

Skagway, Feb. 25.—General Manager E. C. Hawkins of the White Pass & Yukon Route, has received notification from London that his company has purchased all the property of the Canadian Development Company and will take possession and control of the same on April first.

The purchase includes ten steamers which are yet on the outside. These will steam to Skagway where they will be taken apart and shipped by rail, nine of them to Whitehorse and one to Bennett, the latter to go on the Atlin run on which the railroad company now practically has no competition.

Mr. Hawkins says it is the object of his company to control the entire transportation business of the interior. The nine new steamers to be put on the Yukon will be operated in connection with the other eight or ten C. D. boats already on the river and now owned by the W. P. & Y. R. There will be a complete reorganization of the service and everything will be done to secure the greatest efficiency at a minimum cost.

New tariff sheets are now in course of preparation with the view of putting all traffic on a strictly weight basis.

Another important matter now in contemplation by the company is the substitution of oil for wood as fuel on its steamers. If found practical, it is believed the trip from Dawson to Whitehorse will be shortened by from 12 to 24 hours, and a corresponding gain in time made on the down river trip.

### Hi-Yu Nutton Coming.

Skagway, Feb. 25.—William Waechter is here Dawson-bound with 500 sheep and 16 horses. He will ship to Whitehorse and drive from there over the ice. The horses will be used for hauling feed.

### Skagway Voting Today.

Skagway, Feb. 25.—An election is in progress here today for the selection of two councilmen. E. R. People's job was appointed mayor to succeed John Hislop who resigned to go to Valdez. Has also resigned and W. L. Green has been appointed by the council to fill the position. A. A. Anderson has been appointed city treasurer vice W. A. Peterson resigned. John W. Troy, city clerk, is dangerously sick and will be taken to his old home, Port Angeles, Wash.

News has been received here from J. G. Price who is in Washington, that the secretary of the interior will carefully consider any new evidence that may be brought forward in the Skagway townsite case and that there is every reason for believing that a hearing will be granted.

Billy Leak and seven others will go away tomorrow for Nome. They take three teams of the best dogs to be purchased with money and go well provided with clothing and provisions.

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From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.

## FAR REACHING EFFECTS.

One of the most important stampedes that has ever taken place in the Klondike district is in progress today. All mining claims in the district with a few exceptions, excluding of course, all claims already held according to law, will be open tomorrow for location. In consequence of this fact, as is told in detail on another page of this paper, hundreds of people have left Dawson during the past forty-eight hours for the different localities where there is known to be vacant ground.

It is difficult to forecast the effect which the order throwing open such a large extent of new ground will have upon the future of the district. Many of the claims will not be worked at all. Others will be prospected and found to be lacking a pay streak. But there will be a certain proportion which will be found at no distant date contributing a share toward the general output of gold. There is now left practically no ground in the territory contiguous to the Klondike and Indian rivers which is not open to the prospector. The regulation reserving alternate groups of ten claims was repealed some months ago as was also the order closing certain of the more important creeks against location. With this latest order in effect a large number of valuable fractions as well as other claims have been thrown open and it is but fair to suppose, as suggested above, that many of them will soon be numbered among the best of producing claims. This supposition is particularly reasonable in view of the fact that many of the claims to be thrown open tomorrow are known to be by virtue of the fact that they are in the immediate vicinity of ground upon which pay has already been located. In such instances and they will be by no means few, it is to be anticipated that immediate preparations for development work will be made. It is safe to assume, therefore, that added prosperity will come to the district. The opening of new ground means the employment of more men, the moving of more freight and the consumption of an increased quantity of commodities. The new order could not have been placed in effect at a more favorable time. Opportunity will be given to those who secure good properties to make preparations for work before the approach of warm weather and it may be expected that much of the ground which will be recorded within the next few days will be opened on a large scale during the approaching summer season.

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boats were under separate management. It remains now to be seen whether the shipper will be given the benefit of this decrease in the cost of operation or whether the same will be turned entirely into the coffers of the railway company. The surest means the railroad can take for preventing competition is to follow a liberal policy in dealing with the Yukon.

## IT WAS JUSTIFIED.

The P.-I. takes very strong exceptions to the language of the United States circuit court of appeals in the decision handed down by that court in the McKenzie receivership cases.

The P.-I. holds that the attack by the circuit court upon Judge Noyes was unwarranted and inspired by motives of a political nature. In view of the fact that the decision is endorsed almost with unanimity by people who were in Nome at the time the trouble which brought about the suits occurred, it is pretty safe to conclude that the decision of the court of appeals did not fall very wide of the mark.

The language used in the decision was certainly of an extraordinary nature, but those who are familiar with the case are agreed that the circumstances were such as to make the use of extraordinary language not only justifiable but also absolutely necessary.

Nome will be much safer, hereafter, as a place in which to conduct legitimate enterprises than it has ever been before. It has been demonstrated that the law is not to be evaded or violated with impunity which fact in a frontier community cannot be impressed any too strongly.

The decision of the council whereby the provisions of the game ordinance are extended for a period of thirty days will commend itself to the public generally. It is a well established fact that hundreds of carcasses of caribou are now cached at different points up the Klondike waiting transportation to the Dawson market and if the law as recently passed were rigidly enforced, much of this meat would of necessity be left to spoil. It is expected that the local market will be over-crowded, but that condition can be obviated by placing the surplus supply in cold storage, facilities for which will soon be under construction. Meanwhile the consumer is receiving the benefit of close competition and low prices which is by no means the least important feature of the situation.

Winter is the best road builder we have. During the next 30 days the trails to the creeks will be in splendid condition and freighting will be cheap. It has been the experience of former years that after the first of April the trails become soft and the cost of transporting goods to the creeks immediately advances. No matter what large amounts are expended in road building by the government, no highways which can be constructed for use during the warm season will excel the natural boulevards which are formed principally through the agency of cold weather. The present movement of freight toward the creeks indicates very clearly that full advantage is being taken of the existing favorable conditions.

The latest effort of Sir John Tenniel, Punch's famous cartoonist is entitled "Time's Appeal." Old Father Time is represented bearing the infant 20th century in one hand while the other is raised in mute appeal to the spirit of war, a female figure of heroic cast, driving in a war chariot. The angel of peace hovers near and adds her supplications to those of Time. The cartoon represents in a most forcible manner the demand for universal peace and suggests what many optimists fondly hope will be realized during the course of the present century. It must be said, however, that judging by the present plans of the great powers of the earth, there is no particular reason to believe that war will be abolished immediately.

It certainly is an ill wind that blows good to no one. The stampede of yesterday fairly taxed the resources of the road houses between Dawson and Gold Run creek. The stamper who was able to secure a place on the floor to sleep was numbered among fortunate ones. The government fees, together with the expenses of the stampede will aggregate a very handsome sum.

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## ANCIENT DRIFT

### Discovered in Slide on Bonanza Creek.

The work of sinking shafts through the muck and gravel of the creek beds in this northern country bids fair to result in more than mere contributions to the world's supply of filthy lucre. It is quite plain from events which have recently transpired that the Klondike will contribute liberally not only of its vast wealth to the arteries of trade but will also furnish information of a scientific nature which by many people will be held of even more value than the golden stream which has been pouring forth unceasingly ever since Geo. Carback picked up his first nugget on Bonanza creek.

A short time ago on a tributary of Hunker creek the remains of several mammoths were uncovered and the bones of these animals, long since extinct, are now on exhibition in Dawson. A few days since a discovery of equal importance was made on upper Bonanza. This discovery involves nothing less than proof of the theory long held tenaciously by men who claim deep insight into matters prehistoric, that the placer mines of this country were known and worked in ages long since past.

An ancient drift bearing the unmistakable evidence of human workmanship has been uncovered on hillside claim opposite Nos. 18 and 19 upper Bonanza on the left limit.

Dominion Land Surveyor C. S. W. Barwell who has just returned from the creek is authority for the report which is beyond question accurate and reliable. Workmen on the claim above referred to have been drifting for some time into the face of an immense slide, which, however, bears all the evidence of having remained in its present position for untold centuries.

The tunnel which the men have been driving, runs into the face of the slide which at the point where the ancient drift was discovered is about 150 feet in depth. All the evidences are present in the drift to indicate that at some distant time mining operations had been carried on.

The ancient drift is about five feet in width and thirty feet in length and of sufficient height to enable a man to work in it. A remarkable feature of the matter is the discovery of charred wood in the drift which indicates that the old fashioned method of thawing was understood and practiced by the ancient miners whoever they may have been.

Various theories have been advanced to explain the time and circumstances under which the drift was constructed but all who are familiar with the facts agree that it must have occurred in the long, long ago—just how far they leave it to development and scientific authorities to say.

### The Weather.

So far as the nightly decline in the thermometer indicator is concerned, there seems to be but little change notwithstanding the fact that during the day the temperature becomes very much warmer. During the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning the minimum temperature was 34 below the maximum 4 degrees above zero, a variation of 38 degrees.

## HEIRS TO BRITISH THRONE.

### Upward of Fifty Persons in Direct Line.

### Among Them is Emperor William of Germany—Many Princes and Princesses.

There are more than fifty heirs to the British crown, claiming through the queen. Among these is the emperor of Germany, between whom and the British throne there are about twenty lives. Foreign nationality, or the possession of a foreign crown, does not vitiate his claim, but it is obvious that from motives of public policy he would never be allowed to succeed. Parliament could, and undoubtedly would, bar his claim. Similarly the Prince of Wales was heir to the duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, but renounced his rights in favor of his next brother. Among other heirs to the British crown is the Princess May, as a descendant of King George III, but in her own right she stands seventy-fourth in the list.

The principle upon which the crown descends is that of following one branch of the family until that is exhausted, when the next collateral and so on, until all the descendants of the sovereign are exhausted, when the crown reverts still further back. The descendants of Queen Victoria are so numerous that it is extremely unlikely that any other branch of the family of King George II will inherit it.

The descendants of Queen Victoria, in order in which they stood in succession to the throne on January 1, 1901, were as follows:

- The Prince of Wales, son.
- Duke of York, grandson.
- Prince Edward, son of the Duke of York, great-grandson.
- Lady Alexandra Duff, great-granddaughter.
- Princess Victoria of Wales, granddaughter.
- Princess Maud of Wales, granddaughter.
- Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, son.
- Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, grandson.
- Crown Princess of Roumania, granddaughter.
- Prince of Roumania, great-grandson.
- Princess Victoria Melita of Edinburgh, granddaughter.
- Princess Beatrice of Edinburgh, granddaughter.
- Duke of Connaught, son.
- Prince Arthur of Connaught, grandson.
- Princess Margaret of Connaught, granddaughter.
- Princess Victoria Patricia of Connaught, granddaughter.
- Duke of Albany, grandson.
- Princess Alice of Albany, granddaughter.
- Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany, daughter.
- The emperor of Germany, grandson.
- The Crown Prince of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince William Frederick of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince Adalbert of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince August of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince Oscar of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince Joachim Franz Humbert of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Princess Victoria Louise of Prussia, great-granddaughter.
- Prince Henry of Prussia, grandson.
- Prince Waldemar of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, granddaughter.
- Princess Fedora of Saxe-Meiningen, great-granddaughter.
- Princess Frederika of Prussia, granddaughter.
- The Crown Princess of Greece, granddaughter.
- Prince George of Greece, great-grandson.
- Princess Margareta of Prussia, granddaughter.

- Hereditary Grand Duke of Hesse, great-grandson.
- Princess Louise of Battenberg, granddaughter.
- Prince of Battenberg, great-grandson.
- Princess Victoria Alice of Battenberg, great-granddaughter.
- Princess Louise Alxendra of Battenberg, great-granddaughter.
- The Grand Duchess Sergius of Prussia, granddaughter.
- Princess Henry of Prussia, granddaughter.
- Princess Victoria Alice Helena of Hesse, granddaughter.
- Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, daughter.
- Prince Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, grandson.
- Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, grandson.
- Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, granddaughter.
- Princess Franzika of Schleswig-Holstein, granddaughter.
- Marchioness of Lorne, daughter.
- Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg, daughter.
- Prince Alexander Albert of Battenberg, grandson.
- Prince Leopold of Battenberg, grandson.
- Prince Donald of Battenberg, grandson.
- Princess Victoria Engenie of Battenberg, granddaughter.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S

### Report Is Adopted by the Yukon Council.

The following report of the finance committee of the Yukon council was adopted at the meeting last night:

It is recommended that no action be taken in the case of Mrs. Christina McNab for payment of an account for hospital expenses from an accident by falling in a ditch until further inquiry can be made, and that H. E. A. Roberson be asked to send in a report of the matter and that the commissioner be requested to get a report on the condition of the ditch in question.

The following accounts were also recommended for payment:

N. P. Shaw & Co., meat account, \$17.10, milk \$31.68, supplied to patients at smallpox hospital at Whitehorse; Barbara Ross for groceries etc., supplied to the hospital at Whitehorse; account from Whitehorse general hospital for \$143.50.

A communication from the Yukon Sun as to the proposed publication of ordinances of the territory recommended to standover until they could be revised, which should be done as soon as possible.

It was recommended that a \$500 bonus be paid to the medical health officer in consideration of extra services, and that in future all his expenses be allowed when away from Dawson. Account for transportation of Dr. MacDonald from Selkirk to Dawson, \$35.20. Payment was not recommended.

Account of Dr. McLeod, \$20 for treatment of indigent, C. S. Johnstone, at Grand Forks. In view of the exceptional circumstances surrounding this case, this account was recommended for payment and that same be referred to the council to decide on the principle.

Account of News Printing & Publishing Co. payment was not recommended. It was recommended that the papers be asked to state on what terms they will publish or advertise for the council such printing or publishing as the council may see fit to extend to them.

### A Princely Reward.

"Boy," said the wealthy man, beaming with gratitude, "you have done me a great service, and I am going to reward you."

"Oh, thank you, sir," gasped the small boy.

"Here in this small case," continued the millionaire, "is the first dollar I ever made. You may look at it. And here is a recent copy of The Claptrap Magazine, which contains my article telling how I made it. Read it, and may heaven bless you." — Catholic Standard and Times.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1901.

## From Wednesday's Daily. A RETROSPECT.

Civil government in this territory may be said to date from the 26th day of February, 1898. On that day the first contingent of officials sent out the previous fall from Ottawa arrived in Dawson and the work of organizing the country was formally undertaken.

Prior to that date the entire district had practically been under the jurisdiction of a handful of Northwest Mounted police, who it must be said had acquitted themselves most excellently in establishing and maintaining law and order. It was no unusual matter for the police to act in the capacity of civil magistrates, many disputes being settled by them in a manner satisfactory to all parties concerned.

With the great rush which began in the fall of 1897, it became apparent that conditions would require a more elaborate form of government. In consequence Major Walsh—whose powers were in all probability the most extraordinary ever vested in an individual under Canadian law—was dispatched with a corps of assistants to bring order from the chaos which everyone knew would ensue from the great stampede.

That work, begun on the 26th day of February, 1898, has continued until the present time with results which have proven beyond question the capability of Canada in solving the complex questions which must always arise in the settlement and development of a new country.

It is a fact which may be demonstrated no more easily than through reference to the early files of this paper, that numerous grave errors were made while the initial steps toward the establishment of the machinery of government were being taken. But viewed after the expiration of three years and in the light of developments it is quite easy to trace from the beginning a sort of process of evolution which has brought us finally to the highly favored conditions under which we are living at the present time.

Three years have served to accomplish a work for the Yukon territory which in comparison with the progress made by other countries in their infancy, must be regarded as bordering upon the marvelous.

During this time we have seen bad laws, passed from lack of knowledge of actual conditions, give way to a code of regulations which will compare most favorably with those of other new countries organized under similar conditions.

The construction of public highways has been undertaken upon extensive lines and precautionary measures have been passed to insure to the miner and prospector protection in the enjoyment of the rights to which they are entitled under the law.

Courts have been established and added to from time to time until for purposes of ordinary litigation, all requirements are met. A court of appeal is among the needs of the immediate future which it is anticipated will be supplied at no distant date. Dawson as the central supply point of the district and the seat of administration of government has passed through the

frontier stage and in many respects must be ranked with modern towns of similar size in other portions of Canada. Private enterprise combined with what the government has done has served to give our little city a most up-to-date appearance. Graded streets, sidewalks, sewers and other municipal necessities attest the fact that care has been taken of local requirements while the police protection given the town has become a matter of pride with all law-abiding citizens. There are many matters yet remaining both of a local and territorial nature which require attention, but viewed from the standpoint of actual results attained, and no safer standard of judging could be assumed, the people of Dawson and the territory at large are to be congratulated upon what has been accomplished by them and for them during the three years which have elapsed since civil administration was instituted in the Yukon.

The concessions which the White Pass & Yukon railway management propose to make, as indicated in our dispatches today, are not what might be termed startling. The proposal that all charges be determined according to dead weight is the most substantial change offered and on the whole the shippers gain by that method. Ordinarily when a man is figuring out a freight bill, he can reach a pretty fair conclusion as to the amount he should pay provided he is charged at so much per ton weight. But when it comes to measurement, the process is very much like reading a gas metre—it takes an expert to do it and the expert is usually employed by the transportation company. There is hope held out in the announcement that the White Pass intends to protect the small shipper, though just what particular form of protection is intended does not as yet appear. We shall hope for more definite and specific announcements at an early date.

### Another Bet.

Editor Nugget:  
To decide a bet we wish to make the following inquiries:  
Did the Yukon territory have any laws up to January 1st, 1898, or was it governed by customs regulations. Must an employe have miner's license before he can work in a mine.

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(In the year 1895 the laws governing the Northwest territories were made by act of parliament to embrace the Yukon where until late in the year 1897 they were enforced by the police. Those same laws are in force in this district now, except in cases for which special laws have been enacted by the Yukon council. The first mining laws drafted for the Yukon were passed as orders in council on May 21, 1897, and reached Dawson and were placed in effect in August of the same year.

In answer to the second question, all employes in mines must be provided with a miner's license.

### An Onion Breath.

Editor Nugget:  
A bets that onion sets grown on the stalk of onions above the ground. B bets that onion sets grow from the seed of onions separate from any old stalk and in the ground.

FARMER.

(Onion sets grow both from the stalk and from seed, therefore, if A means that onion sets can grow from the seed as well as the stalk, and if B denies the possibility of sets growing any other way, than by seed, then A wins. If, however, both affirm only the one way for sets to grow then neither wins.

### YOU CAN NEVER TELL.

You can never tell when you send a word  
Like an arrow from the bow  
By an archer blind, be it cruel or kind,  
Just where it will chance to go.  
It may pierce the heart of your dearest friend,  
Tipped with its poison of balm;  
To a stranger's heart in life's great mart  
It may carry its pain or its calm.  
You can never tell when you do an act  
Just what the result will be,  
But with every deed you are sowing a seed,  
Though its harvest you may not see.  
Each kindly act is an acorn dropped  
In God's productive soil;  
Though you may not know, yet the tree shall grow.  
And shelter the brows that toil.  
You never can tell what your thoughts will do  
In bringing you hate or love,  
For the thoughts are things, and their airy wings  
Are swifter than carrier doves,  
They follow the law of the universe;  
Each thing must create its kind,  
And they speed o'er track to bring you back  
Whatever went out from your mind.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Grand opening and dance at the Arlington roadhouse, Hunker, March 1st. Best of Music. Stage leaves McDonald hotel 6:30 p. m. sharp.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

## STROLLER'S COLUMN.

J. P. McLennan is one of those fastidious gentlemen who entertain the idea that no matter how finely a man is dressed in summer attire he is incomplete without a boutonniere in the lapel of his coat, or, if he dresses a la Curly Monroe, on the tip of his left shoulder, even if the adornment is nothing more than a daisy, pansy or sweet pea bloom. Therefore he has provided a large and complete stock of flower seeds suitable to this country, and with each package of seeds sold he donates a paper of pins for use in fastening the bouquets on lapels or shirt-waists (as the case may be.)

Mr. McLennan also believes that there are breaths which may be materially improved by the eating of onions; therefore, he has laid in a select stock of onions and various other garden seeds from which enough "sassa" can be manufactured to drive scurvy back into the Rockies and bid dull care lie away.

Mr. McLennan will please accept the Stroller's thanks for a package of choice onion seed.

Misery loves company and kicking is contagious.

Less than two short weeks ago the cricket in the Stroller's hearth ceased to chirrup and misery was his portion, all on account of one load of wood. This was one instance in which company in misery was a disaster. The heart (?) of the wood dealer had been touched and in three more days he would have been worked up to the pitch of delivering a load of real wood in addition to what he had formerly brought. But just here a Second Avenue merchant had to get in and spoil everything. He also had bought a load of wood and because the Stroller had kicked, he also thought it was his inalienable right to do the same thing and he did it. He kicked vigorously and when the wood dealer asked what was the matter with the wood the Stroller's chump companion in misery replied: "Well, it is wet, soggy and water-soaked; besides it burns too fast."

The wood dealer gave thanks for not having a gun in his clothes, but to be on the safe side went to the barracks and had himself bound over to keep the peace, and the Stroller's chances for getting some "sho' nuff" wood have gone glimmering.

The tenacity with which the cold weather holds on is not a surprise to sensible people who take note of events as they occur. All observing people noted the fact that the sun shone on February 2d, and in consequence the groundhog saw its shadow; hence the continuous cold weather. Had the 2d of February been a dark, cloudy day the voice of the whip-poor-will would have ere this been heard in the land and carpet beating time with its accompanying applications would have now been upon us, and, as the appearance of the groundhog prolonged the coming of house-cleaning there are those who will pass benedictions on the little animal. Some men never forget that there is a possibility of dying before the arrival of house-cleaning time.

It was a disappointed crowd that returned yesterday and last night from the general district stampede and that disappointment was apparent even in those who succeeded in locating good property. The disappointment was due to the fact that those who had remained at home had fortified themselves against any and all possibility of being bored by long stories from those who were out, and in many offices were placed cards bearing the following pointed warning: "No stampede lies will be stood for."

### Photographed the Dead.

Waterloo, Iowa, Feb. 5.—A gruesome story has just come to light, which is vouched for by persons of good reputation. An old gentleman, a farmer, residing a few miles from Waterloo, died several weeks ago. After his death his relatives began to deplore the fact that there was not in existence a photograph of him. During his life he had been averse to sitting before the camera, but when he was dead his objection did not count, and it was determined to have the artist come and get a picture even in the cements of the grave.

The relatives arranged with the artist to visit the home the morning of the funeral and train his camera on the features of the departed. The day of the funeral arrived. The mourners were all in their seats, but the artist came not. Tired with waiting the ceremony was ordered to proceed, prayers for the dead were said and a small procession of relatives and friends wended its way to the cemetery. The sombre casket was drawn from the hearse and preparations were made to lower it to its last

resting place, when one of the mourners, looking up through his tears, saw the form of the photographer, with his tripod on his shoulder, coming toward the party. The funeral proceedings were at once stopped and the casket, which had been half lowered to the grave, was raised to the earth. The undertaker was asked to open the casket, take the body out, bolt it upright against a spring seat near the open grave so that the long sought for picture might be taken. The details of the work were carefully looked to, but such a gruesome background! The wan and wasted form of the dead; the open grave; the coffin near by; the mourners and pall bearers and people; the adjoining tombstones. But the picture was taken, and the artist informed the relatives he could remove all the unwonted objections by the alchemy of his trade and could produce for them a picture only the well known features of the loved form of the dead.

### Mrs. Maybrick's Case.

London, Feb. 11.—The officials of the home office say there is no foundation whatever for the report that Mrs. Florence Maybrick has been pardoned. The official denial of the pardoning of Mrs. Maybrick would have been issued earlier but for the red tape rule of the home office, which alone of all the British government departments requires that press inquiries shall be made in writing and answered through the mails. The only exception was made this afternoon, for the benefit of the Associated Press. After this was done the officials freely said the Maybrick story was on a par with the recent epidemic of "fakes" published in the United States, among them being the statements that King Edward is suffering from cancer; that there was friction between Lord Salisbury and King Edward, and that Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood was going to South Africa as a peace commissioner, etc.

The Maybrick report was circulated freely here Sunday, and Mr. Choate, the United States ambassador, told its authors last night that it was untrue. But this evidently had no weight with them, and when it was published nothing remained to do but to wait until the home office had made up its mind to break through tradition and give the quietus to the latest of the utterly baseless reports.

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## And Loved Each Other Even in the End.

### Both Fell While the Woman They Fought Over Was Flirting With Polish Jew.

From Wednesday's Daily.

"No gentleman would defend such an action, much less be guilty of it," and the speaker emphasized his remarks by a gesture of disgust.

"Charlie," said the other man quietly, "you must be going mad."

"Mad or not, I have warned you, Mr. George Radford. If it occurs again, you will regret it only once, and that will be forever."

"Really, Mr. Leslie," replied the other man coldly, dropping the more familiar name, "you have missed your vocation. I would suggest tragedy."

"Yes. By—, if you venture so much as to address her, I will knock you down, even if I have to do it in public. You admit yourself that your intentions are nothing more than a flirtation."

"They were not even that."

"Very well. My relationship with her means more. It is my desire that the lady shall be my wife."

"Good heavens! You cannot mean it. Why, you have not known her a week. By her own account she is roaming through Europe alone."

"That will do. We will not discuss the matter further."

"If you take my advice, old man, you will pause and consider well before you tie yourself up," said Radford, dropping again into a more kindly tone.

"Take your advice and friendship to the devil!" was the response.

"It seems that I have," remarked his companion, with a smile.

Mr. Leslie was not in the frame of mind required to appreciate a joke, so the other man bade him "Goodby."

"Here! One moment, sir. You have not given me your promise that you will avoid the lady in future."

"I give no promise demanded in the way you have thought courteous, nor is it my intention to do so. Hold!" he cried as the other was about to blaze out.

"The companionship of the lady is nothing to me, nor is she, in my mind, worth talking about, but you have gone out of your way this afternoon to use language which I cannot allow even you to use, and I warn you not to repeat such conduct. It pains me to say anything at the expense of a lady, but she is playing you false, for by her account your presence is not at all to her taste, and your attentions are an annoyance. In other words, she is merely flirting with you, but at the same time keeping her eyes open for any one else more suitable to her taste."

"You lie," he hissed, "and what is more"— Without another word, the exasperated man raised his cane, but the one who confronted him gripped his arm firmly and prevented the blow.

"Leslie, you mad fool, what are you about?" he whispered hoarsely. "Have you parted with your senses over this painted adventuress?"

The other man lowered his arm. "You are right. We can settle this in another way." And without another word he swung in the direction of the hotel.

For awhile the man who was left behind stood thinking over the disturbing element which had come between him and his friend. Since Eton days they had been firm friends. At Oxford where you saw one you saw the other, and they were popularly known as Damon and Pythias, whose devotion to each other, it is said, did not exceed theirs. Each would have surrendered his life for the other; now, through a woman, they were bitter enemies, and as he thought of the woman he bit his lip and swore.

He was not surprised to find on arriving at the hotel that there was an officer waiting to see him, in whom he recognized a casual acquaintance which they had made in the coffee room a few days previous. Like all Italians, he was studiously polite.

"Any time and weapons; just let me know," was the gruff reply of the Englishman as he flung himself into a chair. "I don't know anyone in this infernal place. Can you procure me a second? It doesn't matter who he is; merely a formal matter."

That was quite easy. Fortunately a brother officer had arrived that very day, and he assured Mr. Radford that nothing would give his friend greater

pleasure. There was a quiet little ruin about half a mile along the Appin way, and the duel could be fought there. He was most careful to impress upon him the exact spot, and, with many protestations of service, he left.

That night each of the principals went through a mental martyrdom. Strange to say, Charles Leslie did not seek the company of his lady love, as he usually did, for a walk on the terrace. He sat in his room trying to smoke, for he had not the heart to go down and join the genial company.

Many times he was on the point of rushing to the room of his friend. Then the remembrance of the deadly insult of which he had been guilty caused him to shrink. He behaved like a bear when his second returned with the information that all was arranged, pistols the weapons, half past six the time.

It was useless for Radford trying to sleep. Each time he succeeded in dozing over the most horrible nightmare haunted him. Again and again he saw his friend lying on the ground, with his face upturned to the sky as if in appeal to heaven for justice on his murderer. Then they played together as jads. The old scenes of boyhood came back again. Twice he got up, half dressed himself, determined to go to his friend's room in order to open the matter again, to put before him all he knew of her—the cause of it all. Then the thought of the insult offered to him, as also the certain knowledge of Leslie's pigheadedness, acted as deterrents.

Next morning, soon after 6, Radford was at the rendezvous with his second, a chatty, fussy, little officer of the cavalry.

Was the signor a good shot? Yes. That was good. He believed that the other signor was too. Ah, well it was much more satisfactory when men understood the use of weapons, especially pistols.

The Englishman, mentally cursing him for his chattiness, paced up and down. He was a stern looking man, but the hours of agony he had gone through had made him look more so and given him the hard lines about the mouth. This duel, he knew, was no child's play: His old chum would hit a 5 shilling piece with ease at 25 paces. Each of them had done it scores of times.

He took off his cap and allowed the cool breeze of the Campagna to fan his hot temples, which, strive as he would, throbbled as if the blood were impelled by some powerful engine.

George Radford would have given all he possessed to have retained his peace of mind, for what was his life to be afterward if he killed his friend? Then, with frowning brows, he entertained a suggestion that came into his mind. Why had he not thought of that before? The noise of wheels called him to the immediate present.

"They are here," said his second, "just two minutes before the time arranged, so we have nothing to complain about." And he added a few remarks on the virtue of punctuality.

Radford stepped forward with outstretched hand, but he was too precipitate. His old friend had just entered the ruin, and although he seemed to be looking at Radford, his thoughts were really elsewhere, so the would be peacemaker turned away, with a crimson flush on his face, as the newly arrived Italian shook hands with him, which he accompanied with another mental note on the eccentricity of the English.

While the two seconds paced off the ground Leslie tried to catch his friend's eye, ready at the first recognition to rush forward and offer his hand, but to his grief as well as astonishment he noticed that his old chum kept his face away from him.

"I suppose any other solution is out of the question?" said one of the seconds, and George Radford answered "Yes."

Both seconds murmured something and retired to toss up the coin which decided who should give the fatal command. The toss was won by Radford's, who decided that the other man should count.

"Get ready!" he shouted, and the two men who had so often shared each other's bed as schoolfellows and each other's blankets in many a hunting adventure, took up their pistols.

"One—two—three—fire!" And two shots rang out in the morning air.

In the fraction of a second from the snapping of the caps to the fatal destiny of each shot the men looked into each other's face, and in that brief interval read each other's inmost soul.

"George!"

"Charlie, old!"

But the sentence was never finished, for each man dropped forward on his face. George Radford lived for a few seconds, during which he tried hard and desperately to drag himself to his

friend's side. The seconds noticed this, and, with solemn faces and with eyes that softened with tears, they carefully carried him to where they saw he would be.

He grasped the hand of his friend, warm in the grip of love, just as he had done in the old days. Then his eyes turned up in death, and the light passed out of them forever.

"Ah, they loved each other! See!" cried one of the seconds. "You never can understand these Englishmen, they are so eccentric. To love each other like schoolgirls, and then to— Santa Maria! It is too horrible!"

That night the woman over whom they had fought sipped her coffee, smoked her cigarette and, concluded that her English cavaliers, having possibly found out her antecedents, had moved on to another town, soled herself by making eyes at a Polish Jew with an ostentatious display of diamonds, and next night they walked the terrace together and discussed the latest version of Damon and Pythias.—St. Louis Star.

### Topeka Without Saloons.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. Feb. 11.—As a result of the meeting of the citizens of Topeka yesterday afternoon all the joints of the city are closed tonight.

The citizens made the peremptory order that the saloons be closed by noon today, and as far as is known the order was obeyed. Early this morning Chief of Police Stahl, with some of his officials, made the rounds of the joints and notified the keepers as far as they could be found that they would be expected to close at once.

They were in each case presented with a printed copy of the citizens' ultimatum, and commanded in the interest of law and good order to close at once. Chief Stahl told the jointists that there was an army of a thousand men waiting to march on a minute's notice to close the joints of the city, and that they were of a class that would not be frightened out of performing their duty as they interpreted it. Notices were slipped in under the doors of the closed places.

In only one place did the officers find any liquor sold, and this place agreed to close at once.

Tonight Topeka is practically a dry town, so far as the joints are concerned. Some of the drug stores are said to be doing a thriving business, but the condition is much different from a week or even a day ago, when there were about 80 joints running openly, all of which were equipped with the finest of fixtures.

The citizens' committee has made all the necessary arrangements for the enforcement of their orders regarding the joints, and will insist that the order be carried out to the letter, and that every drinking place be closed and the stock and fixtures removed from the city by next Friday noon.

The condition of public sentiment in Topeka tonight is something remarkable. There has never been anything here approaching it. The vigilance committee is ready to move on very short notice.

Prof. F. W. Ellis, of Washburn college, addressed a large meeting of the students of the college this evening, and advised them to ally themselves with the joint-smashing movement started in Topeka. He said he had great reverence for law, but this was a time for drastic measures to be taken.

Every man in the college, he said, who had the interest of the good government of the community at heart, should be glad to help us force to drive out the joint element from Topeka.

### Red Liquor Wasted.

Holton, Kan., Feb. 11.—The crusade against the jointists which was commenced here Saturday, was vigorously continued today. At a mass meeting held in the Methodist church a committee was appointed to investigate the report that the place owned by Mrs. Hicks, which was raided Saturday, was again open. The committee discovered that the report was true, and as a result the temperance workers again raided the place and compelled Mrs. Hicks and her son to sign a contract, drawn in legal form, to the effect that they would never again sell liquor during their natural lives; and that the son agree to leave Holton and remain away for ten years.

Later in the day another mass meeting was held to consider a proposition to destroy all the liquor that had been seized by the sheriff, and stored at the courthouse. A motion that this be done was defeated, but after the meeting adjourned most of those in attendance went to the courthouse and demanded the liquor. The deputy in charge made a tame effort to protect the property, but to no avail. The employes turned the liquor into the gutter, and taking the bar fixtures outside, burned them in the street, making the work of destruction complete.

### In the Lord's Hands.

Muscantine, Ia., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Nation arrived here at noon today and was met at the train by 400 men. A squad of police were on hand, as she had requested, to escort her to her hotel. The crowd, however, was peaceably, and evidently turned out through curiosity, for less than 500 people attended her meeting tonight.

After the meeting closed and the receipts of the evening were counted, the financial manager of Mrs. Nation dissolved partnership with her, and he, with four of the six women who accompanied her returned to Kansas City. He said:

"My management of Mrs. Nation ends here. I return to Topeka tonight and four of the six women go with me. The women will return to their homes and Mrs. Nation, I understand, will proceed to Chicago."

Mrs. Nation says: "I am in the hands of the Lord and will leave for Chicago tomorrow morning. I will do no smashing in Iowa or any other state until all the hell hols in my own state are wiped out of existence. Then I shall organize a band of women who will smash all of the saloons in the world. The United States first, Europe next."

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Solicitors for the Applicants.  
Dated at Ottawa, this 10th day of December, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following survey, notice of which is published below, has been approved by Wm. Ogilvie, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, and unless protested within three months from the date of first publication of such approval in the Klondike Nugget newspaper, the boundaries of property as established by said survey shall constitute the true and unalterable boundaries of such property by virtue of an order in council passed at Ottawa the 2nd day of March, 1900.

CREEK CLAIMS No. 32, 36, 37 and 38 Gold Run creek and creek claim No. 2 on a tributary at 30 Gold Run creek, in the Dominion mining division of the Dawson mining district, a plan of which is deposited in the Gold Commissioner's office at Dawson, Y. T. under No. 40 by T. D. Green, D. L. S. First published February 6th, 1901.

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#### SOCIETIES.

THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION of Yukon Lodge, (U. D. A. F. & A. M.), will be held at Masonic Hall, Mission street, monthly, Thursday on or before full moon at 8:30 p. m. C. H. Wells, W. M. J. A. Donald, Sec'y

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Notice. Notice is hereby given that on and after March 1st, 1901, grants for all applications for relocation will be issued at the time the application is made, wherever the claim applied for appears open for relocation upon the records. The allowance of two weeks which has hitherto been made for holders of claims to take out a certificate of work will cease on and after March 1st. Holders of claims are warned, in order to avoid trouble with relocators, to take out a renewal of their claims on or before the expiration of their former lease.

(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL, c28 Assistant Gold Commissioner.  
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# GAME LAW

Has Been Extended for a Period of Thirty Days.

## THE YUKON COUNCIL SO DECIDES.

Recommendations Regarding the Wages of Civil Servants.

## AN IMPORTANT REPORT MADE

By the Committee on Public Works and Adopted by the Council—Claims Adjusted.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.

The Yukon council met in special session last night in the office of Commissioner Ogilvie all members with the exception of Councilman Wilson being present.

The most important business passed was an ordinance under the terms of which it will be lawful to expose for sale, in the public markets until April 1, elk, wapiti, moose, caribou, deer, mountain goats and mountain sheep provided same were killed on or before Feb. 1.

This action of the council definitely settles the vexed question which has been worrying the hunters for the past two weeks.

Mr. Justice Dugas asked for a report of the health officer on the sanitary condition of the gold commissioner's office. And Major Wood asked that the health officer report on the matter of the incarceration of lunatics with the prisoners.

The commissioner was authorized to instruct the resident government architect to proceed with the plans for a new school.

In connection with the game ordinance Mr. Justice Dugas introduced a resolution that the commissioner and Major Wood be appointed a committee to appoint special constables to see that the provisions of the game law are strictly enforced. This carried.

A recommendation was made by the special committee on wages whereby all government employes are to receive not less than \$5 per day and board for their services. This includes also the members of the fire department. The report will probably be brought up at the next meeting.

The following report of the committee on public works was adopted:

With respect to the application of Messrs. Langelier and Berryman to publish a directory of Dawson, your committee does not see any reason to intervene in the matter.

In respect to the privilege of constructing a bridge over the Klondike which had been granted to Howard & Roberts, and which has now been transferred to a third party, the commissioner was asked to communicate with the secretary of the Northwest territories in order to obtain the document in connection with the privilege granted; and also with the legal adviser.

In reference to the account of Messrs. Sutton & Hartman amounting to \$3692 for the maintenance of a wagon road from 60 below on Bonanza creek to Grand Forks, it was decided to instruct Mr. Thibaudeau, engineer of the Yukon council, to report on the matter to the commissioner before reporting to the council.

With respect to the application for an amendment to the ordinance incorporating the Dawson City Water & Power Company, Ltd., to give them the use of the streets for the laying of pipes, etc., upon application to and sanction from the commissioner, your committee does not feel justified in recommending the proposed amendment to the ordinance of the company.

In reference to the application of Mr. R. B. Gerdes to stretch wires across the streets for messenger service, the commissioner was requested to have a conference with the applicant and the chief of the fire brigade before reporting on the matter.

### A Collision.

A two-horse team standing on the South side of the slough bridge in front of fire engine house No. 2, was run into by a dog team yesterday afternoon. The dogs drawing a big load came down the little incline at the end of the bridge at a full canter. The driver was unable to guide the sled which swung around striking one of the horses square on its fore feet, bringing it to its knees on top of the sled and scattering the load all over the street. Luckily the force of the blow had been broken by the driver in endeavoring to swing the sled around so that no injury was sustained by the horse.

The many friends of James F. McDonald will give him a farewell dinner at Hotel McDonald tonight. They are desirous that "Jim" have a "square" before starting on his long trip over the ice to Whitehorse en route to eastern Canada. It goes without saying that tonight's event will be a happy one. Mr. McDonald will return on one of the early boats.

## THE BIG STAMPEDE

Brought Hundreds of Men to Record Today.

Last night there occurred a scene never before witnessed in this country and one never to be forgotten by those who were there and who were not so busily engaged with their own affairs as to be unable to take cognizance of what was going on around them.

All the creeks were ablaze with bonfires, torches and lanterns, fighting the eager crowd in their search for the gold-laden ground from which they expect to realize their visions of fortune. On Gold Run at 12 o'clock a gun was fired and then there was a scene of excitement, men and women rushing hither and thither, carrying axes, stakes, lanterns and the other necessary articles with which to find the ground they were looking for and driving the stakes before others could get "on," and then came the mad rush back to town to record. This scene was repeated on all the creeks where ground was open to location and considered as likely of containing a deposit of gold. As early as 2 o'clock this morning some who had not far to go, had returned and wrapping themselves in robes formed in line in front of the recorder's office. Stragglers continued to come in from that time on and when the office opened at 9 o'clock fully 200 people were in line; cold, hungry and sleepy, but never for a moment out of humor or skeptical as to the value of the ground located and all eager to be the first to record.

Not since the olden days of stampedes has there been such a rush seen at the gold commissioner's office, for as soon as the doors were opened, with a mighty irresistible rush the people filled the room and in their eagerness to get to the recorder's window nearly trampled over each other.

As fast as one had received his certificate another had arrived so that a continuous line has been kept up all the morning, and more are yet to come. Those who had arrived up to noon were nearly all from Bonanza, Eldorado, and Hunker, although a few had, by hard traveling made the trip in from Dominion and Gold Run. A. Nerland who owns one of the best dog teams in town, made the trip in from 20 Gold Run in eight hours. Ben Treneman made the trip in from Dominion on a bike, coming on express time and arriving in time to get into the recorder's office with the first rush. G. Vernon was in line waiting to record a fraction on Gold Hill and many other well known business men were in line waiting their time.

The first to get to the window was a man named Horner, but he was doomed to disappointment as the claim he staked was one of the reserves and could not be recorded for him. Mrs. F. Malby was the next one and she succeeded in getting her location on Bonanza recorded.

At one time this morning there was a general mixup in the office until one of the clerks had announced that the down stairs window was for recording fractions and new ground and the upstairs for recording relocations which put the applicants into the proper lines and the work moved on more expeditiously.

Many funny remarks were heard along the lines. "If I had not got onto that reserved claim my fortune would have been made," said one despondent looking individual. "I have a claim worth \$2,000,000 if I can only get at the recorder's window and get my certificate," said another. A third who is an old sour dough remarked that he had been on many stampedes before, but had never been on one "the likes of this one."

## REGARDING THE BOER WAR.

A London Correspondent Thinks It Is Mismanaged.

Says British Soldiers Have Lost None of Their Bravery, But Are Disheartened at Leaders' Actions.

The New York Sun has the following special cable from its London correspondent:

London, Jan. 25.—The critical situation in South Africa is by far the most important subject in the world's attention, for upon its development depends the policy of several powers in regard to the Chinese and other international questions. This fact is so seriously felt by the British government that it causes the greatest anxiety in Downing. The sacrifice of British interests in other parts of the world, which will undoubtedly be forced upon this country by rival powers, especially Russia, if England's military arm is crippled in another twelve month, is too great to contemplate.

Moreover, it is impossible to expect that the British public, marvellous though its patience has been, will tolerate an indefinite prolongation of the ruinous and rewardless war. The government is still free of public pressure of this nature, because the majority of the English people are still being systematically and completely deceived in regard to the grave crisis at the Cape. It is impossible to get the truth by cable, and nine-tenths of the press would refrain from publishing it if it were available. The inexorable facts are coming in increasing volume by mail and messenger, and they are sure to prevail even among unwilling believers when they are more widely disseminated.

The members of the government are not fools. They realize what the inevitable effect will be upon public opinion in England and the world at large, and they have therefore wisely moderated their whole South African policy. They are ready to go to considerable lengths in granting substantial concessions if they can accomplish their earnest desire to stop the war. There will be no more talk about "unconditional surrender." That demand has been definitely abandoned. On the other hand, there has been distinct modification of the position taken by the Boer representatives in Europe. They have adopted, in discussing possible terms of settlement, the contradictory phrase of "restricted independence." This peculiar term has not been defined and signifies thus far nothing more than their possible willingness to discuss heretofore irreconcilable positions.

It is quite premature to say that anything has occurred which could be described as negotiations. The truth is that it is doubtful if there is anyone in Europe, even Kruger himself, who could make concessions which the Boers could accept. Peace can only be made now in South Africa itself, and with the leaders of the men in the field. I have no desire to encourage vain hopes of an early settlement. The only definite fact bearing in that direction is that both sides now earnestly desire peace, and each is willing to moderate in some slight degree its demand of the early days of the war.

There are facts about the South African situation which the British public do not realize, or which have not been allowed to transpire. Among these are that British operations have in many cases failed on account of jealousies between officers, such as is now exposed in the Gen. Sir Henry Colville scandal. It is true that the rank and file of the British troops are tired and disgusted with the present style of warfare, having grown to respect the Boers as brave fighters, while they have learned to utterly despise the Outlanders and colonists, in whose behalf the war is being nominally waged. There is no lack of courage in the British troops and no actual mutiny, but unnecessary hardships and bad leadership have deprived them of all heart in the campaign. Every military man will recognize how seriously this condition will affect the efficiency of any army.

The Boers can keep up the present operations indefinitely in a vast country where they range almost at will despite an army several times their size. They care nothing for British occupation of their towns, and therein the war differs from all other modern contests, as the Boer population of cities is always small. The question of supplies is easy unless the British abandon the country with the exception of the principal towns, for the

Boers are able to replenish their stores almost at will by capturing British posts.

These facts and others confirming the reports of the widespread sedition in Cape Colony are not realized by the English public, and they constitute as a whole an almost hopeless military situation for the British. In other words, it is virtually established that only a vast expenditure of men and treasure, vast even in comparison with the great sacrifices in the past sixteen months, can crush all resistance in South Africa. The only motive for making such expenditure is to save British prestige, but it is obvious to an outsider that such an operation will have the reverse effect to re-establishing British prestige. To send a fresh army in addition to the present 210,000 men to conquer a tenth of that number would be a more pitiful confession of weakness and efficiency than to make terms under present conditions. Such at least is the problem that the British government is now considering and there is reason to believe that it will be only too glad to find a peaceful solution of the question, based on conciliation on both sides.

Tomorrow Mr. Henry William Massingham, who was dismissed from the editorship of the Daily Chronicle a year ago on account of his pro-Boer proclivities, will replace Mr. Cook as editor of the Daily News. A partial change in the proprietorship of the Daily News will also occur. The policy of the paper, which was formerly edited by Charles Dickens, and which is the best known Liberal journal in Great Britain, has not yet been announced, but it will be of a stop-the-war description. It will be highly significant to watch the effect of the change upon the fortunes of the paper and on public opinion. Mr. Massingham is inclined to extreme views, and often succeeds in prejudicing his readers against causes which he advocates, but if he refrains from sobbing daily, a practice which is intensely exasperating to the English public, the paper will probably become the leader in a strong peace movement.

The war office has issued a table of the war losses to the end of 1900. The total casualties of every kind were 51,687 but owing to the fact that a majority of the men invadited home have recovered and rejoined their commands the total reduction of the forces was 14,830. There are also missing and prisoners 7 officers and 808 men. The number of invalids who left the service and are unfit for duty is 1570.

It is reported from Rome that the delay in the reception of English pilgrims by the pope was due to an exception taken by the vatican department of state to certain references to the war in South Africa in the address which it was proposed to present to his holiness. It is certain that the feeling among the British Catholic colony in Rome is bitter at the strong pro-Boer sentiments which actuate the vatican. Some time ago the newspaper "Italia" announced on what purported to be vatican authority that there was no truth in the report that the pope had sent a gracious letter and a handsome present to Mr. Kruger, but neither of the recognized organs of the vatican confirmed the denial.

### Railroad Across the Strait.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 5.—"Though no longer a young man, I believe I shall live to see a continuous line of railway from New York to St. Petersburg and other European capitals," said Capt. John J. Healy, the noted Alaskan pioneer, today. "Such a highway, in the nature of things, is only possible by way of Bering straits, and work on one of the principal connecting links will be commenced within 12 months. I refer to the building of a railroad from Port Valdes to the American Yukon. That great enterprise will undoubtedly be inaugurated within a year.

Continuing, Capt. Healy said: "This Copper river steel highway is sure to be built. After crossing the mountain range the railroad will follow the Tanana to its mouth in the Yukon. From this point nothing seems more certain than that it will be projected to Nome, up through that district and across Bering strait into Siberia. Such a project would, of course, involve an international company and international co-operation, and those results will be forthcoming. It requires no great stretch of engineering imagination to conceive the idea of a railroad across Bering straits. It is but 20 miles on the American side to Dromedary island and less than that to the Siberian shore.

David B Tewksbury has been appointed a U. S. commissioner for the Kougrock District near Nome. Mr. Tewksbury was for nearly a year associated with the Nugget in the capacity of local reporter.

# TAKE PARTNERS

For the Last Dance to Tune of Home, Home, Sweet Home

## THEN ALL PROMENADE TO SEATS

And Give the Floor Until Eternity to Cool.

## ALL MUST CLOSE BY MARCH 15

Order Came From Ottawa to Major Wood by Last Mail—Open Gambling Doomed.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.

From Ottawa comes a reiteration of the orders issued from there last October to Major Z. T. Wood, commander of the Northwest Mounted police in the Yukon, namely that gambling houses and dance halls in the district must close—not by June 1st, not by May 1st, not by April 1st, but close immediately.

As is well remembered, orders of this nature came here late last fall when Major Wood, acting on his own good judgment, decided that to enforce the order at that particular season of the year, just as navigation was closing, would be a hardship on many, both men and women, who could not possibly get out of the country before winter set in and who while forced by circumstances to remain would be without employment, consequently without the means of support during the winter. It was then that through his subordinates the order was published to the effect that the resorts mentioned must at all hazards be closed by June 1st, at which time the open season will have arrived and the exodus from the country can be made with ease and comfort by all who are disposed to go instead of remaining and earning living in some manner in accord with the laws of the country. It will also be remembered that, even though the orders were not enforced as received, the privileges formerly usurped and enjoyed by that class of women known as "box rustlers" were then and have since been greatly restricted.

By yesterday's mail, however, there came an imperative order from Ottawa which precipitates the expected intentions of the police in that the time limit for remaining open is blotted out and "immediately" substituted.

In conversation with a Nugget representative this morning Major Wood stated that notice will be served on the proprietors of all establishments affected by the order within a day or two and that they will be required to close up just as soon as arrangements for so doing can be made, but that all resorts embraced in the order must be closed by the 15th of March, which allows but 16 days after today.

In anticipation of the effects of previous orders which it was supposed would take effect the first of June, many proprietors of gambling houses were arranging for the opening of club rooms in upstairs apartments, but the new order, coming as it does, without previous warning, will undoubtedly result in many resorts being entirely suspended.

The number of men who will be thrown out of employment in Dawson alone is variously estimated at from 200 to 300, while at the Forks and Whitehorse from 30 to 40 at each place will be affected. The closing of the dance halls will effect probably 100 women, more than two-thirds of whom are in Dawson.

But little expression regarding the new order, or rather the imperative enforcement of the previous one, could be obtained around town today, the parties effected preferring to look gloomy and remain silent to talking, further than in several cases to assert that the business will be ruined. Note of the dance hall women were seen, but it is a safe bet that they will have something to say on the subject.

In the meantime it is in order to engage partners for the last dance which will end with a grand promenade to seats.

## CHECK WORKERS SCHEMES

Many Ways by Which the Unscrupulous Suspecting are Tricked.

Farmers Have Always Been Easy Marks for the Unscrupulous—Fake Marriages.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. "Check workers," said a veteran detective, "are the busiest of all the dishonest class and the hardest to keep track of. They are at it the whole year round and cause the police a lot of bother, because they vary their methods so much. These fellows get up a new scheme every day. Some of them are really men of genius who could make a good living with their brains and their tongues in almost any other line if they cared to do so.

"The most interesting perhaps of all this class are not really check workers at all. I allude to the men who make it their business to get genuine signatures to bona fide checks unknown to the signers. They are the modern development of the now almost extinct class of sharpers who used to drive through the country getting responsible farmers to sign machinery contracts, lightning rod agreements or anything, in fact, which might be torn in two and become a promissory note which could be negotiated at a bank. In spite of the fact that every farmer nowadays takes a paper of some kind in which these frauds are exposed victims are yet not hard to find.

"One scheme that was worked widely some years ago was very ingenious. The chief actor in the little financial comedy drove up to the house of a prosperous farmer and represented himself to be a circuit riding minister of the gospel. He requested shelter for the night and was hospitably received. Just about retiring time a couple drove up and asked the farmer where a minister could be found to marry them, and of course the circuit rider got the job. At the conclusion of the solemn words that made the supposed elopers man and wife the farmer was delighted to sign his name as witness to an elaborate marriage certificate which the minister fished up from his little grip. In the morning that signature appeared at a bank in the neighboring town at the foot of a check for a large amount and was cashed without question.

"The certificate was printed on heavy cardboard, and wherever names or dates were to be written in the cardboard was cut away with a beveled edge, and the writing was done on smooth paper pasted on the back of the certificate and showing through the beveled holes. Between the two sheets of pasteboard, however, a blank check had been inserted, so that its signature line came right under the opening left for the witness, and in consequence the farmer was actually signing a check on his bank when he good naturedly witnessed the fake wedding.

"Extraordinary pains are taken by forgers to secure the bona fide signatures of wealthy men. A successful plan in one case was to present a petition relating to a sewer in the big man's own ward and a score of others names, given in good faith, were secured before the big man was approached. He was caught where there was no pen and ink handy and signed the petition with a hard, blunt pencil that was given him, unwittingly signing at the same time a check, through the transfer paper underneath. Over \$700 was secured on that trick.

"As a rule, however, the signature is all that is wanted. If one of the agents can secure a real check written by one of their intended victims, it is an occasion for rejoicing. One successful check worker had a method that puzzled the experts for a long time. The signatures on the checks he presented were so apparently genuine that even the men on whom the swindles were perpetrated could not swear they were forgeries, except from the fact that they could not remember ever having signed such checks. It was at last discovered that the fellow first secured a signature, had a zinc etching made from it, took a matrix of the zinc engraving and into this matrix cast a very hard rubber composition, which retained just enough of its elasticity not to show any traces of embossing on the paper receiving the imprint from it. With the composition stamp he was able to produce duplicates of a signature that could not be told from the original.

"So many precautions have been thrown around checks by people who deal largely in them that it is now almost impossible to make, for instance,

an \$80 check out of an \$8 one. Tinted and engraved paper that would instantly show the effect of acids or mechanical erasures began the work that the check perforator completed, and after a few unsuccessful attempts to plug up the holes and re-perforate the check raiser turned his peculiar talents in another direction.

"The genuine 'check worker' is a man who, by plausible story and glibness of tongue, contrive to pass a worthless check. The usual course of operation is to purchase goods after banking hours and present a check calling for more than the amount purchased. Hotels and saloons seem to be particularly unfortunate in check transactions, though no line of business is free from attack.

"One smooth device, though, was that practiced by a gitted young fellow who would secure a position and hold it long enough to gain the confidence of his employers. He was often placed in positions of trust where he could have made away with large sums; but, so far as known, he never stole a cent. When the time was ripe for his coup, however, no ties would hold him. He invariably fell heir to a 'legacy' which was paid him in the form of a check, mailed him by a confederate. His employers were glad to indorse the check for so creditable an employee, and as soon as he got the money he vanished as completely as if the earth had swallowed him up. The details were exactly the same in almost a dozen cases that were reported, but the trouble was they were never reported until after the damage was done and the smoothest of all the 'check workers' was in a place of safety."—Ex.

## NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Which the Presbyterians Will Erect.

In the report of the board of managers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church for 1900 read at the last business meeting of the year, the following recommendation was submitted:

"In view of the manifest inadequate capacity of our present church building to accommodate all who desire to avail themselves of regular gospel ordinances, we recommend that this meeting take the necessary steps towards securing a suitable house of worship, by instructing the board of managers to proceed at once with preparing plans and estimates and adopting ways and means for the early erection of a new church, with a seating capacity of 600, and if by them deemed practicable after a canvass of the situation to proceed with the work."

The recommendation was approved and the board was given full power to act with the result that Dawson is to have a modern church building with a seating capacity of 600.

Subscription papers have been in circulation for some time past and the whole sum of \$10,000 for the erection and furnishing the building has been subscribed. Bids will be called for and the contract let immediately so that work may be commenced as quickly as possible.

The present church building will be moved onto the rear of the lot which is 100x200 feet, and will be used as a lecture and social hall.

The new building will occupy the site of the present one on Mission street and from both an exterior and interior view, according to the plans adopted will be a credit not only to those who have worked so hard for its accomplishment but to the community as well.

The interior fittings will be entirely of oak and among the chief attractions will be a new pipe organ which will be ordered from the outside. Two furnaces will be installed in the basement and will radiate heat in proportion to the temperature so that the people sitting in any part of the building will be comfortable.

The Rev. Dr. Grant yesterday formally accepted the call tendered him a short time ago by the people of the church and will soon be installed as its permanent pastor.

### Hurried Business Trips.

"Where is Mr. Go-Step-and-Fetch-It this morning?"

"Well, he had important business on one of the creeks and has gone out to attend to it. You see, a fellow out there owes him a big bill and he has gone out to make an effort to collect it."

The above is a sample "spiel" given today in cases where fellows had gone to the creeks in order to be there and on the ground floor for locating claims tomorrow, and the stories of long hard trips that will be told the latter part of this week will out rival the lying of Tom O'Chetree of Texas in his most palmy days.

## WOMEN GOOD COLLECTORS

And Are Preferred by Big Concerns to Men.

They Are More Persistent and Never Tire of Flanking Repeated Dunning Calls.

"And this man," said the young woman, referring to the last name on the list, "will give me a check tomorrow without fail."

The manager shook his head doubtfully. "I don't take any stock in his promises," he said. "He is tight as the bark on the tree and slippery as an eel. He never pays anything till he has to. He's been giving us that same old dog about paying tomorrow for the last six months."

"And he will keep his word this time," said the young woman confidently.

And he did. The next evening when she reported to the office the young woman turned in a check for the full amount owed by the tight individual. The situation was so extraordinary that the manager scratched his head in perplexity. "Well," he said, "you certainly are a remarkably fine collector."

And after the young woman had eaten her dinner and had taken time to digest both the meal and the compliment she came to the conclusion that she was indeed pretty good at the business. "It took me a long time to find out what I was good for," she said. "I tried my hand at teaching, stenography, amateur gardening, dressmaking and photography successively and was a failure in each. Then I turned my hand to collecting."

"My first employment was with a small publishing house up town. The owners owed everybody, and everybody owed them. They paid nobody, and nobody paid them. It took me just about two days to demonstrate to my own satisfaction that I had at last struck the level of my abilities. I began straight off to take in money, and when at the end of the first week the manager footed up his receipts and found that I had collected subscriptions and advertising bills to the amount of \$1000, which, considering the size of individual accounts was a sum as high as Pike's Peak, he fell on my neck and called me blessed. The firm was too deep in the mire, however, to be pulled out even by the hand of a heaven born collector. Their liabilities so far exceeded their assets that their only salvation lay in bankruptcy, and this last refuge they finally sought when I had collected 99 cents on every dollar coming to them. I do not tell this in a spirit of vanity, but simply to refute the statement that a woman couldn't earn her salt at collecting. I know dozen women in this town who are so employed, and each is considered a gem of great price by her employers."

A west side furniture dealer who has employed a woman collector for several years said that if there was any one thing he could take time to talk about even in his busiest moments it was the merits of the woman collector. "There was a time," he said, "when I vowed that I wouldn't have a petticoat around my store in any capacity. My attention was first attracted to the subject by the quick way one woman collector made me pay a bill. Physically the work for this store is hard. There is much walking to be done and many stairs to be climbed. Moreover, many of the people who buy our goods on the installment plan are disagreeable to deal with when it comes to collecting. But that is where I find the woman collector invaluable. Her fund of patience is inexhaustible, and she is inventive and resourceful to a degree. If she cannot get around a creditor one way, she will another, and what is best of all, she never gives up."

It is a curious thing that it is not in the field of distinctly feminine labor, such as dressmaking, millinery and the like, that the woman collector seeks to win her laurels. When asked why this was so, one successful collector replied that it was a case of the refutation of the theory that like cures like.

"It may take a thief to catch a thief, but it doesn't take a woman to make another woman pay her debts," she said. "I am the manager of a large collecting agency. I have both men and women in my employ, and when I have a bill against a woman I invariably send a man to collect it. Women who owe money know well enough that another woman sent to collect a bill can see right through their subterfuges, no matter how flimsy or how plausible. They do not care a straw for her opin-

ion, however, but they don't want to be found out by the men."

A Nassau street lawyer employs a woman collector whom he regards as an honor to her sex and the calling. "I don't always collect the money I set out to get," she said, when complimented on her achievements and consequent reputation. "A year ago I set out to collect \$1250 from a client of my employer. 'Go up to his office every day,' were my employer's instructions. 'Don't give him a minute's peace. Hound the very life out of him till he pays. Just walk right in, no matter who is there, and demand that \$1250. He can't turn you out, because I did for him what no other lawyer in New York could have done, and it behooves him to be humble.'"

"For three months I obeyed those instructions literally. I traveled up and down the elevator so often that everybody in the building came to know me as '—'s dun,' and the man hated the very sight of me. One day I was sick and couldn't go down town. A second day I staid away and still a third. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the third day as my employer sat in his private office talking to a client the door was opened suddenly and a tow-headed little boy stepped audaciously into the room.

"'Say,' he said, 'I'm —'s boy, and my boss wants to know why that woman ain't been over for that \$1250 he owes you.'"

"I positively refused to call after that and we never did get the money. But you don't come across many people like that."—New York Sun.

### Serious Accident.

A. Pucher, day engineer at the A. E. Co.'s warm storage building, met with an accident Saturday evening about 6:30 which for a time looked to be of a very serious character.

While oiling the engine he stepped too near the flywheel shaft, which caught the bottom of his trousers leg and immediately twisted it around and bored a hole in his leg just above the ankle, until the bone was exposed. With great presence of mind he shut down the engine and averted a more serious accident. He was taken to the hospital where his wound, which proved to be only a cut in the flesh with no bones broken nor tissues cut, was sewed up and dressed, eleven stitches being found necessary to bring the flesh together. He was taken from the hospital to his cabin near the mouth of the Klondike and is expected to be around again in a few days.

## WILL TRY KOYUKUK

Many Who Were There Will Return.

If current street talk can be taken as meaning anything, the Koyukuk country will this year be the scene of considerable activity, as a number of people here are getting ready to leave for that district within the coming ten days or two weeks.

McKenzie, the newly appointed recorder for the Koyukuk district, is on his way in from Skagway and is due to arrive here about the middle of this week. A number of Dawsonites are preparing to join him on his arrival here and make the trip to the district with him. McKenzie was in the Koyukuk all of the last season and is very popular with those who met him there. He is a Seattle man.

P. B. Peters who is at the head of a surveying party bound for that country is also due to arrive this week having left Skagway last Wednesday. At present there appears to be more Koyukuk than Tanana talk in Dawson.

### Done Them One.

Saturday evening a man entered Clarke & Ryan's grocery store and ordered a can of syrup from Mr. Clarke. While Clarke was waiting on him he engaged Mr. Ryan in conversation in an undertone and when the syrup can was on the counter said aloud "all right," picked up the can and walked out. When Mr. Clarke asked Mr. Ryan what arrangement the man had made about paying for it, Mr. Ryan said "None at all," and could not remember what the man had said nor what he looked like. They are in hopes of seeing him again.

### The "Other Fellow" Saved Him.

Wife (severely) — What does this mean, sir? Do you know the time? Husband — Yes, m'dear. I was (hic) 'tained, m'dear, by fear! 'l axsherdent. Wife (alarmed and growing suddenly sympathetic) — Accident! Good gracious, George! Are you much hurt? Husband — No, m'dear, fort'nat'ly (hic) not. Axsherdent happ'n'd t' other f'lr (hic).

## MORAL TIDE IS FLOODING

And in a Short Time Dawson Will Be Purged

Of a Large Amount of Sin, Iniquity and General Looseness—One-Eyed Riley Must Work or Move.

That all indications point to a "spring cleaning" such as has never before been witnessed in the broad northland is now apparent. The officers feel that the time is ripe for the advent of a moral wave which, when it recedes, will leave in its wake an air and atmosphere of a much purer quality than that which now pervades this country. The fiat has gone forth and what is more, it will be rigidly obeyed for the reason that long experience and observation have taught the residents of Dawson and the Yukon that no idle orders ever emanate from the police department of the Dominion government.

Already the vanguard orders have been issued notifying lewd women to vacate from within the confines of the city by May 1st. Open gambling has been considered with the result that by June 1st it must be discontinued, and when that is done the small army of "boosters" and hangers on around gaming tables must needs seek pastures new, go honestly to work or they will be provided with the same by the government in its wood yard.

Dave Allen—"One-Eyed Riley"—has been notified to secure honorable employment or get out of the Yukon within one week, and many others of his ilk are on the list and must work or move on. It is also said that many couples unmarried but who are now living together quietly as man and wife must either sacrifice themselves on the altar of conventionality by having the marriage ceremony performed or answer to the law which forbids the leading of such life. When this law is enforced there will be one of two things: wholesale splitting up of alleged families or a boom in the matrimonial market.

### The Ingeniousness of Youth.

A man once came to the conclusion that he had gained all the knowledge that this earth had to impart so, having lost all interest in life he laid himself down to die. While lying on his couch a little girl wishing to take some live coals from one stove to build a fire in another and not finding any means at hand to carry them put a layer of ashes on the palm of her hand and carried the live coals on them to the other stove without burning herself. The man watching the operation, did not think of it himself and when he saw her carry off the coals he immediately arose from his couch convinced that his knowledge was not complete after all.

The youth of Dawson remind one of that story for now that the days are beginning to lengthen and warm a little, crowds of the younger generation may be seen daily coasting on the hillsides where the snow has been packed until it has become as hard and smooth as ice. Some have sleds, some use barrel staves, while the majority have just a piece of tin or flat board, but all sliding down hill and having a "bully good time," as they express it.

## ANOTHER DOG KILLED.

Had Been Bitten 21 Days Previous.

A dog said to belong to the A. C. Co. and one which has had the very best of care all winter, went violently mad Saturday and was killed that evening. The dog was muzzled, therefore he did no damage before being killed. Just three weeks previous to the development of rabies, the dog was bitten by another dog known to be mad. In this case 21 days were required for the disease to develop, the shortest time noted since its outbreak being 17 days. In a few cases it has been 30 days before the disease appears after a dog has been bitten.

### Accident on Chechako.

Tom McNamara and a man called Little Mike met with a serious accident on Williams and Stafford's claim on Chechako Hill yesterday. While being lowered into the drift, the cable which holds the cage slipped, dropping it a considerable distance. The extent of the injuries received could not be learned this afternoon, but it is understood that McNamara's back was injured, while Little Mike was very badly hurt.

## FOR A NEW BOARD OF TRADE

Permanent Organization Effected at a Meeting Last Night.

Officers and Board of Councilmen Elected—Committee on Constitution Appointed.

From Wednesday's Daily  
Although no public call had been issued there was a well attended meeting at the Board of Trade rooms last night, the object being the incorporation of the board which is virtually an entire reorganization.

It was nearly 10 o'clock when the meeting was called to order and its object stated by Secretary F. W. Clayton. W. D. Bruce was elected temporary chairman. The law of Canada providing for the incorporation of such bodies was read by Thos. McGowan. As it was the unanimous opinion that the board should incorporate, steps in that direction were taken by the election of permanent officers for the year.

Mr. Bruce stated that great care should be exercised in the selection of a president who should be a man of large business interests, commercial or industrial, and should be a man who would take a deep interest in the board and in the general welfare of the city and district.

Nominations for president being in order Mr. Barrett, of Barrett & Hull, presented the name of Mr. Fairbanks, of the A. C. Co. Mr. Fairbanks thanked those present for the honor they would confer upon him and respectfully declined to allow his name to come before the meeting. Mr. Barrett then withdrew Mr. Fairbanks' name and substituted that of Edgar A. Mizner, local manager of the A. C. Co. Thos. McGowan moved that nominations close and that the secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for Mr. Mizner.

Falcon Joslin thought the motion somewhat premature. Without any aspersion on Mr. Mizner, whom he was sure would make an efficient president of the board, he favored careful consideration of the matter, as on the interest and activity displayed by the president depends in a large measure the success of the board.

In behalf of Mr. L. R. Fulda, former president of the body, Mr. Clayton said he had expressed himself as unable to longer serve in the capacity of president, but would ever be ready to aid and assist in all the work of the board. Mr. McGowan's motion was at length put and unanimously carried and Mr. Mizner was duly elected.

For vice president Henry S. Macaulay was nominated by Thos. McGowan and, there being no other names presented, on motion, the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for him.

On nomination of E. B. Condon and second of Capt. D. B. Olson, F. W. Clayton was named for secretary and, there being no other nominees, was unanimously elected by ballot.

As the law provides for the regular election of a board of not less than eight councilmen, a motion to fix the number of the local board at eleven prevailed, the following gentlemen being elected:

Falcon Joslin, W. D. Bruce, L. R. Fulda, D. B. Olson, E. B. Condon, J. P. McLennan, Chas. Milne, Thos. McGowan, H. P. Hansen, W. V. Tukey and J. J. Delaney.

A committee on constitution, which will provide for the election of a treasurer, arrange for membership fees, dues, etc., was appointed as follows:

Thos. McGowan, Falcon Joslin, E. B. Condon, W. Germer and E. S. Orr. The committee was instructed to report at 8:30 o'clock on Wednesday night of next week to which time the meeting was adjourned.

## FAREWELL DINNER

Tendered to Jas. F. MacDonald Last Evening.

The friends of Jas. F. MacDonald tendered that gentleman a farewell banquet at the Hotel McDonald last evening. Covers were laid for 24, and at 9 o'clock that number of guests sat down to one of the most sumptuous feasts that ever has graced the board of a Dawson banquet hall. The tables were arrayed in the form of a hollow square and were tastefully decorated. The menu contained every delicacy obtainable in the local markets and the wine list was unexceptionable. J. P. McLennan acted as toast master in

which capacity he proved himself a master indeed.

The following toasts were proposed and responses given as indicated: "The King," R. P. McLennan; "The President of the United States," C. M. Woodworth, response, G. M. Allen; "Our Guest," R. P. McLennan, response James F. MacDonald; "The Ladies," Mr. Thornburn, response Barney Sugrue; "Nova Scotia," C. W. C. Tabor, response Dr. Thompson.

Impromptu speeches and song served to pass the balance of the evening most pleasantly and it was well along toward 3 o'clock this morning when the festivities were finally brought to a close, all the guests joining in wishing Mr. MacDonald a safe journey and speedy return.

The following gentlemen were present:

Sam Stanley, Colin McDonald, Frank McDougall, Dr. Thompson, Wm. McKay, C. W. C. Tabor, Barney Sugrue, Henry Honnen, M. R. Healy, Mr. Thornburn, Mr. McKenzie, J. F. MacDonald, J. P. McLennan, Alex McDonald, Chas McLeod, D. H. McKinnon, R. Gillis, G. M. Allen, C. M. Woodworth, A. D. Williams, Dan Stewart, J. J. Delaney.

### CREEK NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, of 8 Eldorado, were visiting in town last week.

Skiff Mitchell, of Eldorado fame, was in Dawson on business this week.

Miss Ristrom, of Grand Forks, is visiting with friends in Dawson this week.

Mr. J. J. Putro, of 16 Eldorado, made a quick trip to Dawson with his horse and cutter last Saturday.

Mr. E. Floding, of 33 Eldorado, was shaking hands with his Dawson friends last Tuesday.

Messrs. Lewis and Jackson, of Adams Hill are taking pay dirt out of the deepest shaft in the country, where pay is found being 152½ feet deep. Lewis and Jackson will have the biggest dump on Adams Hill the coming spring.

A big stampede occurred from Eldorado to Ophir creek on the night of the 25th. Before any staking was done a meeting was held by those present, and it was agreed to cross cut the creek as early as possible. As all those present were hardworking miners, the question as to whether there is any pay on the creek will soon be determined.

An accident occurred on Mr. Wm. Northrop's claim on American gulch last Thursday which might have terminated more seriously but for the cool headedness of the engineer. Three men were being lowered down a 90-foot shaft immediately after dinner when the pin in the shaft of the brake slipped out. The cage went down with the ordinary speed, but the engineer was powerless to stop it entirely and the boys came down with a thud. Two who stood with their weight on one foot came off with a sprained ankle, while the third was entirely unhurt.

Hundreds of men and women took advantage of the reopening of Bonanza and Eldorado last Monday night. Some came afoot others with dog teams. Five stage loads came to the Forks, cutters were seen flying up and down the road, while many came up by freight teams. Lights could be seen at midnight at almost any of the hills on both limits of Bonanza. As the night was still and there was a moon, many carried candles which would flash up for a short time, just long enough to write name and date on a stake. All night long teams could be heard rushing by the roadhouses.

A sad accident occurred on Stafford and Williams' claim on Chechako Hill last Sunday at 1 p.m. Tom McNamara and Mike Coppin were being lowered with two men at the brake. When half way down the 120-foot shaft, the brake began to slip, and the cage went to the bottom with terrible force. Dr. Edwards, of Grand Forks, was at once summoned, and at 3 o'clock was still working hard over both men. When asked what the boys' chances were he said: "We can only hope for the best, is all I can say at present." Messrs. Stafford and Williams feel the blow more keenly as the men had been sent down to make a few final alterations preparatory to beginning work the following day.

### A Sad Message.

Mr. J. P. Belyea, who for the past 18 months has been employed as driver for one of F. A. Cleveland's teams, received a telegram from his home at Wellington, B. C., containing the sad news of the death of his wife. The shock is very sudden as he had a letter from her not a week since in which no mention of illness was made.

Mrs. Thompson has received new ladies' furnishings over the ice. Second street.

Brewitt makes fine pants. crt

## HAM WAS LOADED

An Idea Imparted by John Gillispie for Thieves.

It will be one month before T. C. Henlon has the opportunity and many more before he has the inclination to try practical joking by attempting to carry off hams from the front of stores. In company with a friend whom he said put him up to it, he caught hold of a ham in front of John Gillispie's store and started off with it. The ham, however, was attached to a wire running through a hole in front of the building and fastened inside. The jar brought the proprietor to the scene, who took Mr. Henlon to the police station where this morning he attempted to pass it off as a joke, but Magistrate Rittledge could not see it that way and gave Mr. Henlon one month at hard labor.

James Walsh was arrested for stealing the package of ladies' clothing from Jas. P. McLennan's store yesterday morning plead guilty to the charge but stated that he was under the influence of liquor at the time, was not accountable for his actions, was sorry that he had done so, as he had nothing to gain by it and everything to lose. The magistrate let him off with two months at hard labor and with instructions to mend his ways after that time.

Harry Williams will be careful hereafter in choosing his friends and transacting business for comparative strangers, for when he was brought before the magistrate this morning charged with stealing three cases of coal oil from the A. E. Co. and selling it to the Salvation Army, and could not produce the friend for whom he was transacting the business and his receipt for the money was produced in evidence against him, the magistrate looked at him pretty severely and said, "I give you four months at hard labor, and see that you leave town immediately thereafter as this petty thieving has got to stop."

### COMING AND GOING.

The Odd Fellows Club will meet in Dr. Cassel's office tonight at 8 o'clock.

Sam Stanley, the genial Eldorado magnate, is spending a few days in Dawson.

Messrs. Lindsay and Brown, of the A. E. Co., are making a little trip on the creeks.

Miss Latimer and Mrs. Turner returned last evening from a two days' visit on the creeks.

Jas. F. McDonald and wife left on the C. D. stage for the outside at 6 o'clock this morning.

A number of people are anticipating the arrival of spring by having the snow shoveled from roofs.

Barney Sugrue, the silver tongued exile from County Cork, is renewing old acquaintances about town.

Fred Lowe the ex-policeman who was taken sick on upper Bonanza was brought into Dawson last evening and is being cared for at the barracks hospital.

Word has been received in Dawson of the death of Rev. J. A. Schulz, a prominent clergyman of Ohio, and a relative of Miss Elizabeth Hartman of this city.

Manager Fulda says the company assayer has made a number of very satisfactory quartz assays of late, and some of which the disappointed prospector has cursed him roundly.

The C. D. Co.'s stage left for Whitehorse this morning carrying Mr. and Mrs. Jas. MacDonald, Mrs. Harry Edwards, Postmaster J. P. Hartman and Mr. M. D. McLennan as passengers.

A jolly party consisting of Judge Dugas, Gold Commissioner Senkler, Capt. Bliss and Attorney J. B. Pattullo left yesterday morning for a tour of the creeks. Before leaving the entire party denied knowledge of all stampedes.

The fire department made a pretty run to Seventh avenue and Second street this forenoon where the roof of a cabin occupied by Mrs. Wilson was on fire. The hose was laid at a 2:40 gait and the water followed two seconds later. However, the chemical engine did the work and but little damage was sustained.

Mr. and Mrs. Falcon Joslin returned a few days ago from an extended visit to the outside, including a lengthy sojourn at their old home, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Joslin's health is not so good as his friends hoped he would bring back, but when fully rested from the effects of the tedious journey over the ice, he will probably be much better.

### Travel is Light.

While there are a few going to and coming from the outside over the ice every day, there is not nearly so much travel this year as at the corresponding time last. Then hundreds of teams were en route in with supplies of all kinds while now the number of articles being freighted over the ice is very limited. The number of people going outside this year is many times less than last, this latter fact being due to the general full supply of all kinds of stock brought in last fall.

### Everything Looking Green.

The proprietor excepted, everything in the Standard library is assuming green look as in dozens of small boxes, flower pots, tin buckets, pans and other vessels plants are growing, tender shoots are peeping through moist soil and on every hand is evidence of coming beauty and fragrance. From one flower pot the tender shoot of a bulrush of the same variety that surrounded Moses when Pharaoh's daughter went out for her morning's morning, towers upward 24 inches from a bulb planted only eight weeks ago. Mr. Horkan takes great pride in and care of his plants and in a few weeks the Standard Library will be a palace of delight, beauty and fragrance.

### The Weather.

For the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning the minimum temperature was 31 degrees below zero and the maximum was 1 degree below.

Robinson the tailor from Vancouver, will leave in a few days; order your spring suit and you will get up-to-date clothes. Room 10, Hotel McDonald.

Fine fresh meats at Murphy Bros., Third street.

Plenty choice fresh vegetables at Meeker's.

Lined meal, 20c at Meeker's.

Fresh cabbage at Denver Market.

Local dealers report that hay and oats have taken a jump, the latter being particularly firm.

Hay, oats and chopped feed. Meeker.

Beef, chechako, 33c by the side, at P. O. Market, Third street.

For choice meats go to the Denver Market.

Up-river frozen fresh eggs. Meeker.

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...EAT FISH...  
Mackerel  
Salmon Bellies  
Cod Fish  
Red Herring (free the Dec.)  
Tinned Salmon  
Tinned Halibut  
Tinned Haddock  
Tinned Herring (kippered)  
Tinned Herring (tomato sauce)  
Tinned Clams  
Tinned Lobsters  
Tinned Shrimps  
Tinned Oysters  
Tinned Sardines  
Tinned Kipperettes  
Bottled Anchovies

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