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ON TO PRETORIA

Roberts Has Advanced 53 Miles North of Bloemfontein Without Opposition.

HUNTER WILL RELIEVE MAFEKING.

Besieged City Will Be Reached by Queen's Birthday.

A TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Alaska Bill Presses U. S. Senate—Dole Appointed Governor of Hawaii.

From Saturday's Daily.
London, May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—Gen. Roberts has completed all arrangements for the advance into the Transvaal and his first column is now 53 miles north of Bloemfontein. But little opposition has thus far been encountered and no important engagements are anticipated until Kronstad is reached. At the latter point, where the Boers are known to have constructed strong entrenchments, the first effective resistance is expected. The advance will be continued until Kronstad is reached.

To Garrison Wepener.

London, May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—The town of Wepener which was relieved from siege by the Boers has been garrisoned by a strong British force. Wepener is an important strategic point and no risks will be taken of it again falling into the hands of the

enemy. Brabant's division has now reached a point 20 miles from Wepener and at last advices was confronted by a large Boer force. News of an engagement is expected shortly.

Sandon in Ashes.

Victoria, May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—The town of Sandon in the Slovan country has been visited by a disastrous conflagration which almost wiped the town out of existence. Nearly every building in the town was destroyed, including the depot. As a result of the fire 1200 people are homeless. The loss will reach \$1,000,00.

Before the House.

Washington, D. C., May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—The Alaska bill has passed the senate and is now before the house.

The sections of the bill dealing with the administration of affairs at Nome have been the subjects of much discussion in the house. It is not probable that the alien amendment will be restored. The control of dredging in the ocean below low water mark will be left in the hands of the secretary of war.

To Govern Hawaii.

Washington, D. C., May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—The president has nominated Samuel B. Dole to be governor of Hawaii, and Henry E. Cooper to be secretary of the islands.

Utah Disaster.

Salt Lake, May 5, via Skagway, May 12.—The greatest funeral train ever seen in the western part of America arrived here this morning bringing the bodies of the victims who perished in the recent disaster at Schofield. Thirty-five cars were attached to the funeral train, the arrival of which was witnessed by thousands. Subscriptions are pouring in from all sides to aid the families of the men who lost their lives.

Relief Approaching Mafeking.

London, May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—Hunter's column which is marching to the relief of Mafeking has crossed the Vaal river and he is expected to accomplish the object for which he has been sent before the 24th inst.

Few Scows Lost.

Many scows were stranded at various points up the river last fall and it was generally expected that when the ice went out there would be a steady procession of derelict craft float by the city for some days. The fact is, however, that very few scows or boats either have drifted by town, which indicates that the owners, in most cases have taken precautions to insure their safety.

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POLICE COURT

Magistrate Primrose Holds a Busy and Important Session This Morning.

MERCHANT-COFFEY STABBING CASE

Taken Under Advisement by the Court.

A. F. HOLLOWAY IN TROUBLE

Charged With Misappropriating Money—Several Cases of Minor Importance.

Another null house greeted Police Magistrate Primrose this morning on the opening of his court.

The first case was against Clara Holmes, of "Shady street," who was charged with having imbibed too freely of the compound fluid extract known as hootch. In the goodness of her heart Clara went to the guardhouse yesterday evening to bail out her friend who had been run in for drunkenness. But when she reached that place, her own load was more than she could comfortably manage, with the result that she was given a room "Hotel de Stripe" until this morning. When asked to plead, she pleaded guilty to her friend's being drunk but opined that she had not been very full herself. A fine of \$10 and costs or 20 days imprisonment was imposed and with a sigh that would have brought tears to the eyes of Needles, Col. Clara said she had no money, and was taken back to the guard room where her position was later relieved by friends.

Ben Everson, a man who would register "six feet four" in the shade, was fined \$5 and costs for cultivating a lurid jag. He is the "friend" whom the unfortunate Clara had been trying to bail out, when her disaster overtook her.

Four gamblers pleaded guilty to having no peaceful calling or profession and paid \$50 and costs each.

With that eclat seldom noticed outside of circles frequented by Oriental nabobs, Caddie Boyle swept into court, plead guilty to the charge of keeping a house of prostitution, paid \$50 and costs and swept out of court.

Jack Merchant, who is charged with having stabbed Chas. M. Coffey during a fracas in the Aurora gambling room on April 19th, was arraigned and through his attorney plead not guilty. All the witnesses for the prosecution were excluded and brought in one at a time. Sergeant Wilson ably conducted the case, for the queen, his first witness being Coffey, upon whom the wounds were inflicted. The substance of Coffey's story was that he had met Merchant for the first time in the Northern Annex on the morning of the trouble; that Merchant was playing faro; that later Coffey played some checks for Merchant to the value of \$6 or \$7 and won \$40, when Merchant told him to cash in, which he did, giving Merchant \$20 in cash; that they two, with Chris Ranke, then stepped out and started up the street; that Merchant took the crowd into the Pioneer where they all took a drink; that they went into the Aurora and Coffey and Ranke stopped at the bar and had a drink, but Merchant walked on back to the gambling room; that he (Coffey) and Ranke went on back when he (Coffey) said to Merchant, "You should have been in on that drink;" that Merchant said "I don't care to drink with you," and other insulting words; that he (Coffey) then started for Merchant to slap his face; that they mixed up and he bit Merchant four or five times and that during the mixup he felt a sharp sting in his shoulder and knew Merchant had cut him. He remembered looking at

the wound on his stomach and feeling pain from the one under his left arm. He went to the doctor's office upstairs and remembered of the doctor sewing up his wounds, but it was all like a dream. On cross examination Coffey admitted being the aggressor in the trouble. He did not see a knife in Merchant's hand.

Chris Ranke, who was with Coffey all the time the latter had been in Merchant's company, gave virtually the same account of the story as did Coffey. This witness was concise in his statement and gave a very careful review of what occurred as he had witnessed. He did not see a knife.

J. A. Campbell, cashier at the Aurora, testified to being present when the trouble occurred, his first knowledge of it being when he saw the two men scuffling; then he stepped out from his desk and separated them, but saw no knife in Merchant's hand.

Dr. Good testified as to the nature of Coffey's wounds which he had dressed.

Constable Stutt, who arrested Merchant, testified that on his way to the barracks with the prisoner the latter had, regardless of warning, persisted in talking about the matter; that he (Merchant) had said "I did it, but he was coming at me;" that when asked for the knife Merchant had taken from his pocket an ordinary three-blade knife and given it to him; that there was blood on the largest blade. The knife which had been sealed up in an envelope, was produced and identified by Constable Stutt as the one prisoner had given him. There were traces of blood on the knife this morning.

Without offering any defense, Merchant's attorney offered to enter a plea of guilty to aggravated assault. Without committing himself to an opinion, the court took the matter under advisement until Monday morning. The prisoner was returned to jail.

A. F. Holloway was arrested yesterday charged by A. P. Langdon with stealing \$135. Holloway plead not guilty, but said he had sold to Mrs. Houston for Langdon two cases of eggs for which he collected \$135, which he had lost before he could turn it over to the owner. He did not state through which particular avenue the money had escaped, but said he was ready to make good the amount. The court gave him until Monday to show in what manner he lost the money. In the meantime Holloway is held in jail, from which a \$2000 bond will extricate him.

Territorial Court.

The peremptory list of cases, the trial of which will commence on Tuesday, is as follows:

Rogers vs. Reed; Matheson vs. Hamilton, Hamilton and Boheman vs. Morrison and McDonald; John McDonald vs. Morrison and McDonald; Fearon vs. Morrison and McDonald; Ryan and McDonald vs. Ellis, Webb et al. vs. Ballard et al.; McDonald vs. Miner; Lind vs. Creall et al.; McKay vs. Aurora Dock Co.; O'Brien vs. Greenfield; Macfarlane vs. Curry; Gaisford vs. Carroll, et al.; Woodward vs. Bowie; Craig and Wadell vs. Wilkins and Wickry.

Williamson Detained Here.

Last evening a writ of capias was issued at the instance of Alexander Gillis against W. J. Williamson, and the latter, who was about to depart for Cape Nome in a small boat, is detained in Dawson. The amount involved in dispute is \$750; and Williamson secured his release from custody by depositing this sum of money in court to insure his presence when required.

Removal Notice.

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The Florence S. Passed Selkirk—Flora Expected—Closset Not at Stewart—Three Boats With Mail.

At 9 o'clock this morning the steamer Florence S. went past Selkirk under a full head of steam and with clear sailing ahead all the way down the river.

The Flora had not arrived at that point up to 10 o'clock, but was expected every moment. The steamer Closset was not sighted at Stewart up to 10 a. m.; she is also expected to swing around the bend every moment.

The steamer Sybil leaves lower Lebarge on next Monday morning carrying mail. This makes three steamers with mail aboard which will arrive in Dawson within the next few days, the Sybil, Closset and Flora.

The Flora is in charge of Capt. Martineau, probably the most skillful navigator on the Yukon. It was he who last spring swam Thirty-mile river with a rope tied around his body, and by his skill and daring brought the Flora into Dawson the first of the season. It is said of him that if he cannot find a channel he will jump the jam or crowd on a full head of steam and shoot under the ice, effecting the journey in that or any other way to get through.

Two immense ice jams were formed yesterday near Ogilvie, one above and the other below that point. They remained intact all night and covered an area of a number of miles up and down the river. At 10 o'clock this morning the upper jam broke away, the river falling with tremendous force and carrying immense quantities of ice. This vast sea of ice, upon striking the lower jam tore its way through and started all in motion. The river at the present writing—11 a. m.—is filled with ice from bank to bank below Ogilvie and will arrive at Dawson if it does not jam again about 8:30 tonight. It would be to the interest of all who have crafts on the river bank to see that they are properly protected and secured, as an immense flow of ice is expected as well as a considerable raise in the river.

Ice Depot.

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SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1900.

From Saturday's Daily. SMALL DEBTS.

The recommendation made by Commissioner Ogilvie, respecting the collection of small debts, is something to which prompt consideration may well be given.

Under existing conditions, the jurisdiction of the police magistrates is so limited, and resort to the higher court so expensive, that the collection of small debts, other than wages, is a practical impossibility.

Attorneys in Dawson are a decidedly expensive luxury, and when a man, who has a fifty-dollar account to collect, discovers what the employment of legal talent to conduct his case means, he generally concludes that he will be making money by presenting his debtor with a receipted bill.

If he attempts to handle his own cause, he will more than likely become convinced of the fact that he has a fool for a client. Resort to garnishment and similar processes of law is unsatisfactory, and often inequitable and expensive as well.

Some means should be found whereby creditors for small amounts, whether they be in the nature of claims for wages or other considerations, may secure quick adjustment of their business at the very minimum of expense to both parties.

WHAT IS BEFORE HIM.

Gen. Roberts has before him more difficult problems to solve before he leads his army into Pretoria than any that have thus far confronted him.

It must be remembered that, during the six months which the war has thus far continued, no battles have been fought within the borders of the Transvaal proper. The relief of Ladysmith and Kimberly and the capture of Cronje's army are the important results which thus far have attained from the campaign. But to accomplish what has been done, required that twice as much time should be consumed, and three times the number of men employed than were included in the original estimates of what would be required to bring the war to a successful issue.

Aside from effecting the relief of the little town of Mafeking, it is presumed that Roberts' next move will be an advance in the direction of Pretoria.

The first point at which any considerable resistance will be encountered is at Kroonstad, on the line of the railroad running up from Bloemfontein to Johannesburg. From the former point to Kroonstad is a distance of 70 miles, and from Kroonstad to the Vaal river is 30 miles.

The country from Kroonstad to the Vaal is rolling and broken in nature, and is covered with a network of fortifications similar to those which Gen. Buller encountered in endeavoring to effect the relief of Ladysmith.

The time which has elapsed since Bloemfontein was taken has enabled the Boers to strengthen their fortifications and bring up fresh stores of arms and supplies. It is apparent, therefore, that a difficult campaign confronts Lord Roberts before he will be enabled to cross the Vaal river and begin operations within the borders of Kruger's domain. When the passage of the Vaal has been forced, the Boers, according to the most reliable information at hand, will in all probability concentrate at Pretoria for a final stand.

All authorities agree that the Boer capital is so protected, by the nature of the adjacent country and the miles and miles of trenches and fortifications with which it is surrounded, that a siege must, at best, be a prolonged affair. These circumstances, doubtless, account in part for the delays in Roberts' advance, which have occasioned so much harsh criticism from the English press.

The problem is a greater one than anyone conceived at the outbreak of hostilities. The commanding general doubtless comprehends the necessities of the situation more fully even than the London newspapers, and the care with which he is proceeding makes it evident that he realizes the serious nature of the task in front of him, and proposes to make no false steps.

UNCLE SAM PROSPEROUS.

The croak of the croaker and the yawn of the yawner are not now heard in the land. Everywhere the people have money, and they are spending it with a freedom that betokens unshaken confidence in the continuation of prosperity. The good people of Kansas, the state of chronic ailments, have money to pay off mortgages, and the most poverty-cursed section of the country is buying tid-bits. Prosperity, big, broad and all-pervasive, oppresses the country from ocean to ocean and from border line to border line. Everybody is happy, merry, and has money.

Every merchant and dealer reports that his sales exceed anything ever known in his business experience. The general inquiry is for good qualities of everything. Cheap and tawdry stuffs are not attractive this year, because even the commonly poor have the price to pay for the best.

We like to enjoy our good times while they are upon us, and not to anticipate misfortunes of the unknown future. It is good for the people to spend their money. Spending money freely keeps the circulation quick and vigorous. It is only when money is locked up and hoarded that panics come on. We have the money—plenty of it—and we are spending it as becomes a prosperous people.—Detroit Journal.

Two Men in a Boat.

Two men were observed yesterday afternoon at the mouth of the Klondike making an attempt to pole up the river against the swift current. Their efforts were not successful from the start as they were repeatedly backed down the river, and in one instance narrowly escaped being precipitated into the rushing torrent. By creeping close along the bank, however, they succeeded in accomplishing their purpose, to the satisfaction of hundreds of people who watched their battle with the flood.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN

It is good to the eye to see the people of all walks in life rallying to the call for aid at Ottawa where hundreds of men and helpless children have had their homes and their all swept away by the flames. The free, lavish manner in which Dawson always responds to calls for charity is admirable, and is probably not excelled on the American continent. Five dollars constitute an insignificant sum in the eyes of the average resident of the Yukon; but on the outside \$5 will buy a wagonload of provisions or pay nearly a month's rent or outfit a child in comfortable clothes. The Stroller is glad to know that Ottawa's appeal for aid will be responded to most liberally.

Now, while on the subject of charity, why would it not be in a most praiseworthy cause to continue in the good work and send a mite to the many widows and children at Schofield, Utah, who were recently deprived of husbands, fathers, brothers and sons, the bread-providers of the many families, by a most terrible explosion? These widows and orphans are also subjects for consideration at the hands of charitably disposed people, and it is gratifying to know that, like the fire sufferers of Ottawa, the bereaved town of Schofield in which the hand of death has been laid on nearly every household, is receiving aid from all over the country. Let Dawson do her share in both cases. The Stroller believes she will.

"Am I going to Nome? No, I rather guess not; I would go in a minute but I can't get the old woman away from Dawson."

The speaker was a man past the meridian of life, and so far as being of any good to himself or anybody else goes, is probably the most no-account man who ever came to Dawson. When asked why his old woman disliked leaving Dawson, he said:

"Me and that woman hays knocked around all the minin' camps in the west during the past 25 years, me gamblin' and her a-takin' in washin' and doin' other things to amuse herself; and up to the time we reached Dawson 20 months ago, I reckon a month never passed without me lickin' her with a trunk strap or anything else that was handy. Well, a few weeks after we landed here I gave her the usual dressin' and b'gosh, I sawed wood for the next 90 days. Since then I dasn't touch her, and as the gal is dead stuck on me when I don't lick her, she is determined to stay right here, for she knows I'll never touch her as long as I'm within 1000 miles of that woodpile; and she also knows that, unless she digs up the fare, I can't get out of the country. Now, you know why I am not goin' to Nome."

The old saying, "A fool for luck," was verified the other evening when the river was full of running ice at which time a West Dawsonite conceived a sudden notion to come across the river to see if there was any mail for himself at the postoffice; at an hour after that institution is closed, and just as if anybody would write to such a chump. For the sole reason that the Lord is especially kind to the feeble-minded, the man actually got safely over, much to the disgust of many who thought the fool-hardy effort should have at least been rewarded with a bath in the icy waters.

"It may be only a coincidence, but it looks like a natural consequence."
"To what do you refer," asked the Stroller of the Dawson attorney who made the above remark.

"Why, to this mess that has been stirred up in the assistant gold commissioner's office, of course; what else would I refer to than the notorious scandal that everybody is talking about. I say that the fact of the head of the office having ruled out the newspapers less than a month ago, and this affair coming out now with a heaven-reaching odor may be only a coincidence (with emphasis on "may") but it has more the air of a natural consequence than of anything else. We read in biblical lore of those who preferred darkness because their deeds were evil, and what held in those days holds yet in many instances. But then, I am the last man on earth to condemn a fellow being for having his mitt out; especially when the act gives the government the worst of it. However, it is not pleasant to be found out even in defrauding the government. It gives a man a bad aroma which requires years to free him from. This particular case is one of great interest to me and to many of my clients, for if it comes out all right it will be a boon to us in the matter of claim representation."

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THE OLD MAN'S PROPHECY.

John Was Headstrong, and His Father Gave Him the Reins.

How a Love Affair Turned Out to the Satisfaction of All Parties Concerned.

(From Friday's Daily.)

John Asley, Jr., was a tall young man about 22, and as he gazed wrathfully at his father the old man almost quailed before him.

Old John Asley was of the "old school," whatever that may mean, and young John Asley was of the "new school," very new, in fact, went in heavily for athletics, ran up a big bill at college for "dad" to pay and then skipped over to the continent, and there, being up to date, fell in love with a very pretty girl and of course wanted to marry her.

Now, old John Asley not only had no sympathy with his son's matrimonial schemes, but he rather regarded the young man and all his likes and ambitions as altogether, unheard of and therefore dangerous and to be frowned on.

It was natural that he should plan for John to enter his office and learn the ways of business. The old man felt sure it was rank heresy and reckless foolishness to let the boy marry till he had grounded himself in business and its methods. Now the boy wanted to marry Miss Bennett at once and learn the rudiments of business afterward.

This did not suit the old man. He admitted that he would not be so averse to the marriage if the young lady had any money. They discussed the matter some time.

Old John Asley knew that his son had his own stubborn and unresisting temperament, and he changed his tactics. He suggested that John have his aunt ask the girl to a dinner party. John's aunt presided at the few entertainments the old man gave. This was arranged and the invitations dispatched to "Miss Grace Bennett, - Madison avenue, New York."

This was the address she had given John and told him it was a friend's house where she should spend the winter. Her acceptance came by return post.

The evening of the dinner arrived, and the splendid house was decorated and ablaze. John's eyes sparkled when he led Miss Bennett up to introduce her to his father.

"Father, this is Miss Bennett," he said.

He saw his father give the girl a puzzling look and heard him stifle an exclamation of surprise. Then he noticed that the girl was blushing and seemed in some way ill at ease.

"How do you do, Miss Grace?" said his father, with the easy familiarity of an old man. "We are very glad to see you here." Then some one came up, and the girl hurried away.

Several times at dinner John saw his father glance at the girl and then shake with silent laughter. His hot blood decided that his father as ridiculing the girl of his choice, and he determined to call him to account for it.

He drove Miss Bennett to the station to catch the late New York train, and when he got back he found his father still up. The old man became silent and refused him any explanation. All he would say was that if Miss Bennett only had as much money as Alice Cooper he would withdraw all his objections and make John a liberal allowance.

Miss Cooper was a daughter of an ex-president, who, dying, had left his only child, Alice, a large fortune. John had never seen the girl and thought then that he never wanted to.

In the middle of September young John announced that he was going to New York and would like some funds. The money was forthcoming, and the old man even chuckled as he handed John the notes in a way that only made matters worse.

John went to New York, taking his aunt Midnight with him. He was too much attached to the horse to leave him behind and looked forward to some delightful gallops with Miss Bennett.

For two days he hung about the hotel, taming and trying to make up his mind to call on Miss Bennett. One morning he decided to take a ride in the park before breakfast.

Midnight was a handful and needed all his attention for some time. After a good gallop he quieted down and began to act like a rational horse again.

John was walking him along the bridle path and came on a little crowd of persons, including some of the park

workmen and a mounted policeman. Standing near the group was a handsome Kentucky saddler, trembling all over and showing unmistakable signs of having run away. The saddle on him was dripping blood from an inside cut. There was blood on the policeman's arm. His horse was quietly watching the proceedings with mild, steady eyes. He had seen so many similar accidents that it was really quite a bore to him.

John drew Midnight up and tried to get a look at the person they seemed to be bending over. As he pushed his way into the crowd he caught a glimpse of the face and uttered an exclamation of surprise and horror when he saw it was Miss Bennett.

"Do you know this young lady?" asked the policeman.

"Yes," said John. "She is Miss Grace Bennett and lives at —. Is she hurt?"

"That we can't tell for sure till the ambulance and the surgeon come. But we don't think so. They always faint. She is a long time coming to, though." The rubber tired ambulance came silently up, and the surgeon was beside the girl before the vehicle stopped. He made a superficial examination with professional dexterity and said: "This is not the ordinary faint from terror. She must be taken to her home at once or the hospital."

Tenderly she was lifted in and John gave the address. He rode on before to let her aunt know of the mishap. Running up the steps, asked for Mrs. Peters, the girl's aunt.

"Miss Bennett was thrown from her horse, and they are bringing her here in an ambulance. It is nothing serious, I am sure."

"Miss Bennett, Miss Bennett," said the lady. "I don't— or, yes, of course. And are you Mr. Asley?" In the excitement it didn't seem strange to him that she knew who he was at once.

They carried the girl to her room, and inside of half an hour two surgeons and a trained nurse were by her side. The surgeons shook their heads and looked very grave. All attempts to arouse her had failed. She lay in a stupor, and her soft breathing was the only sign of life.

When the surgeons said an operation was necessary, John's hopes fell. Soon another surgeon and another nurse and some suggestive looking boxes and cases arrived. When John tramped the long drawing room waiting for the doctors to come down and tell him if she lived or not. The sickly sweet smell of ether came floating down stairs as the door of the chamber was opened, and he heard a singing voice that he knew uttering meaningless words.

Then the door snut, and as one of the nurses came down he waylaid her. Before he had a chance to ask she told him the young lady was coming out of the ether nicely, and the doctors had found a tiny piece of bone pressing on the brain. But they felt sure she would be all right with care.

All that long afternoon he stayed at the house and hoped he might be of some service. Finally he fell asleep, worn out with all the anxiety and misery. He was awakened by a touch on his shoulder and found his father standing over him. Here was more mystery.

"How's Grace?" he asked.

"Alice is better and will be all right soon. The girl up stairs is Alice Cooper. She was Miss Bennett in Europe to protect herself against a lot of fortune hunters. I knew her when she came to the dinner party and have seen her frequently since her father moved away from our town. But I thought I would let you find out for yourself. I haven't any further objections, and after the wedding we will talk business."

John demanded entrance to the sick-room at once. There was really no proposal, only "Oh, John!" and "Oh, Alice!"—Hartford Times.

Byrnes, the Detective.

"The first time," said the old reporter, "I ever saw Inspector Byrnes—I suppose that, although he became later the head of the police department, people will always call him Inspector Byrnes because fame came to him while he held that rank as the head of the detective bureau—was when he was a captain and in command of the Mercer street police. There had been a murder in his precinct, and I was assigned to report it.

"I went of course first to the police station for what they had gathered there about the case for use as information in writing my story and also as a guide to me in hunting the story up for myself, which I was going to do any way. Different eyes see different things, and there is always something to be gleaned. I met Capt. Byrnes, and when I asked him for something about this case he told me in a quiet sort of way what he had gathered about it.

"At that time I was comparatively new in the business, but I was newspaper man enough to realize almost from

the outset of his statement of the facts that he had, as they say, 'got the story.' He had the facts, all of them. He had covered the ground thoroughly, leaving no lead unexplored. He had got it all. And he had got these facts arranged in order so that they told the story—beginning at the beginning and running along smoothly to the end. It was the story of the case, and that's all there was to it. I went over the ground and saw the people, but all I could add was a touch of color.

"Well, when Byrnes came to be appointed head of the detective bureau it didn't surprise me a bit. I knew he had at least one of the qualifications requisite to success. I suppose that a special talent or genius is required for the making of a great detective, just as a great painter, for instance, or a great writer must have a gift for his work. But whatever genius he may have it is essential to the detective's success that he should have the ability to get the facts in a case and an unflinching persistence that prompts him to get them all. You've got to have the facts to work on, to begin with, and the clew may lie in the slightest and most trivial and seemingly most unimportant of them all. And Byrnes certainly could get the facts."—New York Sun.

Shrewd Reportorial Work.

"I had a narrow call one day," said a young private secretary to a cabinet officer, "which illustrates the fallacy of jumping at conclusions.

"There was a certain departmental secret supposed to be in the keeping of the old man and myself only. To our mutual surprise and to my intense chagrin the whole thing appeared in the columns of a western paper which has a correspondent here. The old man called me in and with a severe look handed me the paper, asking how I accounted for its publication.

"I knew that I had not spoken of it, so my conscience was clear.

"There is but one way to account for it," I answered, "and that is that it is a coincidence."

"A coincidence!" exclaimed my superior, a trifle annoyed. "And how do you account for the 'coincidence,' pray?" He knew that I would cut my right hand off before I would be false in the slightest particular to him.

"Sir," I said, "I was conscious of flushing—'sir, I repeat that I have not spoken a word of this matter to any one, more especially to this correspondent or to any newspaper man. I have given you my word of honor, sir. That has been sufficient in the past on any question."

"And it is now," said the old man quickly. "I beg your pardon, —. I do not doubt your word, but it is a very odd coincidence."

"I was terribly worried over it, as the old man took it much to heart. That evening I hunted up the correspondent, whom I knew well, and asked him how and where he got the facts which formed the basis for the article. He replied that since it was his business to keep himself informed as to all measures, tangible and probable, affecting his community he had conceived the idea which formed the article and which the old man had intended carrying out as soon as a certain appropriation was available. It was of great interest locally and as a matter of news.

"With this idea dimly outlined in his mind he had sought his senator and by judicious questioning had obtained the whole story. Of course the senator was cognizant of the matter, but he had not been thought of. So, you see, it was merely a coincidence. If the correspondent's idea had come to him a week later, the department would have had the reform under way."—Washington Star.

Woes of the Disobedient.

Ethel to her younger brother, who has been whipped—Don't mind, brother, don't mind.

Brother (between sobs)—That's just what I was licked for.—Ohio State Journal.

More Ice Passes.

Members of Dawson's night watch, of whom there are as many as belong to the daylight brigade, say that from 1 until 3 o'clock this morning the river was full of ice. It is not possible that the floating mass could have been the Stewart jam which was still unbroken yesterday afternoon, and which could not have reached this place so soon. The ice seen last night was probably the contents of some slough.

Visited the Creeks.

Capt. Donald B. Olson, manager of the Dawson Electric Light Co., and of the Telephone Co., returned last night from a two days' pedestrianizing over the various creeks, and a visit to Grand Forks in the interests of the latter company. He advises people going to the Forks afoot to take the creek road which he says is in very fair condition for foot travelers; but the ridge road is at present very rough, wet and muddy.

The Klondike Nugget

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AN UNENVIABLE POSITION.

A little less than four weeks ago a mandate was issued by Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell, by virtue of which the local newspapers have since been prevented from publishing the records of transfers and other information of a public nature transacted at the gold commissioner's office. Mr. Bell alleged as a reason for his extraordinary action that he is conducting his office "for the benefit of the public, and against the newspapers."

The assistant commissioner appears to have conceived the idea that, in making public the transactions of his office, the newspapers have in the past worked in direct contrariety to the public weal. We credit Mr. Bell with entire originality in this matter, for we do not believe that any other official in any country ever based such an action upon such grounds.

Yesterday afternoon, as will be found recorded elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget, several arrests were made by the police, based upon allegations of fraudulent transactions on the part of attaches of Mr. Bell's office. It is not our purpose to discuss the merits of these allegations, which undoubtedly will be determined by due process of law.

It is, however, pertinent to inquire if the position taken by Assistant Commissioner Bell has not invited just such violations of law on the part of his subordinates as are set forth in the charges published elsewhere in this paper.

Apparently, Mr. Bell is not cognizant of what is being done in his own office, for we are informed that the charges were investigated and made by the police department, independent of any suggestion or assistance from the assistant commissioner.

Such being the case, we submit to the public that Mr. Bell has taken a position which is not only inimical, but absolutely dangerous, to the public interests, which the assistant commissioner claimed to be protecting when he assumed his stand against the newspapers.

Unfortunately for Mr. Bell, he has placed himself in an extremely unpleasant position. If illegal practices are discovered in his office within so short a time after the issuance of his recent order, the public will naturally connect the two circumstances in a manner which can in no degree reflect credit upon the motive which prompted his action.

Mr. Bell is an appointee of the Ottawa authorities. He is, therefore, not responsible to the people of this territory. He is, however, like every other individual, amenable to the bar of public opinion, and before that tribunal his position today is anything but an enviable one.

A PUBLIC BRIDGE.

The construction of a public bridge across the Klondike, whereby heavy loads of freight may be taken over without resort to ferry boats or pack horses, is an absolute necessity. The council has planned a system of roads leading to the creeks, and that plan has been partially carried into effect. A bridge, which must form the connecting link between the town and the creek trails, should be built at public cost, and without any toll or charge being fixed for its use.

For two years the public has been at the mercy of the toll

bridge and ferry, neither of which is suited to the required purpose, and both of which come under the head of what, from long experience, we have been accustomed in this country to term "grafts." It is time, however, that we outgrew the "graft" stage.

The toll bridge is a relic of what may properly be called the medieval period of Dawson history. It was instituted at a time when "grafts" grew on every tree, and in places where there were no trees they grew on the niggerheads.

Nobody expected then to turn clear around without paying for the privilege, and if one, by mistake, turned around twice, instead of once, he instinctively placed his hand in his pocket to double the original fee.

Two years have passed since that time, and, while it cannot be said that the genus "graft" is completely extinct, it has learned in most cases, at least, not to flaunt itself too freely before the public gaze.

But the toll bridge, despite the disappearance of many of its fellow "grafts," is still with us. It refuses to down, even when threatened by a jam of ice, and doubtless will continue to extend its tentacles after the hard-earned quarters of the people until it is replaced by a suitable structure, built at public expense.

The quicker the last of these reminders of the Yukon middle ages disappears, the better for all parties concerned.

Contracts are being let every day by property owners for the construction of new buildings or for making repairs on old ones.

In fact, it appears as though there will be almost as much building done this spring as last. In view of the fact that the time is now at hand when Dawson is supposed to be ready to migrate en masse to Nome, this circumstance seems rather surprising. It may be, however, that the rush from Dawson to Nome will prove more a matter of supposition than reality. This, we are inclined to believe, will ultimately prove to be the case.

It is a saying, the truth of which has often been proven, that good frequently comes out of evil. It may develop that Mr. Bell's action, in shutting off the records of his office from the press, will result beneficially in the long run. A few more instances, such as occurred yesterday, will serve to reveal a great deal of interesting matter in the assistant commissioner's office, which may work a revolution in the methods which prevail in that department of the federal service.

Yesterday afternoon the first steamer of the season came up the water front, under a full head of steam. Notwithstanding the fact that the distance covered by the boat was included within the limits of the town front, the event furnished a sight which was good for sore eyes to look upon. In a very few more days the first boat will be in from Lake Lebarge, at which time navigation for the season may authoritatively be said to have opened.

Men are coming down from the creeks every day, bringing with them the fruits of their winter's labor at the diggings. The Klondike harvest season will be on in full swing very shortly, and all indications point to a yield as great, if not greater than has been realized in any past season.

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St. Michael
Andreofsky
Anvik
Nulato
Tanana
Minook (Rampart)
Fort Hamlin
Circle City
Eagle City

Koyukuk District
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Bergman
Yukon Territory
Fortymile
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SERIOUS CHARGE

Against Wm. Struthers, Clerk in Office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell.

PREFERRED BY SERGEANT WILSON

Accepting Bribe While in Employ of Government Is Charged.

HELD ON BOND OF \$6,000.

Wm. Brown and R. D. Sutherland Arrested as the Eves That Tempted Adam.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
William Struthers, a young man employed in Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell's office in the capacity of a recorder of bench claims and receiver of affidavits, was arrested yesterday evening on a charge sworn to by Sergeant J. J. Wilson, of the N. W. M. P., of having accepted a bribe while in the employ of the government in a manner which defrauds the said government of its dues.

At about the same time Struthers was taken into custody by the arresting officer, Wm. Brown and R. D. Sutherland were also arrested, the former on the charge of having given compensation to an employe of the government to obtain a grant to a mining claim contrary to the statutes of the Dominion of Canada, the latter on the charge of complicity in giving compensation to such government employe.

All three of the men were taken to the guard house, but at a late hour Struthers was released on bond until 10 o'clock this morning, the bond being indorsed by himself to the amount of \$5000 and by H. Feney and W. V. Somerville to the amount of \$3000 each. Brown and Sutherland passed the night in jail. When the police court opened at 10 o'clock this morning Struthers was on hand with an attorney. Sergeant Wilson the prosecuting witness, stated that he wished the case enlarged until tomorrow morning in order that further evidence may be gathered. Struthers' attorney at first demurred to the date being fixed on tomorrow and asked that it be made for next Tuesday; he also asked that the bond be materially reduced. Sergeant Wilson objected to the bond being reduced and informed the court that during the day another and more serious charge would be preferred against Struthers. It was finally agreed to fix the date of enlargement at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Magistrate Primrose stated that as it was only a preliminary hearing he deemed it proper to make the bond sufficiently heavy to insure the appearance of the accused, therefore no reduction in the amount previously fixed was made. As the bondsmen who had stood for the prisoner over night were not in court this morning, he was taken to jail; but later today the bondsmen appeared and qualified, when the prisoner was allowed to go until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

William Brown and R. D. Sutherland were arraigned on the respective charges above stated; but at the request of the prosecuting witness, Sergeant Wilson, both cases were continued until tomorrow at 11 o'clock. Both men were escorted to the jail where they are now confined. Two additional charges, one of forgery and one of perjury, have been made against Brown, while it is not known that Sutherland will be charged with other than complicity in bribing an employe of the government.

Sergeant Wilson is reticent in talking of the matter, but assumes an air of confidence that is suggestive that he knows what he is doing.

The Nugget refrains to-day from giving what are purported to be the facts in the case, all of which will be brought out in the preliminary hearing tomorrow forenoon, further than to state that the money alleged to have been accepted as a bribe was paid to Struthers that the records might be made to show that regular representation work had been performed on a certain claim on Lovett gulch, which records, it is alleged

would show the claim to be represented up to October 23d, 1901.

William Struthers came here last year from Stratford, a small town near Toronto, and has since filled the responsible position above mentioned in the office of the gold commissioner.

William Brown has for some time been in the employ of Dr. McFarlane as sort of general factotum.

R. D. Sutherland has been here some time and has been a broker in a small way.

Sunday Night's Entertainment.

The entertainment to be given Sunday night at the Palace Grand for the benefit of the Ottawa sufferers promises to be all that it can possibly be made by the committee in charge, which is sparing no efforts in its behalf. The very best talent in the city has been secured and it will be one of the most diversified and enjoyable productions ever witnessed in Dawson. Talent has gladly been volunteered from all quarters and a most excellent program has been prepared.

The committee had another meeting last night when all details previously omitted were arranged and there now remains but little to do but await the event. Nearly all the boxes have been already engaged and other reserved seats are being rapidly taken, and long before the coming of the date it is probable that every seat in the commodious building will be sold.

The talent which will supply the entertainment has been selected with the greatest of care, and each member whose name will appear on the program is making special efforts to outshine all previous triumphs.

Among the stars who will take part are the following: O'Brien, Jennings & O'Brien, Blossom and Boardman, drill squadron from the Yukon field force, Miss Tracie, Miss Lorne, Mr. Zimmerman and a splendid orchestra of 30 pieces under the leadership of Sergeant McKinnon.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

The most important matter before Magistrate Primrose this morning was the arraignment of William Struthers of the assistant gold commissioner's office, on the charge of having accepted a bribe, together with the arraignment of Wm. Brown and R. D. Sutherland on the charge of having offered and given a bribe to a government employe, of which more extended mention is made elsewhere in this paper.

Alfred Peyton was up on the charge of having been drunk last night. When asked to plead he said: "I was born in Canada, but am a naturalized American citizen." As it was evident that he had not reached the dark-brown tawny stage he was remanded back to jail until such time as he becomes sufficiently sober to plead, which will probably be this afternoon.

Wm. Joel, accused of having stolen gold dust to the value of \$16.35 from a claim which is or was the property of the London Klondike Co., which claim is now the subject of more or less litigation, and on which Mr. Joel has acted as a representative of some of the owners, was represented by Attorney Aikman, who, when the case was continued until Tuesday morning, insisted that the amount of the bond should be reduced, but the court allowed it to remain at \$1000, which bond was readily furnished by friends of the accused.

An ex-dishwasher at the ex-Faust restaurant had a claim against that establishment for 2 1/2 days' labor, based on a rate of \$20 per week. The defense failed to appear and the judgment was given for \$7.

The case of Mrs. Sucerne against A. Matheson for labor performed as cook at his claim, was continued until tomorrow morning.

The cases of Stephen McCormack vs. S. J. Thompson for labor performed on 15 below upper on Dominion for \$376, and Geo. W. Durkee vs. same for labor on same claim to the amount of \$40, were continued until Tuesday.

Sam and John Bonfield, against whom judgment was given some days ago for \$484 in favor of Chas. Conovan, filed an appeal bond and the case is held over to the territorial court.

At the session of the court held yesterday afternoon Patrick O'Shea was fined \$5 and costs for being in such condition as caused him to walk port and starboard at the same time.

Three of the three score or more women whose dens of iniquity are on Fourth and Fifth avenues were up on the charge of conducting houses of prostitution and were each fined \$50 and costs.

Territorial Court.

This morning, Justice Dugas was occupied in hearing testimony in the case of the Queen vs. Frank J. Golden, accused of the misappropriation of personal property. The evidence exonerated the accused of any intent to commit a crime, and he was honorably discharged.

Patrick J. Sheehan, convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses, will be sentenced at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning.

The trial of the action of the Queen vs. Sarah J. Showers, accused of arson, has been postponed to June 4th.

Carbon paper for safe at the Nugget office.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Are Still Subjected to Concealment By Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell.

STRICT SECRECY IS MAINTAINED

Respecting the Transaction of Official Business.

POSITION IS NOT INDORSED.

Members of the Yukon Council Do Not Attempt to Excuse the Conduct of Bell.

Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell still persists in the enforcement of the order, which he issued some time ago to the effect that representatives of the press be refused all information respecting the transaction of official business in his particular department. Strict secrecy is maintained in regard to placer and quartz grants, water applications and grants, and transfers of mining interests. Indeed, this most important office in the territory is conducted as mysteriously as it was in the halcyon days of the Fawcett administration.

The present incumbent is aware that the records of his department are public, and he endeavors to avoid criticism by asserting that every detail respecting his public trust is entered in certain books, called registers, which are open to the inspection of anyone.

It is practically impossible to ascertain any information from an examination of these registers; for the books are so voluminous and the contents so arranged that even an employe of the office cannot make an intelligent search unless his efforts are directed by references to index books, which are closed to the inspection of the public. There are about 25 registers, each of which is comprised of about 800 pages. Separate books are used for the different creeks; for instance all entries in reference to claims on Sulphur are made in a certain register which is devoted exclusively to the record of this particular creek. In some instances one creek requires several books; this is true of Dominion, the records of which are entered in five different books, each of which contains at least 800 pages.

As a general rule, a single page is given to each claim, and every transaction is recorded on the particular page which has been allotted to the respective claim. Transfers which affect different claims are recorded on different pages; and if the properties are located on separate creeks the assignments are entered in separate registers. If the owner of No. 12 below on Gold Run should dispose of a fourth interest in his grant the transfer would be recorded in the Gold Run register on the special page which has been assigned to creek claim No. 12. If at the same time, the same man should sell an interest in property on Hunker, the latter sale would be entered in the Hunker register. Thus, it can be readily seen, that in order to obtain a list of the transfers for any particular day, it would be necessary to examine every page in all the registers—an amount of labor which would require a month to perform.

The index, which is on the front page of each register, refers only to claims, and not to the particular sort of record which is entered, nor to the individuals who are interested in the transaction. For instance, a portion of the index to the Sulphur register is as follows: Sulphur creek claims, below discovery, pages 1 to 101. Sulphur creek claims, above discovery, pages 101 to 158. Tributary entering Sulphur at No. 2 below, left limit, pages 159 to 162. Tributary entering Sulphur at 46 below, pages 163 to 168. Tributary entering Sulphur at 59 below, pages 169 to 174.

In this manner, all the creek, hillside and beach claims of Sulphur and its tributaries are indexed.

In addition to these registers, in which are entered everything, there are

other record books which are used for special purposes, and which refer to the general registers. Transfers of title, besides being entered in the registers, are recorded in a book which is designated as the transfer book; likewise with grants, representation and so forth. The public is not permitted to examine these special books, which are the only ones that are used by officials and government employes when they desire information respecting the transaction of business in the gold commissioner's office. Assistant Commissioner Bell refers the public and the press to voluminous books of record, which were never intended for casual inspection, and from which it is impossible to ascertain by ordinary examination any fact in connection with routine business.

Mr. Bell has not been successful in his effort to delude the people into the belief that his reprehensible actions are excusable; even his official associates do not endeavor to palliate his conduct. A representative of the Nugget interviewed the members of the Yukon Council; and not one of the gentlemen attempted to support the assistant gold commissioner in his secret treatment of the records of the most important office in this territory.

Gov. Ogilvie, when questioned concerning the matter said: "I do not care to pass any opinion concerning Mr. Bell nor his management of the gold commissioner's office. I am unacquainted with all the particular facts; but I understand that the registers are open to the public."

Justice Dugas replied: "I have nothing to say. My own business occupies all my time, and I do not feel disposed to pay attention to the duties of other officials."

Gold Commissioner Senkler answered: "I decline to be quoted. Mr. Bell has absolute charge of his particular department, and I have no right to criticize the management of his own official affairs."

Mr. Clement said: "I am not going to discuss the action of the assistant gold commissioner. Concerning his conduct, I shall not express an opinion favorable, or otherwise."

Mr. Girouard replied: "The affair is none of my business, and I have nothing to say."

"Are the records, which refer to the titles of land in your office open to the inspection of the public?" was asked of Mr. Girouard.

"Why, certainly," was his laconic reply.

Officers Elected.

The lady board of managers of the living whist club held a meeting last night when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Alex McDonald; vice-president, Mrs. Lancaster; secretary, Mrs. Davis; treasurer, Mrs. Morrison; advisory board, Mesdames Sale, Turner, Wheeler, Agnew, McNeil, Boyker, West, Marsden, Misses Hughes and Croft.

The great tournament takes place on the evenings of the 22d, 23d and 24th of this month. The person taking the greatest number of tricks on the three evenings will be presented by Prof. Whitley with a prize which consists of a heart-shaped nugget bearing the words "living whist" and beautifully set with a diamond, garnet and ruby; also with pick and shovel. The beautiful prize is valued at \$150, and can be worn either as a charm or breastpin.

Sluicing Well Under Way.

Dr. L. O. Wilcoxon returned yesterday from a hurried business trip to the Forks and incidentally to some claims where he has interests. On Bonanza he reports the work of sluicing as being well under way, not only on the creek claims, but also on the hillside and benches. On this particular creek there is, says Dr. Wilcoxon, plenty of water for all, and this month will see the greater portion of all the dumps on Bonanza cleaned up. The road from the river to the Forks is reported by the doctor to be in fearful condition for travel, no matter whether it is attempted by horse or on foot.

From another source it is learned that sluicing has not yet begun to any great extent on Dominion, owing to two facts; first, that the dumps are not sufficiently thawed to make any great headway, and second that there is not yet water sufficient to force sluiceheads but a small part of the day. The remedy that will improve one will improve both conditions. But little sluicing has been done on Gold Run, the same conditions existing there as on Dominion. On the majority of the other creeks, however, the work of washing out is being generally carried on with highly satisfactory results.

Consoling Thought.

"Well," said the tramp who had lost both feet in consequence of an accident while stealing a ride on a freight train to the doctor who was bandaging the stumps, "my old dad was wrong when he prophesied I would die some day with my boots on."—Chicago Tribune.

STILL ALIVE

James Rogers' Doctors Say He Has a Fighting Chance for Life.

SOGGS BEFORE CAPTAIN STARNES

Who Journeyed to Cariboo to Hold Preliminary Hearing,

WHICH IS NOT COMPLETED.

Adjourned to Procure Evidence Which Exists on Gold Run—Lang's Story.

The preliminary hearing of Nelson A. Soggs, charged with the shooting of James Rogers on claim 34, Gold Run, on the evening of the 8th instant, was begun at 9:30 o'clock this morning at the mouth of Caribou creek at which place Magistrate Capt. Starnes, who left Dawson yesterday morning, met the prisoner who was brought there from Gold Run by the police.

The first witness called was Henry H. Lang, who was one of several who were present and who saw the shooting, and who was standing on the dump watching the work of cleaning up when Soggs came from his cabin and on to the dump. Witness said that Soggs had stood by the sluice box perhaps three minutes when Rogers came and asked him what he was doing there? Witness did not hear Soggs' reply. Rogers then said "Get to hell out of here," but Soggs did not leave. Rogers said, "You had better go and get a bath," and stepped towards Soggs, and they stood about four feet apart and moved from side to side; Rogers' tone of voice not being threatening. Soggs crossed the sluice box from Rogers, and he saw Rogers' hand touch Soggs' coat. He heard Soggs say "Rogers, keep away from me," several times. Then Rogers put his foot on the sluice box as if to cross it and Soggs drew a revolver from his right hip pocket and fired at Rogers, but missed. The bullet struck the dirt a foot from the feet of witness who, with a two others, was standing 10 feet away and above and in line with Soggs and Rogers, the latter two being face to face and four feet apart at the time the first shot was fired. Rogers dodged and making a quick move, partly fell down when Soggs pulled his gun. Rogers then turned away, his left side and back being towards Soggs who fired three more shots in rapid succession, holding the revolver in both hands. Rogers continued all the time to walk towards his cabin.

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RISE AND FALL OF ONE MAN

How Mr. Brown Got Into and Out of Politics.

He Was Called a Broken-Down Pettifogger and His Wife Put Her Foot Down.

(From Thursday's Daily) "My dear," said Mrs. Thomas Brown, "this is the twelfth anniversary of our wedding day. I believe you had forgotten it."

"Well, I haven't," replied the Hon. Thomas Brown, with a fine show of indignation. "I'm not likely to forget the day when I got you. I remember every detail with perfect clearness."

"What kind of dresses did the bridesmaids wear?" "And," continued Mr. Brown, artfully evading the question, "I'm sure that we have plenty of cause to be thankful and happy. Certainly no man ever had a better wife."

"Thank you, my dear, and come home early tonight, so that we may have a little celebration." After this pleasing episode the Hon. Thomas Brown started down town to his office. On his way to the train he made up his mind that he would send home a basket of fruit and some roses and later in the day he would stop at the jeweler's to look at the bracelet his wife had admired.

It was strange, he reflected, how little happiness some people get out of life. Here was he, still on the sunny side of 40, with a sufficient income, a devoted wife, two beautiful children and not a worry in the world. His place in his profession was assured. His neighbors respected him. He could see no cloud on the horizon of his hopes. He was as near complete contentment as men get.

In the reception room of his office half a dozen men were waiting. He recognized one as a well known politician and greeted him with a somewhat chilly nod as he closed the door of his private room. A clerk, however, followed him and ushered in the delegation.

"We've come," said the spokesman, "to ask you to be our candidate for the state senate."

The Hon. Thomas Brown thanked them and said he had neither the time nor money to spare.

"But it will take hardly any time and less money," was the answer. "You can be elected without a bit of trouble. You know the situation. Now think it over and let us know tomorrow."

As a result of the succeeding excitement, which Mr. Brown could not conceal, at least from himself, he forgot the fruit, the roses and the diamonds. Senator Thomas Brown did have an ear filling sound, as he repeated it under his breath. At 5 o'clock he started to go home. Four professional friends met him at the door. They called him "Senator" and escorted him out to drink his health. It was 7 o'clock before he got out to the South Side.

His wife met him at the door. Her usual placidity was somewhat shaken. "Why, Tom, what's the matter?" she said. "I asked you to get home early and here it is after 7 o'clock and dinner half spoiled."

"I've been asked to run for the senate, my dear," said the Hon. Thomas Brown impressively. "And what did you say?" "Told them I'd give them an answer after I had consulted my wife," said Mr. Brown who had already begun to use the wiles of a politician.

"I hate to think of your going into politics, Tom, and..." "But the senate isn't exactly politics. I am assured that I can be elected with out an effort on my part. If it was going to make any change in our home life, I wouldn't think of it. And, besides, it's my duty, you know. It's my duty to the state. That will probably decide me."

"I thought you were going to consult your wife?" "That's what I'm doing now. If you'll let me go, I'll be back in half an hour. We can talk it over afterward."

The soup was served, when there came a ring at the bell. The maid announced a party of gentlemen to see Mr. Brown.

"Tell them Mr. Brown is at dinner," said his wife, "and ask them to sit down."

"Don't you think I had better go out for a second and see who it is?" interrupted the prospective senator. "It might be somebody from the office on important business, you know." So quickly had the virus of political ambition begun to do its deadly work.

An hour later the Hon. Thomas Brown found the dining room deserted. His indignant wife was up stairs in her sitting room.

"Well, if this is the way you are going to the senate, you will never go with my consent," she broke out. "I heard you telling those men you were always glad and proud to welcome them to your humble home, and then I looked out the window and saw that old Fitzmacher, the saloonkeeper, was at the head of them. If that's politics, I'd rather have the mumps."

"But, you see, Fitzmacher is the member of the city central committee from this ward, and the others are the officers of the ward club. They came over to congratulate me on my candidacy for the senate. I couldn't do less than thank them, could I? They've arranged a mass meeting for this evening to indorse me, and I suppose I'll have to go over and make them a little speech."

"I thought you wouldn't have to turn over your hard?" "Well, you know a candidate is bound to get the indorsement of his home ward. Once I get that fixed up, you'll see there'll be no more trouble."

An hour later Fitzmacher drove up in an old hack, and the Hon. Thomas Brown descended to welcome him. His wife gave him fair warning.

"If you go riding around in the streets with that man, Tom Brown," she called after him down the stairs, "I'll never be seen on the street with you again. What do you suppose the neighbors will say?"

In the gray hours of the early morning the hack again drew up before the house, and Mr. Brown entered his once quiet and happy dwelling. As the door closed a crowd of men and boys, who had followed the hack from the meeting-place, cheered loudly.

It was 9 o'clock before Mr. Brown appeared for breakfast. His wife received him with a pitying smile, in which tears and anger were equally mingled. She laid before him a copy of the Morning Echo and pointed in silence to the headline over an article on the first page. "Tom Brown Out for Senator," it read. "Ridiculous Ambition of a Broken-Down Pettifogger." "Hints of Sensational Exposures to Be Made."

"There," said Mrs. Brown. "Nothing to make any change in our home life, eh? Elected without an effort on your part? Duty to the state? What do you say to that?"

Mr. Brown lost what little appetite he had. He read the article through with anxious care. Then he swore. The children looked up in surprise.

"The doorbell began ringing before 7 o'clock this morning," went on Mrs. Brown. "There was a procession of all sorts of men neither you nor I had ever heard of. They all wanted to see Senator Brown. I want you to sue that newspaper for libel."

"My dear," said the Hon. Thomas Brown, with a weak and pleading smile, "you mustn't let that bother you. Public men, you know are subject to the attacks of the partisan press. Before I forget it, there is one little thing I wanted to speak to you about. You buy your groceries of Hilton do you not? Well, now, just as a favor to me, would you object to changing. You see, Hicks, on the opposite corner, is I find, the president of the Brown club. Don't you think it would be a little pleasanter all around if we patronized him?"

"Mr. Brown," persisted his wife, "will you sue that paper for libel?" "Why, certainly not," was the answer, "but that publication makes it absolutely necessary for me to stay in the fight. If I backed out now, the newspapers would all say that I withdrew under fire. Then I should be a coward. Of course I wish, for your sake, since you feel so bad about it, that I had never been in."

"Well, they can't say your son is a coward, anyway."

"Why, what's the matter?" "He started for school at 8 o'clock this morning, just as he has done for the last two years. He wore a pretty little white waist and red stockings, and I thought he never looked so sweet. Half an hour later he came back. I wish you could have seen the child. He had fought with three big boys, because they said his father was a broken down pettifogger. I've got him in the bedroom now, with witch hazel on his eye."

"Don't you think, Nellie," said Mr. Brown as he got up from the table, "that you could strain a point and buy your groceries from Hicks?"

"I've fixed things so that won't be necessary, I think. I saw enough last night to convince me that you could never stand the strain of a campaign like this. When you came in this morning, I was sure that I was right, and even if you could the rest of us couldn't. So when the callers began to ring the bell at half past six I told them

all that Mr. Brown's physician had forbidden him to accept a nomination. "You did?" "Yes, and then, a little later, the reporters from the afternoon papers called to interview you. I told them all that you had refused to be a candidate, that the state of your health was precarious, and that you were out of politics for good. So you see, after all, it won't be necessary for me to buy my butter from Hicks."—Cincinnati Tribune.

Anxiety Floundering. For the last six months such expressions as "I don't go up the river on the first boat it will be because I'm sick," have been heard every day in this city. Now that three or four of these "first" boats are getting up steam preparatory to sailing, many of these ultra-anxious people are not nearly in so much hurry to get away as they were while yet the bosom of the Yukon was a solid mass of ice. These very people are now heard to say "I find it will not be possible for me to get away before the latter end of the month, and it is extremely doubtful if some of them make up their minds to go before the latter end of the summer if at all this year. However, the first boats to sail, and two or three are arranging to get off Saturday, the 12th, will not go empty by any means; but the majority of those who will leave among the first are men who came in over the ice with merchandise and who, in many instances expected to get out on the ice, but were detained in disposing of the goods and later forced to remain by the early decay of the trail, and who have business demanding their presence on the outside. The bulk of travel up the river will not begin before the completion of the clean-up, which will not be before sometime in June.

Volunteer Militia Company. By the kind permission of Major Fleming, the volunteer company of militia recently organized, will begin its semi-weekly classes for drill on Monday evening next, 14th inst., at 7:30 o'clock sharp, in the barracks square of the Yukon garrison, and will continue on each Monday and Friday evenings at the same hour. Sergeant Instructor Davis has kindly consented to instruct the company. All British subjects are eligible to join, and drill will not be compulsory, as the company is not under military rules and regulations. Additional names will be received by Mr. H. D. Hulme, of Tabor & Hulme, at his office in the Orpheum building; and a full attendance on Monday next is expected.

Following is a list of names of those who have already signed the roll, and length of former service: D. D. Buchanan, 3 years; C. S. W. Barwell, J. N. E. Brown, S. A. Burpe, 3 years; R. L. Cowan, 12 years; W. M. Chandler, 1 year; Fred S. Crisp, George Craig, A. C. Clark, O. S. Finnie, 2 years; J. W. Good, 1 year; F. L. Gwillim, J. H. D. Hulme, 15 years; Chas. W. Hooper, 18 months; Thomas P. Hinto, H. H. Hurdman, 3 years; Andrew Hart, 3 years; E. B. Hegler, A. Keith, F. G. C. Kelly, J. T. C. Laing, J. T. Lithgow, 3 years; M. W. Lewer, 1 year; A. E. Marks, J. H. MacArthur, 2 years; D. A. Matheson, R. R. Murray, 6 years; P. Margatta, A. G. Macdonald, 7 years; Wm. M. McKay, 13 years; Hugh C. McDiarmid, 2 years; David A. McClellan, J. W. Nay, Ed. H. Port, 11 years; W. F. Povah, 3 years; R. A. Runsey, 3 years; H. E. Robertson, Wm. C. Sime, Robt. B. Switzer, 4 1/2 years; E. E. Tiffin, Wm. Thornburn, 2 1/2 years; J. Turner, J. Tyrell, Peter Vachow, H. E. Verge, 6 years; Alfred Watson, William White, 6 months; H. J. Woodside, 10 years; J. H. Walker, J. Wood, 2 years; W. C. Young, 6 years.

Married by Telegraph. Winchester, Ky., April 23.—Miss Lizzie Hummons of this city and Trooper Sam Wheeler at Fort Wingate, N. M., were married yesterday by telegraph.

A year ago both lived in Winchester. Wheeler enlisted in the United States regular army. He was transferred from Ke tucky to New Mexico, was made a trooper in the Ninth cavalry, and was stationed at Fort Wingate. He corresponded with the girl and she promised to go to him and be married. He sent her sufficient money for her railway fare, but Joseph Hummons, the father, refused to let her go. Wheeler tried to secure a parole and failed.

The young soldier confided in Chaplain Forster of the fort. Then the scheme of subjecting electricity to love was thought of. The plan was telegraphed to the sweetheart, and Mr. Hummons, the girl's father, approved it. A through circuit was established over the telegraph company's wires between Fort Wingate and Winchester, 1700 miles apart.

Rev. S. P. Young, of Winchester, officiated for the bride at this end of the wire, and Chaplain Forster acted in a

like capacity for the groom. The only witness was the bride's father, who gave her away over the wire. The ceremony cost the young couple for telegraph tolls \$26.50.

After the ceremony the bride departed for New Mexico.

Yukon Theosophists. The Yukon Theosophical club held its regular weekly meeting last evening. In the absence of the usual leaders and speakers no essay or paper was read, but those present enjoyed an extremely pleasant evening in the free interchange of thought on the merits of theosophical study for its own inherent goodness. All concerned in the belief, based on their individual experience, that every sincere seeker will find the light in direct proportion to the diligence of search, honesty of purpose, and unselfish application of its practical tenets; while blank disappointment and defeated expectations await those who misuse its truths, or abuse its beneficence. Everyone present felt fully repaid for the time and thought given the study during the winter, for the larger spirit of unselfishness they were experiencing, and for the higher aspirations of that universal brotherhood which they were determined to promote, whether here in Dawson, or whether the open Yukon and their destiny might land them.

Yesler Way Double Tracked. Old residents of Seattle will be interested in reading the following bit of information taken from a recent Seattle paper:

A wish the residents on Yesler way have entertained for years was gratified yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when the Seattle City Railway Company began the operation of its double track line on Yesler way. The completion of the double track marks an epoch in the history of street railways in Seattle. The Yesler line is the oldest in operation in the city, and the question of whether or not the original provision in the franchise requiring a double track on both Jackson street and Yesler way has been the theme of many an eloquent debate in the city council.

Last spring, however, the company went before the city council and agreed, in consideration of its franchise being extended to double track both streets, running a cable line on Jackson street. The council extended the franchise, and since that time the company has been hard at work complying with its part of the agreement. The Yesler way division has been completed first, and the work of building an electric line on Jackson street will now be begun. Part of the track for this line has already been laid.

Private Excursions. While the steamboats will all be well patronized on the lower river this season, arrangements are being made by hundreds of men in Dawson for making the trip in small boats, of which there is a large number for sale at very moderate prices. For the first mile up the Klondike river there are probably 1000 small boats suitable to the accommodation of three or four passengers and their baggage, and many of these are now being re-calked and otherwise fitted for the journey on the river as far as Kaltag, which point can be reached long before steamers can get out from the mouth of the river; and many are of the opinion that by leaving Dawson in small boats and floating down the river to Kaltag they can walk across the cutoff and reach Nome several days ahead of those who travel by the steamers. A large fleet of small boats with from two to six or eight passengers each will get off down the river the first of next week.

As to Closing Gambling. The bi-monthly gambling scare is now on, as it has been hinted that an order may be issued that all games must close down. This report is started so often that very little credence is placed in it this time. It has not been in the past, nor is it probable that it is now the policy of the government to kill any golden egg producing poultry; and the gambling fraternity pay into the crown till from \$4000 to \$5000 in cash each month and pay it every month in the year. Another thing: It is very improbable that any local official will delegate to himself the power to make and issue such an important decree without being instructed so to do from the head of the government at Ottawa.

Facts Backed by Figures. The average gas jet consumes five feet of gas per hour. The distance from the farthest point of polar discovery to the pole itself is 460 miles. The average height of the human race is, for men, five feet six inches; for women, five feet two inches. No fewer than 2401 patents have been taken out on processes for making sugar and salt. Under Spanish rule a chief source of income to church and state in the Philippines was a lottery, which yielded \$200,000 per month.

YUKON COUNCIL MEETING.

Will Consider Important Matters This Evening.

Hereafter the Sessions of the Council Will Probably Be Open to the Press and Public.

The Yukon council will convene in regular session this evening, and several important matters will be discussed by the members.

Commissioner Ogilvie has notified his official associates that he will submit for consideration the four following questions:

The advisability of passing a law prohibiting lawyers from accepting interests in claims which are in litigation as payment for legal services.

The passage of an ordinance providing for the quick and inexpensive collection of small debts.

The appropriation of a portion of the local government funds for the relief of sufferers of the Ottawa fire.

The enactment of a regulation permitting representatives of the press to be present at meetings of the council.

It is quite likely that hereafter the sessions of the council will be public, insofar as the transaction of legislative business is concerned. It is reported that Commissioner Ogilvie, justice Douglas, and Mr. Girouard favor open meetings as prevail in the Dominion house of commons.

Sports Committees Meet. An enthusiastic meeting of the above was held in the McDonald hotel last evening, Dr. Duncan in the chair.

The first order of business was the reception of the report of the special committee appointed to prepare a program. This was freely discussed item by item and the following was finally adopted: Mr. George Noble and Frank Johnson were by resolution added to the committee. The meeting also decided that a gold medal be awarded to the competitor gaining the highest number of points in the various events during the day. It was also agreed that all events be open to competition, while the entrance fee and prize moneys will be decided so soon as a report of funds available be sent the committee by the finance committee. No decision was arrived at as to what music would be provided for the day. This matter will come up at the next meeting.

Sergeant Wilson of the town station has very kindly offered to keep the street clear during the horse races. The front street is the only course that can be had for the purpose and to avoid any accidents, the public should assist him by staying on the sidewalks.

The following is the program for the day:

Hook and ladder contest, open; tug of war, turf pulling; putting the shot, running broad jump, running high jump, vaulting with pole, 100 yard race, 220 yard race, 120 yard hurdle race, hop skip and jump, boys' race, under 15; quarter mile walking race, one mile walking race, veterans' race, over 50; miners' pack race quarter mile; 50 pounds sack race, 75 yards; obstacle race, 50 yards; three legged race, 75 yards; quarter mile dash, bicycle, half mile dash, bicycle; quarter mile horse flat race, two out of three heats; half mile horse flat race, dash; half mile mule race, canoe single paddle, canoe double paddle, canoe 1 or paddles.

At a meeting of the finance committee held at the Yukon Club last evening the following gentlemen were elected to canvass the city in sections for subscriptions to the celebration fund: Messrs. T. O'Brien and J. M. Wilson, Klondike and Harper street; Messrs. Binet and Lithgow, Harper street to Second street; Messrs. Lewin and Lroy Tozier, Second street to Third street; Capt. Teacker, Messrs. Jas. McDonald and J. Newton Story, Third street to north end of city.

Jam Broken. The jam at Five Fingers is broken and the ice has gone out at that point. The largest jam which now remains in the river is at Stewart, and that is expected to break shortly. The steamers Flora and Florence S. are en route down the river and will come as rapidly as the prevailing low water and ice jam will permit. Postmaster Hartman, who furnished the Nugget the above information, thinks that the incoming mail has been placed on board one of the boats at Steamboat slough.

Feminine Intuition. "Hattie—I'm sure George loves me and wants me to be his wife." "Ella—Has he told you so?" "Hattie—No; but he has taken such a strong dislike to wamina.—Chicago Tribune.

ALIVE

Doctors Say He Fighting Chance For Life.

CAPTAIN STARNES

to Cariboo to Hold Jury Hearing,

NOT COMPLETED.

Secure Evidence Which Would Run—Lang's Story.

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ON NEXT TUESDAY

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WHILE IN EMPLOY OF GOVERNMENT

In the Office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell.

PROSECUTION IS PREPARING

To Substantiate the Charge—Prosecutor Wade Appearing for the Queen.

(From Friday's Daily.)

All the seats in the police court were filled this morning, the majority of the people present being interested in some way in the case of the Queen against Fred W. Struthers, bench claim recording clerk in the office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell, charged with having accepted a bribe while in the performance of his clerical duties and in the employ of the government which the charge alleges, he defrauded.

When Fred Struthers (who was spoken of in our issue of yesterday as "William" Struthers) was called, he approached the magistrate's table and in answer to the question, "Are you ready to proceed with your hearing," replied in the affirmative.

Crown Prosecutor Wade, who was present in behalf of the queen, asked that the case be continued until Tuesday, at which time the prosecution will be fully prepared to proceed. After considerable comparing of days and dates Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the forenoon was the time fixed by the court for the hearing.

William Brown and R. D. Sutherland, who are charged with offering to Struthers the bribe which he is alleged to have accepted, were also in court, having been brought in from the jail where since their arrest Wednesday evening they have been confined, and each man was represented by an attorney. Their cases were also enlarged until Tuesday morning. The attorneys for the two men made a strong plea for a reduction in the amount of bond required; but the court reiterated his remarks of yesterday to the effect that he did not propose to place the bond so low as to admit of any probability of the men not being present when wanted. The bond was, therefore, allowed to remain the same as fixed yesterday, and the same as required of Fred Struthers, to wit: \$5000 personal bond and \$3000 each from two responsible parties.

As neither Brown nor Sutherland were able to give the bond required, they were taken back to jail. Struthers had one of his bondsmen, H. Peeney, present, and a messenger was sent by him for W. M. Summerville, the other.

During today another and more serious charge, that of forgery, it was said, would be preferred against Struthers, who, it is very apparent, is manfully bearing up under the cloud which hovers over him. He is not over 24 or 25 years of age, and if reports are true, is a young man of rare business instinct, he being said to have acquired interests in 73 mining claims during his brief residence in Dawson, where he has been employed in the office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell.

Was a Chase Call.

Mr. James Holmes, who for some time past has been foreman for Mr. Martyn, managing director of the Klondike government concession at the mouth of Hunker, had a most thrilling experience Wednesday evening which he is not anxious to repeat. While engaged in repairing the tailrace portion of the dam which is 10 feet high and full of water, the two bottom planks of the dam having been broken, making a large aperture through which the water was rushing with great force, Mr. Holmes fell backwards into the dam with such force as caused him to sink below the surface, where he was caught by the suction of escaping water from below and drawn downwards to the break.

Fortunately the aperture was sufficiently large to permit of his body being drawn through into the foaming depths below where, instead of coming to the surface, he was carried beneath a log jam with such force and violence as to dislocate one of his shoulders. During all this rapid "presto change" business, Mr. Holmes, who is 60 years of age, never lost his presence of mind, realizing while under the log jam that if he ever got out he must swim for it. Notwithstanding his crippled shoulder he struck out manfully and succeeded in getting from under the jam and to the surface, where, although the whole experience had been gone through within the space of a minute, he inhaled the most grateful breath of air he ever took in his life. Several men were present when Mr. Holmes fell into the dam and when he emerged from the water several yards below they were still gazing at the spot where he fell in. When seen by them, however, he was soon rescued and taken to a cabin. Dr. Geo. Duncan, of this city, was sent for, leaving Wednesday night at midnight for the bedside of the man who had survived what is probably the most exciting and thrilling adventure ever experienced in the Klondike. After attending the injured shoulder the doctor left his patient resting easily, and, aside from the shoulder, none the worse for his close call.

Territorial Court.

Today Justice Dugas is occupied in hearing the arguments of counsel on legal motions. This morning, a few judgments were rendered by the court. The plaintiff in Byers vs. West secured judgment against the defendant for the amount claimed and costs.

In Connelly vs. Morrison and Hebb, an order was entered for absolute foreclosure.

In Henderson vs. Burns, the plaintiff secured judgment against the defendant.

The injunction against the plaintiff in Erickson vs. Bruest was ordered to be suspended, but the writ, which was issued against the defendant still continues in force.

The motions in McCausland vs. The Parsons Produce Company, and the Bank of British North America vs. the same defendant were continued till Monday.

In Worden vs. Baters, the motion was postponed till Monday; in the meantime the receiver is to retain charge of the property in his custody.

In McKenna vs. Danker, an order was entered appointing a receiver in the cause.

The summons for foreclosure in Doig vs. Anglo-French-Klondike Syndicate was postponed till Monday.

In Law vs. Murphy, a summons was issued confirming the appointment of a receiver.

The motion in Miller vs. Croher has been enlarged for two weeks, and an order was entered continuing the injunction in the meantime.

In Courtney vs. Davis, a motion was made to strike out the appearance of the defendant. Decision reserved.

In Heron vs. Morgan the appearance and defense of the defendant were struck out, and judgment for amount claimed and costs was entered for the plaintiff.

The writ of injunction, issued in the case of McDonald vs. Rice and Stephens, was dissolved.

A motion was made in Hawkins vs. Wright to adopt the arbitrator's report.

In Cashman vs. Senkler, the injunction was continued to Monday.

The motion in Williams vs. Faulkner was enlarged till Monday, and an order was entered continuing the injunction, and receiver in the meantime.

The motion in Dawkins vs. Erickson was withdrawn.

In Hetherington vs. Macpherson, a motion was made to strike out the appearance of the defendant. Taken under advisement.

The trial of the libel case of Joseph A. Clarke vs. H. J. Woodside and Thomas O'Brien has been fixed for June 4th.

Hello! Daily Nugget.

A week ago the Daily Nugget joined the everlasting throng of patrons of the local telephone system and now it is possible for us to converse with and obtain news from all parts of the district over which the system extends. The Nugget's number is 12; therefore, when you have anything to impart, please call up that number and state the case; the Nugget will do the rest.

Off on the Creeks.

Alex McDonald left Tuesday for Sulphur creek where he will visit all the claims in which he holds interests, and from that stream will take in all points where he has mining property which is being operated. He may be absent from the city for a week or ten days to come, and again, he may return tonight or tomorrow. He started with the intention of visiting all of his mining property, and will return when his object has been attained.

YUKON COUNCIL

Held an Exceptionally Important and Busy Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

MEMBER GIROUARD GAVE NOTICE

That at the Next Meeting He Will Move to Open Doors

TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

Communications, Petitions and Statements Galore Are Read and Acted Upon or Referred.

The Yukon council convened in regular session at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. All the members were present, and a large amount of important business was transacted.

A petition was received from Messrs. Belcourt, McDougal and Smith, on behalf of George Armstrong, asking for the exclusive privilege of running a ferryboat on Fifty-mile river, at a point opposite the town of Whitehorse. Referred to the committee on standing orders and private bills.

A petition signed by the residents of Dawson was presented asking for a continuation of the present monthly grant of money by the council for the maintenance of the Dawson public reading and recreation room. Referred to the finance committee.

A communication was received from the secretary of the executive committee appointed to arrange for the celebration of the Queen's birthday, asking for a subscription to assist in this object. Referred to the finance committee.

A petition was presented from Edward M. Sullivan praying for the passing of an ordinance, giving him the sole and exclusive right to supply the town of Bonanza with water. Referred to the committee on standing orders and private bills.

A petition was presented from J. R. Watson praying for the immediate drainage of the slough in the alley at block L, government reserve. Referred to the committee on public works.

A communication was received from the comptroller accompanied by an account in duplicate from St. Mary's hospital for the treatment of indigents and pay patients during the month of April at that institution. Referred to the hospital committee. Mr. Justice Dugas asked to be relieved of the chairmanship of this committee owing to pressure of work. Mr. Girouard was thereupon appointed in his place.

A communication was received from Joseph A. Clarke, secretary of the mass meeting of citizens, accompanied by copies of two resolutions—one dealing with the question of taxation of Dawson and the secret meetings of the Yukon council, and the other with the question of toll gates and toll bridges throughout the Yukon territory. The clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of them.

A communication was received from the comptroller proposing an amendment to the ordinance respecting transient traders, by arranging that licenses to transient traders be issued from the office of the government of the Yukon territory rather than from the police. Resolved, that the legal adviser be instructed to prepare an amendment as suggested by the comptroller.

A communication was received from Messrs. Pattullo & Ridley asking for a refund of \$200 deposited by Col. Samuel Word when he filed his petition for an exclusive water franchise in Dawson. Resolved, that as the petition of Mr. Word was refused the \$200 deposited by Col. Word with his petition for an exclusive water franchise be refunded.

A petition was presented from the miners of upper Dominion creek, urging that a branch road be built from the main trunk road, commencing at a point near the big dome and extending at a point at or near upper discovery on Dominion creek. Referred to the committee on public works.

A petition was presented from the resident claim owners on Gold Run creek,

asking that the preliminary work for continuing the government ridge road from the head of Caribou creek to Gold Run be commenced at the earliest possible date. Referred to the committee on public works.

A message was submitted from the commissioner calling the attention of council to the necessity of providing a quick and inexpensive method of collecting small debts. Referred to the civil justice and miscellaneous committee.

The commissioner submitted a memorandum to council asking that consideration be given to the question of a donation from the Yukon council to the sufferers from the recent fire in Hull and Ottawa. Referred to the finance committee.

The commissioner submitted a memorandum to council respecting the question of admitting representatives of the press to the discussion of public affairs. In reference to this matter, Mr. Girouard gave the following notice of motion:

That on Thursday next he will move that in future the meetings of the council shall be made public, according to the general rules of the house of commons of Canada; that a fit and proper hall for the purpose of admitting the public at large shall be secured, and that a particular space therein shall be reserved and furnished with tables and seats for the members of the press or their representatives.

The commissioner submitted a memorandum to council respecting complaints which had been made to him against certain members of the legal profession for conducting contests where mining interests were involved on the agreement that they should receive an interest in the claim for their services if they were successful in winning the case. Declared contrary to law.

A statement of appropriations and expenditures from the local revenue was submitted by the comptroller for the information of council, showing a balance overdrawn at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, April 30th, of \$32,566.89; \$22,000 due to the Alaska Commercial Commercial Company for engines, hoses, etc., for the fire department; expenditure on drains and ditches to May 8th of \$5098.49. Referred to the finance committee.

The committee on finance reported that a tabulated statement was presented to them by the acting license inspector, showing the extension of time to which each license was entitled under the amended liquor ordinance, and recommended that such extension be granted in accordance with the statement presented. On motion of Mr. Girouard the report of the finance committee was adopted.

The committee on standing orders and private bills to whom was referred the bill providing for the incorporation of the Dawson City Water & Power Company, Ltd., reported favorably on the granting of articles of incorporation to the company, and on motion of Mr. Clement the committee's report was adopted. Accordingly, the bill for the incorporation of the company was read twice and referred to a committee of the whole council.

In reference to the petition of J. S. Barron for a reduction in the license fee to pawn-brokers, the committee on miscellaneous matters recommended that the fee be reduced from \$1000 to \$500.

The following motion was submitted by Justice Dugas: That in the opinion of this council a survey should be made according to law, as speedily as funds permit, of Bonanza, Eldorado, Hunker, Dominion, Gold Run, Sulphur, Quartz, and any other creeks which may be considered of sufficient importance, as well as of the ridges which may lead to Indian river, with a view to establishing a road allowance thereto, or any of them, as may be deemed necessary, as soon as the same shall be ratified by the surveyor general, and that a memorial be sent to the Ottawa government representing the necessity of making such roads for the better development of this territory, and asking that the necessary proceedings, under the law, be taken as soon as possible.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

Today, the attention of Gold Commissioner Senkler is occupied in trying the case of Francis J. Krick, plaintiff, vs. Henry W. Matson, Charles E. G. Powell and Thomas Johnson, defendants. The action involves the title to creek claim No. 4 below discovery on Sulphur.

Water Front Tales.

Persons who own small boats which are tied near the shore of the river, should exercise some care over their property if they wish to retain it. Numerous reports have been made to the effect that boats have been loosened from their moorings; and no doubt such acts have been committed by unscrupulous individuals, who are anxious for immediate transportation to the lower river country.

STEWART ICE JAM

Broke Early This Morning and Steamer Closset Is Hourly Expected.

SUPPOSED ICE JAM AT HOOTCHIN

Which Has Probably Delayed the Flora and Florence S.

NOTHING KNOWN OF MAIL

Which Left Selwyn for Dawson on Sunday, But It May Be on Steamer Closset.

By a telegraphic message received this forenoon it is learned that the big ice jam which has obstructed the river at Stewart for several days, broke at 2 o'clock this morning and floated away, leaving the river clear from—as soon as the ice all passes here—Dawson to Selkirk.

The steamers Flora and Florence S., which were detained some time by a jam at Five Fingers, got away yesterday, but at 9 o'clock this morning had not reached Selkirk, and it is thought another jam has been around in the locality of Hutchiku, from which point no direct news can be had, there being no telegraph office at that point.

Although the river is not rising to any material extent, it is not thought that any jams which may now be holding in the upper waters will continue longer than a few hours at best, although slough and shore ice may be noticed passing down yet for several days. Within a day or two, however, it is confidently expected that the channel of the river will be open the entire distance from Dawson to Lebarge.

It is expected that the steamer Joseph Closset, which wintered near the mouth of Stewart river and which has been for two days awaiting the going out of the ice jam at that place in order to start on the trip down the river to this place, will arrive sometime this afternoon or before dark, which begins about 11 o'clock, tonight. The Closset is certain to be, barring an accident, the first boat to reach Dawson this year from up the river. It is possible that the Closset will bring the mail which left Selwyn last Sunday.

Loaded With Lime.

Yesterday afternoon, a scow loaded with lime arrived in Dawson from the kilns at the mouth of Sixty-mile river. During the past winter several men have been employed in that locality, where three kilns, each of 10 ton's capacity per week, have been burning steadily. The commercial product is of good quality, and has been used quite extensively in Dawson. Messrs. Harry Edwards and Charles Beggs are the owners of the enterprise; and they expect to increase the number of their kilns during the present season.

Bitten by a Dog.

C. E. Schultz was very severely bitten in the face yesterday by a large Newfoundland dog with whom he came in contact in some manner not stated. Dr. Bourke sewed up the wound, five stitches being necessary to hold the flesh and skin together.

They Don't Like It.

Yesterday evening an attempt was made to muzzle one of the street salesmen of the Daily Nugget who was calling out the announcement that the paper contained a full account of the charges of receiving bribes being preferred against one of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell's clerks, William Struthers, by name. The attempt was not successful, and the vender of news was not intimidated. On the other hand he prosecuted his trade with that vigor which is natural to a man who is fully "onto" his job.

The statement made some time ago by Mr. Bell that the gold commissioner's office is run for the people and against the newspapers is now, in part, again applicable. The Nugget is run for the people and not for or against the gold commissioner's office.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

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FAMOUS MILITARY ACTOR.

The Hero of Thousands of Bloody Stage Battles.

Mart Heisey, the Corporal in "Shenandoah," Has Acted the Part of a Soldier for 24 Years.

From Saturday's Daily. Corporal Mart Heisey is the hero of thousands of stage battles. Corporal Mart Heisey of the T. R. A. (theatrical regular army) will be one of the many interesting features of Jacob Litt's revival of "Shenandoah" to hold the stage of the Columbia theater. He has put in a quarter of a century in the thick of the hottest battles, and he will probably die fighting. He is the Joe Wheeler of the stage. Managers won't let him be anything else than a fighter. Upon several occasions they have made him fight as an Indian, once as a gypsy and once as a marine, but they have never allowed him to appear in any costume that wasn't appropriate to a scrimmage at Cedar creek or Wounded Knee. Think of it—twenty-five years an actor and always fighting.

This season—Corporal Mart Heisey is swooping up things on the Yankee side in "Shenandoah." He is the man who yells that "Sheridan is coming," rallies the Union army just as the Confederates are about to seize the victory. Three years ago he was blazing away at the boys in blue from the rebel side, trying to carry the day against Gen. Hooker in "The Heart of Maryland." Two years before that Heisey, while playing in "The Girl I Left Behind Me," had the pleasant pastime of trying to starve a garrison of United States soldiers. You never can tell what flag Heisey is going to support, nor can you tell whether he is going to show up as a private or as a captain.

Like all good soldiers, Corporal Heisey of "Shenandoah" began in the ranks. When a lad in his home at Upper Sandusky, O., he appeared in an amateur performance of the "Drummer Boy of Shiloh," taking the title role. He made a hit, and decided to become an actor. He went to New York and succeeded in getting an engagement. His debut was made as Wan-a-Tee, the Indian in Boucicault's "The Octoroon." He had no lines to speak. All he had to do was to look as much like an Indian as he could, and when anybody spoke to him to grunt.

It wasn't long before Heisey had the reputation of being the best Indian in the business. He next turned up as the gypsy in "Rosedale," and it took one captain and a regiment of British soldiers to wrest from his clutches a 6-year-old child whom he had stolen and hid. Managers Tompkins and Gilmore of Boston heard of Mart's dare-devil and soldierly qualities, and they enlisted him under the English flag, and for three seasons Mart wore a red coat in the Sudan. When his commission in the British army expired Mart turned surgeon, and in "Heid by the Enemy" went about dressing wounds made by bullet.

The first time Mart went out of the service on a man-of-war in "The Sign." He played bo's'n, and he delivered a speech which never failed to bore as he bluffed it out in hoarse tones: "We ain't got no manners, but we can fight like hell," was the line. The stage army is as slow of promotion as is the regular army. With all his constant service Mart Heisey has never got any higher than a captaincy. He was one of the Union spies in "Secret Service" for awhile, but he didn't get much fun and glory out of it, because he had to shoot himself in the back after he had been on the stage about ten minutes and be hauled off to Libby's.

At present he is Corporal Dunn, U. S. A., in "Shenandoah." In speaking of the other day, he said: "I want to tell you that if being a corporal for 24 years is any harder work than being a corporal for Jake Litt, those fellows earn their money."

When questioned as to what were his reasons, Heisey replied: "Oh, nothing much; I ride ten miles to let folks know that Sheridan is coming; then I drive a four-horse cannon through and over a mountainous road, search a Confederate spy and then go off the stage, and, as assistant stage manager, keep the supers noisy and see that they don't shoot the eyes out of any actors in the careless handling of their guns." "I guess I'll always be a soldier," said the corporal in talking it over. "I'm afraid if they ever cast me for a dress-suit part I'd dust off my legs with

my crush hat. I should like get to be a general, though. I asked Mr. Litt to let me play Gen. Sheridan, if only for one night, but he wouldn't do it. I felt hurt about it until he explained that Sheridan was a little man, and I couldn't squeeze into the size of uniform he wore."—Ex.

Wounds Heal Soon.

The war is already yielding interesting results in the study of wounds inflicted by the various projectiles in use on both sides. The London Lancet's correspondent at Cape Town sends an important report, in which he says of the wounded there: "A majority of the cases result from Mauser bullets with a few from Martini-Henrys, and the difference is extremely marked. The Mauser does not inflict so severe a wound, and the crushing power is distinctly less. In most cases it is difficult to determine the aperture of entry and that of exit from the appearance of the wound, both apertures in nearly all cases being identical in size. Of course I am referring to wounds of a fleshy nature where the bullet traverses the muscular structures only. In the case of perforation, grooving or tunneling of bones, the aperture of exit is much enlarged."

"It is simply surprising to note how quickly and readily these wounds heal. In a great number of cases the ordinary field dressing is quite sufficient to bring about complete healing, and the smaller calibre rifle and the consequent size of the bullet tell most favorably. In fact, instead, as with the Martini-Henry or Remington bullet, of a wound resulting through which one can thread a large-sized drainage tube, the tissues are so little disturbed that they close immediately after the missile has passed, and the healing begins at once. In nearly all cases they are as aseptic as can be wished."

There are a few cases of shell wounds, and these naturally are more severe, the laceration of muscle and other soft tissues and the splintering of bone being the chief characteristics.

"The weather keeps rather cool in the morning and after sunset, and the men coming from Natal brace up wonderfully after a few days in the hospital here. The climate is exceptionally good for wounds. In fact, they heal in such a marvelous manner that unless a man is struck in a vital part, the probabilities are that he will be fit for fighting again in a few weeks, a fact which will be forcibly impressed upon the Boers before we are done with them. I cannot help thinking that if they had any experience with the wounds caused by their rifles, they would discard them in favor of their old friend, the Martini-Henry."

Cossacks Are Traders.

A few months ago a Russian veterinary surgeon was sent into the Ural district by the government to buy horses for the army, says the New York Press. He had been selected by his superiors because he was famous as a shrewd and sharp horse trader, who never had been beaten in a horse trade. But he returned from his experience with the Ural Cossacks in a chastened condition of mind, for they had cheated him frightfully.

He confessed that with all his cunning he had been perfectly helpless in their hands and he swore by all the saints in the Russian calendar that nothing should tempt him to try again. His grief was made the more poignant by the fact that at the time they were swindling him so cheerfully and successfully a Russian bunco stealer struck their territory, filled them with a firm conviction that the world was coming to an end in short order and sold them tickets for paradise at enormous prices.—Victoria Times.

The Moose.

All wild animals are deceptive as to weight. They are thin and slab-sided, and never weigh as much as domestic animals of the same apparent size. Wherefore I disbelieve most strongly in the weight credited to some moose; though I think it possible that moose, especially in the Cook's Inlet country of Alaska, may reach 1200 pounds live weight. The ordinary "gigantic" bull, with a 44-inch head, does not exceed 800 pounds. Moose and fish always grow after death, in fact I have known a dead moose to put on 50 pounds a year regularly until his slayer also took the Styx canoe-route. Moreover, last winter I found that a certain grey timber wolf slain in the Manitou region of western Ontario, grew just one foot for every score of miles I journeyed from the place of his undoing; eventually he will be worthy to rank beside the 14-foot tigers of the retired Anglo-Indian.

The bull moose is at his best when six or seven years old, but there can be little doubt he occasionally lives to twice that age. He has no foes to dread in the northern woods, and must frequently live out the full span of moose life. The cow, according to my

observation, always produces two young at a birth, though she is said to produce but one in the spring of her second year. The youngsters are born in the latter days of April, or early in May, and within three days can run faster than the old lady herself. The cow generally chooses some heavily wooded island as a lying-in ground, and it is no easy task to find her at that season. As for the bull, he is an exile from the bosom of his own family, and his presence is neither desired nor tolerated. It is said the bull will destroy the young calf during the first day or two of its existence, should he get the chance.—Charles A. Bramble, in Canadian Magazine.

UNCLE ANDY.

IN MEMORIAM. The following lines were written by Capt. Jack at the time of "Uncle" Andy's death and are now published for the first time.

In all the Klondike region round about No man was better known and none more loved Than this poor bit of clay— This simple, child-like little man For whom all classes mourn. And children weep because they loved him, For his kindly face and sunlit soul Attracted to him every one Who feels the spark that makes the whole world kin. And loves the pure and wholesome nature of the man Who knew no enmity, but loved his fellow-man With all the sweet simplicity of boyhood.

Cold in death. It seems incredulous That Uncle Andy is no more. No more his cheery voice shall wake The echoes in the Klondike vale; No more will thousands greet his humorous darts On festive days as in the days gone by. While 'round his faults we find The broad mantle of charity. And to his sorrowing wife and child We send our heart-felt sympathy.

Adieu, dear Uncle Andy, bon voyage. To graver fields and warmer clime. Where merry souls with joy bells chime In sweet accord with Andy's voice. Where angels gather to rejoice That you have joined their happy throng: And Andy, when we wish along The heavenly trail some future day. If you should have a skookum lay. You'll take us in and let us share The heavenly Nuggets over there.

Items of Interest.

The great games of Venezuela are chess and checkers.

Waiter girls in Munich restaurants work 14 to 16 hours a day without a single holiday all the year round.

If our southern states alone were as densely settled as Germany, they would have a population of over 100,000,000. It is estimated that at the beginning of the new century England will have 82,000,000,000 tons of coal still unused and available.

Professor Mau, the profound student of Pompeian antiquities, proves conclusively that Pompeii was a well paved city 44 years before the birth of Christ. A Hartford fire insurance company has purchased the house of William Inlay in that city, which, in 1794, was the first in the country to be insured against destruction by fire.

Pig's milk is under discussion in the French chamber of deputies, a petition having been sent to it asking that its use may be permitted as nourishment for babies. Some doctors favor it.

Small tanks of pure oxygen, to be used for resuscitating persons overcome by smoke or gas, have been suggested as part of the desirable equipment of hook and ladder trucks going to fires.

American apples are peeled, sliced and dried and then sent to France, where they are converted into cider. With the addition of carbonic acid gas and a certain flavoring the cider becomes champagne, much of which is unsuspectingly drunk as the genuine article.

Take Notice.

All persons working for me on Monte Cristo bench will please call at the Melbourne Hotel and receive payment in full. P28-25 EDWARD MCCONNELL.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts incurred by any person in my name or in the name of any person or persons coupled with my name in the Yukon Territory. P2-26 EDWARD MCCONNELL.

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We have in Stock, Window Glass, Carpet Squares, Havana Cigars, Bar Glasses, at reasonable prices. We have also coming down the Yukon an immense stock of Boots and Shoes, Clothing, Gents' Furnishings and House Furnishings, Crockery, Chinaware, Stationery.

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From Saturday's Daily. The committee having in charge the preparations for the grand benefit entertainment to be given at the Palace Grand tomorrow night met again last evening in the parlors of the McDonald hotel. Reports were received from the various sub-committees which indicated that the entertainment will be a pronounced success from a financial as well as from a social standpoint. All the boxes have been sold and a few seats in the balcony alone remain.

On the lower floor the first six rows of seats have also been reserved and these are selling very rapidly. There are four rows of reserved seats in the balcony and a platform will be erected upon which the two last rows will be placed, thus enabling all who hold tickets to see the performance without difficulty. The committee has received contributions of bunting and other decorative material and the Palace Grand will be transformed into a perfect bower of beauty for tomorrow night.

The program has been increased by the addition of Mr. Ben Davis, who will give some of his inimitable songs and sketches. This will be Ben's first appearance before a Dawson audience since his return from the outside, and his contribution to the entertainment will be much appreciated. Other features of the program will be the O'Brien family, Blossom and Bordman, Miss Lorne, Miss Tracie, Mr. Zimmerman, a drill squad from the Yukon Field force, and an orchestra of 30 pieces. From present indications, Dawson will turn out en masse to witness the entertainment which already is assured a grand success.

Maintain the Free Library.

Editor Daily Nugget: When it was published yesterday that the time for which the Yukon council had agreed to donate to the free library a certain monthly stipend has expired and that the probabilities are that the allowance will be discontinued, many people expressed both surprise and indignation that such a needful and deserving institution should thus be left an orphan, figuratively speaking, in the heyday of its youth which has been so promising and useful. Many people do not hesitate to say that the efforts now being made to raise money to send outside would be better spent in raising money to sustain and perpetuate the free library for the benefit of the hundreds who so sadly lack home comforts here. The fact that a man may have a cabin which protects him from the icy blasts of winter does not signify that that same cabin is a pleasant place in which to spend the days. All during the past winter, and even yet, the free library is frequented by a class of respectable young men who, were it not for that place, would have been driven to the saloons and gambling houses or back to their cheerless cabins, to find protection from the cold.

The time-honored expression: "Charity begins at home," was never more applicable than right now in Dawson; as it is not charity and it is not policy to send money out of the country when at the same time the best public institution in the city is being turned out to starve through lack of financial support.

CHARITY.

Steamboat Anoy! It was confidently expected last night that the steamer Closset from Stewart would arrive at any hour, and the result was that hundreds of people stayed up until midnight and later in anticipation of seeing the first steamer of the season arrive at Dawson. From 10 until 12 o'clock there were a number of stampedes from the First avenue resorts to the various docks, as the shout of "Steamboat!" would be borne through the air from some individual to whom all days should be the first of April. After a half dozen or more wild rushes in which men would run out of the gambling houses with stacks of "blues" in their hands and the dealers would cop off everything left on the tables, it became dangerous for the man who was shouting "Steamboat," as there was an organized move on foot to throw him in the river on the next provocation.

Still no steamer came and after a while business returned to its natural roove; the little ball went round, dropped on "double O" and everybody lost; a professional rounder stole ten hite checks from the man who was too

drunk to notice; the bartender filled up the "Scotch" bottle with Yukon river water; the Hungry Kid went to bed under the crap table; the bum stood the bar off for a drink, and in many other respects did business resume its normal condition. And the expected steamboat did not come.

Log Cutting Begins.

The Ladue Mill will commence active operations on next Monday and will continue all the season without interruption, as there are enough logs within easy distance of the mill to keep the machinery running in full blast from now on. Mr. W. H. B. Lyons, who is the manager of the mill, says that at a point about 20 miles up the river this company has about 30,000,000 feet of logs which will be floated down the river at once.

Spy Glasses on Nomads.

The number of boats going down the river for the lower country is increasing rapidly as the season advances and the ice disappears. Many of these adventurers slip away from Dawson in the stillness of the night or during the early hours of morning.

It is understood that the manager of a concern here, who has a large number of accounts on his books, stays awake these nights and eagerly scans the river with a powerful pair of field glasses looking for departing debtors.

Many other merchants will no doubt follow suit and in all probability a syndicate will be formed to purchase a swift launch, the expense of maintaining which will be divided among the members to put out after delinquent Nomads who surreptitiously steal away, leaving behind them nothing but a nicely arranged row of figures marked Dr. opposite their names.

First Arrival From Above.

The first arrival in Dawson from up-river since the breaking of the ice came into town this afternoon about 2:30. He did not come in a steamer, neither did he enjoy the use of a rowboat; he floated down on a cake of ice. The most recent addition to Dawson's population is a big black mongrel dog. When opposite the city, an attempt was made by two men in a canoe to rescue the animal from his perilous position; but when he was approached, he jumped into the river and swam to the West Dawson shore, where he landed safely. Hundreds of people, who had collected on the waterfront, dispersed quite satisfied with the termination of the canine's adventure.

Arctic Brotherhood.

One of the most interesting meetings in the history of the local camp, Arctic Brotherhood, was held in McDonald hall last night. While the attendance was not large, each member appeared to be imbued with new interest in the camp's welfare, and arrangements were made for a large amount of floor work at the next meeting, to be followed a week later with a general camp picnic in the hall. As a presiding officer, the new Arctic Chief, Dr. L. O. Wilcox, is an eminent success and a rusher of business.

Aid for Ottawa.

St. Andrews' Presbyterian church came forward last Sunday with a liberal contribution for the Ottawa sufferers. A collection was taken in the church and the sum of \$207 was realized, which was immediately telegraphed to Ottawa to be offered to the fund for relieving those who were left destitute by the fire.

Arranging for Queen's Birthday.

The sports committee and finance committee having in charge the celebration to be given on the Queen's birthday are perfecting arrangements for the day and expect to give Dawson a splendid celebration. Local athletic enthusiasts are entering with much spirit into the events and their prizes to be a number of not contests for the prizes which will be offered.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 69.5 degrees above zero. The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 30 degrees above.

Lecture on the Koyukuk.

Howard B. Kief, who has spent a considerable time in the Koyukuk district will lecture tonight at the Palace Grand. The usual admission will be charged. The lecture will be illustrated with detail maps of the country drawn by him while he was recorder for that district. Lecture commences at 9 p. m.

Eagles Attention.

You are notified that the aerie will be called to order at 8 o'clock sharp Sunday evening, May 13th, in order that the business of the aerie may be transacted in time to give members an opportunity to attend the benefit for the Ottawa sufferers to be given at the Palace Grand on that evening. The above notice is prompted by a request from the committee having the entertainment in charge.

LEROY TOZIER, Worthy President.

BRIEF MENTION.

Billie Ash is visiting the city. U. Gaisford is in town on business. C. Rhodes is visiting the city. Claud Simons is visiting friends in town. H. Daffner is visiting friends in the city. D. Davis is making a brief visit to town. Colin F. Grant is a recent arrival in town. Louis Colbeth is a guest at the Yukon hotel. A. D. McInis is spending a few days in town. Roy L. King is making a brief visit to Dawson. J. C. Ensley is enjoying a short vacation in Dawson. M. McLeod came to the city from the creeks yesterday. J. Hylan, of Hunker creek, arrived in Dawson last evening. John H. Dowe is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances. R. M. Bradley, who has been on the creeks during the past week, is in town on business. Neither Justice Dugas nor Gold Commissioner Senkler are engaged in trying any cases today. John McCormack was discharged yesterday as convalescent from the Good Samaritan hospital. James McLeod, Fred Musgard and Robert Knipe, are patients who were entered yesterday at the Good Samaritan hospital. Quite a number of persons have left Dawson during yesterday and today in small boats for Cape Nome or the Koyukuk district.

Considerable excitement was occasioned last night about 10 o'clock by the sound of a steamboat whistle, which blew for several minutes. People ran to the waterfront expecting to witness the arrival of the Closset, but the crowd was disappointed for the sound had emanated from the Marjorie, a small boat which plied last summer between here and West Dawson.

Presbyterian Church Repairs.

The managers of the Presbyterian church held a meeting last evening. They decided to make quite extensive improvements in the church building. The interior will be covered with paper, the ceiling will be repaired, and the pews and woodwork will be painted. The contemplated work will commence on Monday, and the managers expect to complete their improvements by next Saturday.

Citizens' Committee Meeting.

This evening at 8 o'clock the citizens' committee will meet in the Hotel McDonald. Important business will be transacted at this session; and all members are earnestly requested to be present.

The Glove Contest.

The glove contest between Billy Cooper and Kid Sinclair occurred in the B. and M. tent at Grand Forks last evening. A large number of spectators witnessed the event; and the gate receipts amounted to a considerable sum. The contest continued for nine rounds, and then a foul committed by Sinclair terminated the affair in favor of Cooper. The conclusion of the match was unsatisfactory to the audience; but the referee had no alternative but to decide in the manner in which he did, as the violation of the rules was quite apparent.

John C. Barr for the Koyukuk.

The N. A. T. & T. Co. will dispatch the steamer John C. Barr down the river in a few days. She will make the initial run to Fort Yukon. Passengers will be taken to that point, thus giving an opportunity for those desiring to make the Koyukuk country via the summer trails. She will leave in a few days and load at Fort Yukon with general merchandise and a large shipment of water pipe to be used for the water system in which Col. Word is interested. After returning to Dawson the steamer will be cleared for Nome.

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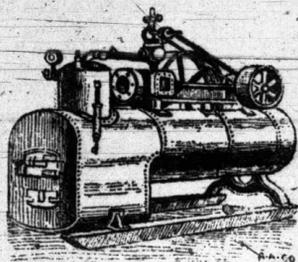
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