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## RECEIVED BY WIRE 8,000 MEN KILLED!

### Since the War With the Boers in South Africa Began.

### EVERY MAN OF MILITARY TRAINING UNDER ARMS.

### General White Has Been Raised to the Peerage for Good Work at Ladysmith.

### Rigid Press Censorship Has Been Established Over All Matter Coming From South Africa—The Portuguese Are Suspected of Giving Aid to the Boers—Queen Victoria Asks for a Day of Supplication—General Yule Is Said to Have Lost His Mind.

(Special to the Daily Klondike Nugget.)  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 9.—An official estimate of the men killed from the beginning of the war to the present time places the number at 8000. Among these nearly every one of the great families of England are represented. Gen. Buller is very severely criticised by the papers for his direction of his late disastrous campaign.

**ARMING THEM ALL.**  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 9.—The threatening attitude of foreign powers has brought forth the announcement from the war department that every man in England of military training and now capable of bearing arms is to be armed immediately and placed in readiness for actual service.

**WHITE A PEER.**  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 9.—Gen. Sir George White has been raised to the peerage in recognition of his brilliant defence of Ladysmith pending the arrival of reinforcements. The announcement of this action is received with general satisfaction.

**PRESS CENSORSHIP.**  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 9.—The most rigid press censorship ever established in time of war is now maintained by Great Britain over operations in South Africa. No messages whatsoever are allowed to escape the censor and very few are permitted to be sent, especially those intended for newspaper publication.

**PORTUGUESE AID BOERS.**  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—An effort is being made to ascertain the source from which the apparently inexhaustible supplies of ammunition are obtained by the Boers. It was known at the beginning of the war that they had on hand large stores of ammunition which had been accumulating for years, but the enormous quantities already consumed and the fact that there is no apparent diminution in the supply has led the war department to the belief that the Boers are being furnished with ammunition through Delagoa bay and with the permission of the Portuguese. It is known that Dr. Leyds, the Boer agent,

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has secured large stores of munitions of war, and there is little doubt that he succeeded in furnishing them to the Boers through the source mentioned.

**A DAY OF FASTING.**  
New York, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—This afternoon's Post publishes a dispatch from London which shows how deeply the queen has been affected by the trend of recent events in South Africa. Her majesty has asked that a day of humiliation and prayer be set aside during the present month to be observed throughout the entire United Kingdom.

**YULE CRAZY.**  
New York, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—A London special states that Gen. Yule is insane. Yule was in command of the British forces during the disastrous retreat from Glencoe to Ladysmith. It was during this retreat that Gen. Symonds and a large number of wounded soldiers belonging to Symonds' command were captured by the Boers.

Upon Yule's arrival in Ladysmith he was immediately taken with a deadly sickness and when he had sufficiently recovered he was removed to Capetown. From that point he was sent to England a physical wreck. The story is public property in London, but a strong effort has been made in the war department to preserve it secret.

The statement is made that Yule upon the defeat at Glencoe, discovered that a trap threatening destruction to his remaining forces had been laid by the Boers. Yule determined to save what he could and so deserted his supplies and accoutrements and fled in the direction of Ladysmith, leaving Gen. Symonds and hundreds of wounded to the mercy of the Boers. If Yule recovers sufficiently he will probably be court-martialed.

**NUGGET EXPRESS COMING.**  
Skagway, Jan. 17.—Nugget Express Messenger Matheson left Bennett on Sunday en route for Dawson. He has a full load of express matter and expects to make a record trip.

**TWO STEAMERS WRECKED.**  
Skagway, Jan. 17.—A terrible storm has prevailed for a week upon the Alaskan coast. As a result two steamers, the City of Seattle and the Townsend are both badly injured. The latter went on the rocks below Haines Mission, where she is still lying in a precarious condition. Her passengers

were taken off by the steamer Cottage City and carried to Juneau, where they still remain. The City of Seattle struck at Budget Point and had one of her propellers broken. She was towed to Juneau by the Cottage City.

**Girls Must Move Out.**  
At an adjourned or emergency meeting of the Yukon council, held yesterday afternoon, a considerable amount of business was transacted.

The question of girls occupying upstairs rooms over business and show houses was discussed and every member present expressed himself as favorable to an ordinance prohibiting it.

The committee on civil and miscellaneous matters recommended that Law Student Crisp be permitted to take his final examination here, and the masters' and servants' ordinance be referred to the law society.

A permit was granted Alexander Kerr to lay water pipes on Second avenue and Fourth street until spring, the same to be removed by him when the river breaks.

A committee will be appointed to confer with the board of managers of the various hospitals relative to the care of these institutions.

The payment of bills aggregating several thousand dollars was recommended. The bill of Dr. Bourke for treatment of patients was not allowed.

It was recommended that the chief license inspector be allowed \$4 per day for living expenses.

It was recommended that from January 1st, until June 30th the free library be allowed the sum of \$375 per month. The following ordinance pertaining to fires passed the first and second reading and will come up tomorrow for final passage:

- Section 2 of chapter 36 of the consolidated ordinances of the Northwest territories, 1898 (an ordinance respecting the investigation of accidents by fire) is hereby amended by striking out all that part of said section following the word "investigation."
- Section 3 of the said chapter 36 is hereby amended by striking out the words "attorney general" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "commissioner of the Yukon territory."
- If, upon any such investigation, it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the justice of the peace before whom such investigation is had, that any such fire was caused by the culpable or negligent conduct of any person, he shall have power to impose a fine not exceeding \$5000, with costs.
- The above mentioned chapter 36 of the consolidated ordinances of the Northwest territories, 1898, amended as aforesaid, is hereby declared to be in force in the Yukon territory.

**Weather Report.**  
The government thermometer gives 48.9 degrees below zero as the minimum temperature for the 24 hours ending at 9 o'clock this morning.  
At noon the needle rose, and this afternoon the instrument recorded 30.5 degrees below.

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**NOTICE.**  
Parties having Laundry at the Palace Barber Shop can get same by calling at Ruth Howard's cabin in rear of H. H. sawmill.

## RECEIVED BY WIRE. DIXON IS DEFEATED!

### McGovern Is Now Light-weight Champion.

### FIGHT LASTED EIGHT HOT ROUNDS

### Senator Beveridge Announces the Philippine Policy.

### Says That America Will Never Surrender Her Hold on the Islands— No Word Has Reached Skagway of the Missing Clayson Party.

(Special to the Daily Klondike Nugget.)  
New York, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—Geo. Dixon the colored fighter who so long has maintained the title of light-weight champion of the world went to his Waterloo last night. It took just eight rounds for Terry McGovern to wrest the title of champion from the man who has held it for so many years. A large crowd was present at the ringside and betting was free, Dixon being the general favorite. The result of the fight was a surprise to the sports, many of whom went broke.

**PHILIPPINE POLICY.**  
Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Jan. 10.—The most important speech made in the senate during the present session was the master speech of Senator Beveridge of Indiana delivered yesterday. The Indiana statesman is recognized as the spokesman of the administration in the senate and that fact coupled with the knowledge that he would speak upon the Philippine question attracted a large audience to the senate chamber.

In the course of his speech, Senator Beveridge gave utterance to the following which is accepted as outlining the policy which will be unswervingly pursued by the McKinley administration. "That man little knows the common people of America or the instincts of our race who thinks that we will not hold the Philippines fast forever."

The speech was loudly applauded in the senate and has been widely commented upon through the entire country as one of the ablest efforts ever heard on the floor of the senate.

**ABOUT CLAYSON.**  
Skagway, Jan. 17.—No further news has been received here concerning the reported murder of the Clayson party. Will Clayson has left Bennett for Minto and purposes to personally investigate the disappearance of the party. No credence is attached to the rumors that the bodies of two of the party had been found.

The Nugget Express is now operating a daily stage and express service between Dawson and the Forks.

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### NOTICE.

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### OUR ISOLATION.

In some respects there is a very marked element of the ideal about the life we lead in the Klondike. Removed as we are from contact with the great centers of life on the outside, the most gigantic social and political revolutions take place and we are, no more affected than is a ship by a rifle on the ocean. Since the time the majority of the present inhabitants of the territory left their homes to search for gold in the Yukon valley, one great war has been fought and won, and territory large enough and sufficiently populated to constitute an empire has passed from one government into the hands of another. Yet during much of the time required to accomplish this, we were in absolute and blissful ignorance of the whole affair.

Today another war, involving the expenditure of more money and the employment of more men than any other in which either of the combatants has ever before participated is in full progress. Every civilized nation is deeply interested in the outcome, and all have their attention firmly fastened upon the drama that is being enacted in the Transvaal. Every line of trade and industry is affected, and war news, which causes the London broker's ticker to indicate depreciated stock values, effects a sympathetic action in every other of the world's great commercial centers.

But Dawson, cut off entirely from the outside world except as we are enabled to communicate by means of a single strand of wire, and held tightly gripped in the hand of an Arctic winter, pursues the even tenor of her way in time of war as she does in time of peace. Battles may be fought and won, men by the thousands may fall in agony of death, millions of money may be expended and the course of destiny itself be changed and no difference be felt in so far as affairs in Yukon's metropolis are concerned.

Were our surroundings marked with gently purling brooks, and ever verdant meadows, Dawson would furnish an ideal field for the pastoral poet.

### TOWNSITE TITLES.

Considerably more than a year ago, as will be noted in our local columns, notice was served upon the holders of real property in Dawson requiring them to file with the commissioner's office deeds to any town property which they might own. It was stated in the notice that these deeds would be taken up and patents would issue direct from the government to these holders.

For more than 12 months these deeds have been in the possession of the government and in all probability are now safely ensconced among the archives of

the interior department at Ottawa, waiting the pleasure of the heads of the department to recall them to life.

We do not apprehend that this delay indicates any flaw in the titles as they now stand. Assurance has been given by the government that when the patents are finally issued, everyone who can show a clean chain of title back to the original applicant for the townsite, will be protected. But it would appear in all reason as though a matter of 15 months would allow of ample time for even the clogged wheels of the interior department to move sufficiently to take care of a matter so small, but so important as this.

It is a very noticeable fact that when it comes to a question of inventing some new revenue extracting process but very little time is required.

Royalty regulations, claim reservation regulations, closed creek regulations, license regulations, are all passed with a celerity and dispatch that reminds one very painfully of the "while you wait" advertisements displayed in front of shoemaker's shops. But a question which involves such a small matter as clearing the title to an important townsite can lie over for a year or perhaps two without action.

### THE FUEL QUESTION.

Everyone who anticipates a residence of a few more years in Dawson should feel a lively interest in the work of prospecting coal veins which is now being conducted by at least two of the big companies of the city. Should their efforts fail of success, then will the question of our future fuel supply be a perplexing one. It is very conservative to assert that for six months each year an average of 50 cords of wood are consumed in this city every 24 hours, or 9000 cords during the winter season of each year. The next question is: How long will the available supply in sight last at that rate of yearly consumption? It is true there are vast areas of timber up the river, but great inroads upon it are already being made in order to supply the steamer during the summer season and the amount consumed by the steamers in a season is much greater than that required for the city in the winter. Again, all the vast tracts of timber land on the tributaries of the Klondike will eventually be laid bare in order that the capacious furnaces of hundreds of steam thawers may be fed. These are facts the realization of which must be faced within the coming few years, and in case of failure of success on the part of those now prosecuting the work of developing the coal proposition, the situation will be one which will be expensive to solve.

There is no doubt now as to the position the McKinley administration occupies with reference to the Philippine question. Senator Beveridge, who announced the McKinley policy in his maiden speech in the senate, visited the Philippines during the past summer and personally investigated the conditions of the islands. His announcement that the Philippines will be held at all hazards may be taken as representing the sentiment of the great body of progressive, intelligent Americans. It is no small tribute to the high estimation in which Senator Beveridge is held by the administration, that he was selected for the important duty of announcing the administration's Philippine policy in the senate.

## THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

Last night several comely variety girls, whose occupations for the present time, are gone, disregarded the conventional customs of the Lenten season to celebrate the 22d anniversary of Mamie Hightower's birthday. They visited the principal places of resort, sang many songs, and indulged in frequent libations of wine. About midnight the fun waxed fast and furious at the Northern Annex. Some sports, who had beat the bank, joined the fair revellers and the frolic continued till the early morning hours. The thermometer was playing in the fifties below; but the cold weather could not chill the ardor nor affect the merriment of Mamie and her jolly companions. Arm in arm and four abreast, they took the middle of the street as they proceeded towards the New Pavilion at 5 a. m.; and the toughest of sour doughs were startled and confounded by hearing the strains of the refrain, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town To night."

This thing of endeavoring to do the thinking for a great and growing city like Dawson is apt to bring the Stroller to a premature grave if persisted in. It may have been the result of eating diseased moose meat or it may have been "hooch," but two nights ago, after Mrs. Stroller and the little Strollers had retired, Old Stroller sat alone endeavoring to do the thinking for this great and growing city. Everything was so quiet that the ticking of the silent watches of the night could be distinctly heard; visions rose up and wan, glimmering lights danced before me. All at once the clouds which be dimmed the future parted and rolled away and I saw Dawson as she can only be made by acts of wisdom on the part of the officials. It was six months hence and prosperity stalked rampant in all the marts of trade. At first I was much mystified, not knowing how to account for the great change for the better which had taken place since last I had strolled a stroll.

Meeting on the street a thickset man with closely cropped black beard tinged with grey, I approached him and said, "Hello, governor, old boy, why all this seeming prosperity I see on every hand?"

"Glad to see you, my lad, and I will answer your question. This great prosperity is due to two causes; first, I am no longer governor, and second, over 1000 exclusive franchises have been granted since last we met."

With this I passed on and looked further about me. It was a sight worth beholding. No two men were engaged in the same business and each had an exclusive franchise which immuned him from competition. There was only one saloon in town, the bar being 700 feet long; the cigar trade was all in the hands of one man; the boarding population all fed at one mammoth cafe, where meals cost one ounce; on the site of the late Monte Carlo stood an imposing structure, in front of which was a sign reading "Kelly & Holden, purveyor to the Queen of Red Lemonade;" further down the street was a sign: "Royal Shoeblack;" Arizona Charley, being still the tallest man in town, had been made Crown fire inspector at a salary of \$20,000 per annum; one man had been granted an exclusive franchise to operate a lawn mower on the sides of the streets, being paid \$1 for each blade of grass and \$2.50 for each weed cut; thistles and Florida coffee weeds were quoted at \$7 each; the man who had an exclusive franchise for gambling operated in a tent which covered four acres of the vacant tract east of Third avenue and north of Third street.

Thus it was with every department of trade; exclusive franchises had been granted in every case and every body in business was getting so wealthy that they were forced to melt their gold into chunks so large they could not be

carried off and which they rolled into their back yards for keeping. After walking around several blocks I again met my thickset friend of the closely cropped beard.

"Ex," said I, "there are not so many people here now as there were six months ago; where have they gone?" "My friend" said he, "you have not yet been up to the royal woodpile. That is the only industry left in Dawson unprotected by exclusive franchises. It is still open to all comers. All the people in town not on the favored list are up there hard at work, and as our vagrant ordinance is being very rigidly enforced, you had better keep a little shady until a steamer leaves for some place either up or down the river."

"Here, you goose, are you going to sit there until you freeze?" It was Mrs. Stroller, whom I sometimes think married beneath herself. It had been all a dream, and the Stroller wound the clock, put out the cat and went to bed.

Ned Williams, a sport of considerable prominence in Dawson circles, recently arrived from Skagway. Last summer, Williams left here and went to Nome, at which place he remained for about two months. Dame Fortune smiled benignly and he departed from Alaska's greatest gold camp with several thousand dollars. He will stay in Dawson till the river breaks, and then return to the beach diggings. During his sojourn in the States, Williams visited the principal cities of the Union. He is full of information concerning the "gang" on the outside. For instance, the Montana sports in Dawson are interested in knowing that the Bull-Neck Kid of Butte, recently inherited \$8000 from the estate of an aunt, who died in Indiana, and that Chicago Joe of Helena is dead. When Williams left here last July, he was no temptation to thieves nor holdups; but now, bedecked with diamond studs and rings, he might excite the envy of evil minded individuals.

### Will Start Saturday.

Thos. Tritton, the veteran musher, who just returned from a round trip to the coast in the employ of the Nugget Express, will leave for Bennett on or about Saturday, Jan. 20. Mr. Tritton has proven himself to be thoroughly responsible and reliable and is prepared to give personal supervision to commissions entrusted to his care. Orders for goods to be brought in over the ice or after the opening of navigation may be left at Nugget Express office, Boyle's wharf.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

We are thankful the fire did not injure us in the least. Our prescription department is, as before, in first-class shape. Cribbs & Rogers

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## LOOKING FOR CLAYSON.

### His Brother Coming into the Interior.

#### Unfounded Rumor at Skagway That Bodies Have Been Located—Police Have no Information.

[From Monday's Daily.]  
Skagway, Jan. 15.—Will Clayson, brother of the missing man of the same name, is in Bennett, intending to continue on into the interior in search of his brother, who there is little doubt has been killed. Clayson is to keep his friends in Skagway informed as to his movements by wire, but no word as yet has been received from him.

The Bennett mail carrier in today from that point states that a report has reached there of the finding of the bodies of two men on the trail near Hutchiku. It is stated that one of the bodies had two bullet holes in it. There is, however, no official information regarding the tragedy and the general belief is that the story of the discovery of the bodies is based upon rumor entirely.

Dawsonites just arrived say that there is no doubt expressed along the trail that the whole party, Clayson, Relfe and Olsen have been murdered and their bodies disposed of.

#### From the Outside.

Jack Reagan, well known in sporting circles, arrived from the outside last night in company with Ned Williams and wife. Last June Jack landed in Nome and things looked to use his own expression as it "I got down on a dead one." He secured a lot, now right in the center of the town and put up the first frame building there, which only took six hours to build. The only set of furniture in Nome today he purchased at that time for \$60, for which he was offered \$200 a week later. Besides his city property, Jack has interests on Ruby, New Eldorado and Shovel creeks, the latter 120 miles southeast of Nome. In answer to a question of how the Dawson boys were making it, he said:

"The fellows from Dawson knew just what to do and how to do it, and they have all made money. Billy Gibson, a partner of Gus Seiffert, made a barrel of money, running a dance hall, with only three girls. Jack McCloud, who left here with Jack, opened a gambling house and cleaned up \$30,000, and has 18 good interests in claims. Charley Cole has a coal yard, and charges \$5 for a 'little bit' sack of coal."

While in San Francisco, he met any number of Dawsonites who were anxious to get back to Dawson. Charley Anderson gave a banquet at the Cliff house to boys from here.

Billy Chappell, will soon be in. He was married recently to Miss May Lamore. Billy tried to have an automobile built in New York that would do away with mushing.

Nellie Lamore bought a house in San Francisco for which she paid \$8000 cash.

Jack passed Nellie Holgate, who was reported frozen severely, and says she is the best "musher" in that outfit.

Jack will wait for steamboats now before continuing his journey.

#### "Prince" Tommy Dolan.

Tommy Dolan, quiet, good natured, easy-going Tommy is bound for Nome. So says Corporal Skirving, who met the "Prince" of Hunker in Lee Pate's place at Fort Yukon on his return from the Edmonton trip. The corporal tells an interesting story of what he saw and heard about Tommy while there, which give's a brilliant hue to his romantic career, for he is leaving the trail smoke behind him with burning money.

Tommy is going to Nome and has two of the best teams on the trail purchased by a dog expert who had unlimited orders. He travels as only a

prince should travel. He carries coffee and tea only for his retinue of guides, cooks, dog drivers, camp makers and trail breakers, while he and his guests drink chocolate. The sled which carries the help's outfit is loaded with first-class provisions, but Tommy's sleigh is a different thing, for he carries every delicacy of epicurean delight procurable at Circle City. The trail is strewn with bottles labeled, brandy peaches, chutney, etc. It seems as if "there's nothing too good for the Irish." His reputation for generosity precedes him and his approach to an Indian village is announced by a gathering of the inhabitants with many small presents of moccasins, and dog fish, and with robes, fur garments and dogs for sale. Tommy's valet quietly disperses these gatherings by giving a "piece of silver" to each one, and the prince is not further disturbed. An instance is cited where Tommy asked a man just from the McKenzie river the price of a parkey he was wearing. The owner of the parkey thought it was worth \$10. "I'll take it," said Tommy, as he dove into his pocket and extracted a nuge roll of bills with a hundred dollar wrapper, but you could just as well have asked \$50. The corporal asked Tommy where he got so flush. His reply was that "I have just sold my claim on Hunker for \$12,000 cash," and he flashed several rolls, all with a hundred dollar wrapper, to convince the corporal that he had it with him, too.

The only danger Tommy will run on his trip is being sidetracked somewhere on the lower river with an attack of gout.

He has with him as guests the Messrs. Samuel Chesterfield Newman and John Augustus Swift, both well known in Dawson, besides a gentleman traveling incog, and a Mr. Anthony, who had just escaped the rigors of the Edmonton trail, and whom Tommy insisted upon joining them on their pleasure trip.

All hail to the "Prince of Hunker."

#### Fulda Was Puzzled.

L. R. Fulda was at the masquerade ball Friday night, not as a dancer but as a spectator. Some time before 2 o'clock two apparitions in masque, both ladies, approached the genial manager of the big company, familiarly chuckled his fat chin and passed on.

"Well," said Fulda, "those ladies appear to know me, but as I can see only their ankles, I do not recognize them." Then, after a long look at the four neatly encased extremities, he continued, "No, I can not remember having seen those ankles before."

#### New Mail Arrives.

A large mail consisting of 22 sacks, weighing 678 pounds arrived Saturday night. It was about equal Canadian and American mail. That Postmaster Hartman believes in dispatch is shown by the fact that the American mail departed for down river at 7 a. m. yesterday. It consisted of four through sacks and two sacks made up in Dawson. The arriving mail was ready for the public at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

#### Equals a Dawson Nugget.

An immense sensation has been created all over Australia by the discovery in Western Australia of a huge nugget valued at \$32,000. On account of its having been found on a Sunday it has been christened "Sacred Nugget." The prospectors are three fishermen. Its weight is authentically certified at 115 pounds avoirdupois. The lump is 15 inches long and over five inches wide, and was found on the surface of an alluvial patch near Lake Wyner, or Wind, three miles from Kanowna. This is not the biggest nugget on record, for the "Welcome nugget," found at Bakery Hill, Ballarat weighed 2217 ounces and was worth \$41,000. A huge stampede has followed to the diggings.

#### For Sale at a Bargain.

Complete steam thawing plant. Four horse-power boiler in splendid condition. Apply Nugget office.

## MINING INFORMATION.

### From Gold Hill, Bonanza and Eldorado Creeks.

#### Extensive Operations Being Conducted This Season—More Men Employed Than a Year Ago.

Large dumps evidence operations on Bonanza, Gold Hill and Eldorado. On lower Bonanza, more dirt has been taken out during the past three months than was washed through the sluice boxes last spring. Of course, this increase in the output is due to the operation of machinery on most of the claims. The creek claims, which have given any prospects, are being worked with full forces of men, and it is unquestionably true that more miners are now employed than there have been during any previous year. Numerous properties on the hillsides and benches are conducting operations, and the gravel from a number of such claims is taken directly to the creek bottom in cars operated by a wire cable.

On upper Bonanza, water is troubling the miners, and owners are engaged in overcoming this difficulty. On No. 14 above, John Trembley has succeeded in ridding his claim of water, and for the past ten days very fine pay dirt has been hoisted. Operations on the hillsides and benches on this portion of the creek are not nearly so active as they are below discovery.

The claim owners on Gold Hill are doing some extensive and deep mining this winter. Most of the properties have larger dumps now than they did a year ago. The great expense which has heretofore attached to the extraction of gold from the gravel may be obviated to some extent by most of the claim owners next spring. Costly preparations are being made to catch the water on the back of the hill, and to hold it for sluicing purposes. If this scheme is successful some of the properties will have immense cleanups.

At least 1000 men are engaged in mining on Gold Hill, and the wages average a little higher than they do on Bonanza. The owners have no trouble in increasing their dumps, for the ground is remarkably dry; but the profits of their exertions will be determined by the water supply in the spring.

All the claims on this creek are being worked. Some few, however, are doing nothing more than enough to represent; such as these are saving their property for ground sluicing during the summer. The most busy place on the creek is in the vicinity of No. 17. There are several road houses and saloons in this locality, all of which are doing a flourishing business.

On No. 16, Putrow is working about 40 men, and he is willing to wager \$5000 that he has more dirt in his dumps than any claim in the territory. He is operating a steam hoist. Recently he purchased a new boiler to take the place of the smaller one which had become useless. There are a number of holes on the claim, which are being worked with windlasses.

On 17, Tom Loyd is working 50 men; he has the most complete set of machinery in the Yukon, and operations are being conducted in a most satisfactory manner. At present there is three times as much dirt in the dumps as was washed last spring. At the clean up a year ago, over 100 men were engaged in shoveling in the sluice boxes, and it is contemplated that at least 300 men will be required to handle the dirt at this season's washup.

On No. 20, the N. A. T. & T. Co. are doing a great deal of work. The wages on this claim are \$4 per day and board for outside work, and \$5 per day and board for underground miners. About 30 men are employed at the present time, but the management expect to increase the force within the next few days.

If there is no scarcity of water for the sluicing next spring, the output of Eldorado will exceed that of any previous year.

#### Fun on Dominion.

A very pleasant party was given at McNeil's road house on Dominion last Tuesday evening. The event was to celebrate and partake of the prize cake taken by Geo. Dove as Uncle Sam and Wm. Goss as Queen of Manila at Card's masquerade. The evening was spent in singing and dancing and closed with best wishes to Uncle Sam and the Queen. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Card, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr and Mrs. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Miss Edith Robinson, Miss Zirbis, Miss Julian, Miss Mina Holmes, M. J. McNeil and the boys of No. 3.

#### Another Concert.

Next Sunday night will witness the second in the series of sacred concerts to be given at the Palace Grand opera house. The concert will be under the auspices of the Philharmonic Society, of which C. M. Pring is the manager and Carl Lueders director. The splendid string orchestra which performed so satisfactory on the occasion of the last concert will render a still more elaborate program next Sunday. The orchestra numbers 20 pieces and equals any similar organization to be heard in the Coast cities outside.

## THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

"I wish I was running a newspaper in this town," remarked a business man to the Stroller a few days ago, "you bet I'd make things hum. Why a fellow came into my store a few days ago and was kicking to me about some little innocent item that had appeared in a paper. He said he didn't care about the people in here, but that if a copy of that paper ever got outside here I would be to pay. I asked him if he meant to insinuate that there were not just as respectable people in Dawson as on the outside, and he said yes, but everything goes here. Now, if I was running a paper I would just show people of that stamp that everything don't go here and that the strong arm of decency and morality is long enough to embrace the people of Dawson just the same as it does in other places. As a general rule the class of people who say everything goes in Dawson are certainly not good patrons of the papers. The man who was kicking to me acknowledged that he had been here over a year and not spent as much as one dollar with the local newspapers in that time. Yet he thinks the newspapers should shield him in every little matter that he may prefer to not have published. If I was strolling for a paper there are several evils existing in Dawson which would be abated; the number of Yukon marriages would be lessened; the names of several men whom I know to have been offered work this winter and who declined it and are now sleeping in bar rooms (look over there behind the stove where some of them have been asleep over eight hours) would be given to the police and they would be pulled for vagrancy; I would roast the ultra sanctimonious law that closes a theater 15 minutes before the last curtain on a decent family entertainment that people have paid to see, merely because 12 o'clock Saturday night chances to pass the grandstand half a neck ahead of the play."

"That kind of journalism is all right," ventured the Stroller, "but may be you would get licked for it."

"Licked," roared the business man, "well I guess the fellow that ever tried that would curse the day he was born. Why, I would rake up everything known about him, publish his pedigree and see to it that the paper went outside. Oh, no, nobody would want to lick me but once. I knew a paper man back in Arkansas and a fellow— What, must you go? Well, s'long."

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## VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE

### Better Fire Protection Demanded.

### FIRE OUT THE GIRLS FROM UPSTAIR ROOMS

### Dawson's Prominent Business Men on the Situation.

### Government Officials Willing to Do All They Can for Protection—Auxiliary Company From Field Force—Unanimity of Opinion.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Since the disastrous fire of last Wednesday considerable discussion has arisen concerning the efficiency of the fire department, as it is comprised at present, and plans for the improvement of this important branch of the public service are being formulated now.

At this season of the year it is impracticable to attempt to secure additional apparatus; but the number of firemen can be increased, if necessary. It may be possible to induce Major Heming to permit the formation of an auxiliary fire corps from among the Yukon field force, the capabilities of whom in his line of work were most satisfactorily demonstrated a week ago. It may be true that better arrangements can be had to secure a supply of water. In fact, several confidently assert that they can provide a good water system to the people of Dawson within the next 60 days; such a system as will afford the property holders on the principle business streets ample protection from destruction by fire. This system, however, if constructed at this season of the year would be costly; but the expenditure involved, great as it might be, would be only a modicum in comparison to the losses sustained by reason of the conflagration of last Wednesday.

Many business men are of the opinion that strict inspection should be maintained relative to flues and chimneys. In the past, this duty has devolved upon the fire chief, whose time and attention did not permit the exercise of proper care. It is contended that a special officer should be detailed on this inspection service, whose sole occupation should be confined to the examination of stove pipes, chimneys, etc. The recent fire might have been avoided had rigorous inspection been made of the Monte Carlo premises.

With few exceptions the property holders are in favor of a police ordinance forbidding the occupancy of rooms over saloons and places of amusement by variety actresses and dance hall girls. It is coincident that the last two destructive fires which Dawson has experienced, started in rooms occupied at the time by this class of people.

As a precautionary measure, it has been suggested that those owning buildings in the business district be compelled to provide them with brick chimneys. Many are in favor of this idea. It would certainly appear reasonable to enforce this rule as to those buildings which are now in progress of erection.

The fact that no loss of life has been incurred by reason of former fires is attributed more to good luck than to any thing else; and the proposition is being considered to require the proprietors of places of amusement to provide proper exits and fire escapes. Such a regulation would oblige all owners of houses of more than one story to construct exits from the upper stories.

The trustees of the Board of Trade will meet tomorrow night, and all these questions will be given careful consideration. Certainly some measures will be proposed looking to the better securing of property from loss by

fire. A representative of the Nugget ascertained the opinion of a number of prominent business men relative to the subject.

Major Perry, when approached, refused to commit himself for the reason that as a member of the Yukon council he may be required to act on these matters in an administrative capacity.

Mr. Heron, of the A. C. Co., is of the opinion that a more powerful engine should be ordered immediately, thus insuring its arrival when navigation opens, and that the number of firemen should be increased now. Continuing he said:

"I consider it a bad scheme to have both engines located in stationary positions as they are now. This method requires the use of too much hose. After the last fire, every inch of hose was rendered useless for 24 hours. If the department would house the engines in the vicinity of the fire halls, they could be taken to any point on the river opposite a fire in the business district, with not much greater loss of time than is now required to reach them with hose. I have no criticism to make concerning the management of the last fire; under the circumstances and condition, as they were, I think that the department acquitted itself in the execution of every detail.

"I certainly believe that all buildings should be inspected thoroughly and frequently by a man detailed for that particular purpose, and whose duty should be confined to this special line of work. I do not deem it feasible to require owners of buildings to erect brick chimneys just now; iron stove pipes, with air spaces around them, are practically safe.

"I think that it is impossible to construct a good water system in this country during the winter season. If the council, however, should levy additional tax for fire purposes, my company would willingly pay.

"I am strongly opposed to permitting variety women and dance hall girls to occupy the upper stories of buildings used as theaters and dance halls. Of course, all houses of more than one story should be provided with fire escapes.

"I am interested in any movement or measure which tends to improve the efficiency of the fire department, and will give it my support."

Tom Chisholm expressed the following opinions:

"The stovepipes and flues should be looked at carefully in all buildings and the greatest care taken that there is no break in the pipes.

"I did not notice any mismanagement on the part of the fire department, but there were not enough men to do the work.

"I would be willing to pay a fair tax to promote any proposition which the people would think necessary for the better protection of the town.

"About the women in rooms over business houses, I think all danger from fire can be obviated by employing watchmen to look after the halls.

"Another suggestion I would make is that an ordinance should be made making it compulsory to place brick flues and chimneys in all large buildings. All places of amusement should have more than one exit and two story houses should have fire escapes. I have ordered one for the Hotel McDonald."

J. L. Macauley, of Macauley Bros., said:

"I think our fire department is adequate; but I think it would be a good idea to prohibit the use of canvas linings in all buildings, as this stuff is as inflammable as lint. I think the firemen worked nobly during the fire but that the force is not sufficient to combat a large fire successfully.

"I cannot see how we could have a better water system than now in use under the circumstances and I would oppose any taxation of property for the purpose of inaugurating any other system. I believe that all variety people should be excluded from rooming in business blocks."

Mr. Doig, manager of the Bank of

British North America, when interviewed, answered:

"I don't think that our fire department is sufficiently adequate to give us the protection that a city of this size should have. I am not well enough acquainted with the fire fighting business to suggest any improvement; but I should say that there are men in town who are qualified in the premises, and whose services should be secured.

"Personally I am willing to do any thing which the business men and property owners deem necessary relative to the improvement of the department. I have always understood that a regulation was in force requiring brick chimneys in the business district; and I should say that it would be expedient to have such a measure passed and enforced immediately."

Mr. McMullen, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, said:

"I consider our fire protection inadequate. I would suggest that two additional engines be ordered immediately, and also a large quantity of hose. My idea is that we should have a trained auxiliary fire brigade composed of volunteer firemen to act in conjunction with the paid force and under the control and orders of the department chief. I did not notice any mismanagement during the recent fire; but it is a fact, patent to all, that the number of firemen is insufficient to combat and confine within reasonable limits a large fire.

"If it can be demonstrated that the construction of a good water system at this season of the year is practicable, I am in favor of it, and am willing to pay a fire rate of taxation for that purpose.

"I think that it is a grave error to have the upper stories of places of amusement tenanted by variety women and dance hall girls. Experience has taught us that their careless habits are a menace to property. I deem it advisable to compel business men to construct brick chimneys this winter. Stove pipes should be properly arranged and frequently inspected. An inspector should be detailed for this special duty."

Mr. Fulda, of the A. E. Co. said:

"At present I consider our fire department inadequate to afford the required protection; but I have not given the matter enough consideration to warrant me in offering any particular improvements. I am always willing to stand my share of taxation, so long as the levy is made to better the town.

"If buildings are properly constructed and frequently inspected, I see no objection to the occupancy of upper stories by variety actresses and dance hall girls; but all such places should be compelled to erect brick chimneys."

F. H. Ames—Our fire department is adequate except in cases of large fires. I am willing to pay a reasonable tax for a good water system. Of course, my opinion is to exclude actresses and dance hall girls from rooming in the upper stories of buildings in the business district.

Rogers, of Cribbs & Rogers—The number of paid firemen should be increased. I do not believe a good water system can be secured, and am opposed to further taxation. The variety women should not be allowed to tenant houses located on the business streets.

Mr. Gandolfo—I think that the recent fire was mismanaged. The wind was blowing south, and I see no reason why buildings north of the Monte Carlo should have burned. The government has done its duty in providing apparatus, and all that is lacking is good management. I will pay a tax for a good water system. If amusement houses are properly constructed it would not be dangerous to permit variety women to occupy them; but as they have been arranged in the past, such places have proven nothing but veritable fire traps.

Bob Cahill of Cahill & Fazon—Paid force should be increased. We are in favor of a water system, and would pay our share of the tax. Good buildings, if frequently inspected, would not be materially dangerous even if occupied

by variety women and dance hall girls.

J. L. Timmins—There are not enough men in the department. I do not think that it is possible to secure a good water system now. The occupancy of the upper stories to amusement buildings by actresses and dance hall girls has been a disgrace in the past and is a menace to the safety of property.

W. H. Parsons—The department needs more men. I will pay my share of a tax for a good water system. Women—I mean a certain class—should not be permitted to tenant buildings in the business district.

## FREIGHTING OVER THE ICE.

### But Little Being Done and for Excellent Reasons.

### Shippers Were Drained of Their Last Dollars When They Left Bennett—Will Await Navigation.

But a very small per cent of the freight which was en route down the river when navigation closed will see Dawson before next spring. Considerable hauling is being done from Scow island and intermediate points, but from there on southward the cargoes are not being molested.

There are two reasons for this inaction on the part of owners of stranded freight, the first being that the trail for heavy teams above Scow island is in very bad condition, and the second is that in many instances, the owners already have as much money invested in their stock as it would sell for in Dawson if here, and cannot therefore afford to expend upon it the additional amount which would be required to freight it down.

Hundreds of tons of freight now lying strewn along the Yukon were purchased and shipped from below in ample time to have been delivered in Dawson in the early fall, "when the snow was on the pumpkin and the yellow on the corn," had the various transportation companies been able to fulfill their contracts. The consignments were dumped on wharves at Skagway where for weeks they awaited the pleasure of a badly managed railroad, and when the stuff did move it was at an enormous expense, and before it moved its owner was, in the majority of cases hanging around Skagway endeavoring to drown his worry at a big outlay of cash. On reaching Bennett the situation was not in any degree illumined. There the steamboat companies by whom the consignments were billed found themselves overwhelmed with business, but in many instances the shipper was led to believe that their part of the contract would yet be fulfilled, and the poor shipper hung around Bennett as he had done at Skagway and again attempted to drown his worry at two bits per dampen. Finally, on realizing that the shipping companies were acting in bad faith with him he had them release his freight, when he set about having a scow built in order that he might bring his goods down himself. There is where another great vacuum was made in his purse. Lumber was higher at Bennett last fall than it is in Dawson today, and the result was in nine cases out of every ten when the owner of the cargo left Bennett after being again robbed by a tow boat he had his every dollar invested in his goods, the season was far spent and all that was left him to do was trust in Providence, stand by his sweep and keep his eye peeled for rocks and sand bars, with the result that when the ice closed upon them they were found forced to accept the inevitable and leave their possessions where winter overtook them until nature permits of their concluding the voyage next spring and early summer. And this condition of affairs accounts for the fact that such a small percentage of stranded freight is being freighted down the river. Every transportation company that the shipper dealt with since the purchase of his goods bilked him and he prefers to take no more chances.

## TITLES TO PROPERTY.

**Very Unsatisfactory in Dawson at the Present Time.**

**Gov. Ogilvie Tells How the Government Intends to Remedy Them—Inquiries May Be Instituted.**

The real property titles of Dawson are in a most unsatisfactory condition. The central government at Ottawa has been dilatory in fulfilling the promises which its officials have made to the residents of this territory. The titles to all property in Dawson are defective.

No doubt that at some future day the government will remedy the defect, but in the meantime the cloud which necessarily affects every lot, has a tendency to depress the values of real estate.

In 1896 Harper and Ladue applied for a patent to 160 acres of land, which has since been known generally as the Harper and Ladue townsite property. Since then three other applications for land patents have been filed by private parties. These latter applications cover the ground, known as Menzie's, Day's and Smith's additions. All the property included in these applications has been subdivided into town lots. In addition to these, the government has reserved ground to itself, parts of which have also been subdivided.

Lots were sold by these applicants and from the government reserves to individuals, upon the understanding that there would be no unnecessary delay involved in securing the patents from Ottawa. A year ago last November, Governor Ogilvie notified all owners of real estate to file with the local registrar their respective chains of title to town property. It was said, at the time, that the government would soon issue the patents; and it was contemplated that the Torrens recording system would be operative here. By the adoption of this method of recording, it would be the duty of the registrar, when the patents are issued, to make out to each holder of real property a certificate certifying that he was the owner of the particular land described. This certificate, practically would be a guarantee from the government that the holder had a clear and good title to the described property. More than half of the land owners immediately filed their respective claims of title with the registrar; but to the present time, there have been issued no certificates by the representative of the government. The fact is that no patents have been given by the powers at Ottawa.

Governor Ogilvie, when questioned relative to the matter, said:

"The original patents for real estate in Dawson may arrive from Ottawa with any mail. When they do, those who have purchased from the applicants, or their grantees, and who have filed their claim of title with the registrar, will receive a certificate of title from the government. Those who have squatted on land will be ejected. There need be no apprehension on the part of property owners regarding the titles to land. The patents will issue; and as soon as possible, thereafter, the records will be straightened."

It is expected that during the coming session of parliament the government will be asked why the issuance of patents to Dawson property has been delayed for nearly two years.

### From Thistle Creek.

Frederick A. Banker, a resident of Thistle creek, came down from that camp yesterday. Speaking of Thistle creek Mr. Banker says: "There are 30 or 35 men at work who are using every effort to find pay ground."

As it was here, so it was on Thistle in regard to a backward season and only lately has mining been done successfully. Since the cold weather has set in considerable progress has been made. On 18 above the Dunn boys have

struck some 50 cent ground. Miller and Splane on discovery, found 20 cent dirt in one hole, but do not know how much there is at present. On 2 above the owners, May and Webster, are getting out big dumps, so they must be on pay ground. The others are simply "gophering" around after the pay streak. On Kirkman creek 12 miles above Thistle on the Yukon, 10 or 12 men have been at work this winter. From the fact that they have nothing to say, and only come down when absolutely necessary, it is surmised that pay ground exists on Kirkman. Several other creeks are being prospected in that vicinity which should be heard from this winter. Mr. Banker will go back as soon as the cold weather moves below Fort Reliance.

The town of Thistle is quiet, but the Seattle hotel, kept by Wm. Kramer, presents a lively scene each night with its crowd of pilgrims, both going and coming from the Mecca of gold.

### High Class Music.

The Dawson Amateur Choral Society is one of the latest additions to the ranks of social clubs in this city. The object of the society is to render vocal choruses from the most eminent composers. The membership of the club comprises several vocalists of more or less note, among whom is Arthur Boyle, who, in 1895, had the distinguished honor to sing before Queen Victoria by her special command and by whom he was highly complimented. The receipts of the entertainments given here will be devoted to charitable purposes. The first musicale will be given Friday night of this week in St. Paul's Episcopal church for the benefit of the Good Samaritan hospital.

### Licenses and Renewals.

That it might be known for a fact if the new regulations were in any way injurious to the miner and mining industry in this district, the Daily Nugget has received from the gold commissioner's office a run of six days' business, taken from dates which the holidays did not effect.

The number of miner's licenses and renewals were asked for and the following are the figures:

MINERS' LICENSES.			
1899.	No.	1900.	No.
Jan 4	5	Jan 6	8
Jan 5	12	Jan 7	5
Jan 6	7	Jan 8	8
Jan 7	12	Jan 9	10
Jan 8	22	Jan 10	10
Jan 9	21	Jan 11	6
Jan 10	21	Jan 11	6
Total	79	Total	42

  

RENEWALS.			
1899.	No.	1900.	No.
Jan 3	31	Jan 2	10
Jan 4	30	Jan 3	7
Jan 5	13	Jan 4	20
Jan 6	9	Jan 5	4
Jan 7	9	Jan 6	5
Jan 8	13	Jan 7	18
Jan 9	13	Jan 8	18
Total	105	Total	64

It will be seen that the business done in a week last year was considerable in excess of the same period for this year. In the matter of licenses, they are now issued at Grand Forks, mouth of Gold Bottom and on Dominion creek, and they might materially affect these figures. The decrease in renewals is very marked, however, and seems to denote something.

### Gold Hill Notes.

Miss Stanchfield entertained the Gold Hill Whist Club at its first meeting in the new year. Three tables were surrounded by members deeply interested in this absorbing game. The prize nuggets were won by Mrs. A. B. Cavanaugh and E. G. Will, the former scoring the most points among the ladies playing, the latter the highest number of points among the gentlemen. Dainty refreshments were served after which Mr. Jones favored the club with a number of popular songs to the guitar accompaniment.

The usual Puritanical quiet of Sunday on Gold Hill was rudely broken last Sunday. Mutterings hoarse and prolonged, curses loud and deep were heard issuing from a cabin occupied by parties interested in one of Gold Hill's rich claims. Nor did it end with "rag chewing." Blows fell thick and heavy as black eyes and blood sprinkled furniture give evidence. "After the battle was over, after the victory was

won," and the rye had worn off, the interested parties concluded the least said the soonest mended—and so say we all.

"Who Struck Billy Patterson," has given place on Gold Hill to something more modern. Up there the query now is, "Who struck Ben Johnson?" or "Who struck Yohn Faulka?"

### Police Court.

Magistrate Perry's court this morning was what might be termed "a false alarm," not through any fault of the court or of the clients, but of attorneys. In most places attorneys complain of having to await the pleasure of the court. In Dawson it is different; here it is the legal luminaries who are behind, or were this morning.

The case of the Crown vs. Murphy, with Henry Beckwith prosecuting witness, which was set for this morning, was called, but was held pending the arrival of Crown Prosecutor Wade.

In the interim the case of Miller vs. Boyle for \$130.60 for wages, was called, but the plaintiff's attorney was not present and that case went in cold storage pending the lawyer's arrival. The judge looked annoyed, but refrained from comment.

In the affair of Constable Booth who is undergoing discipline for disobeying orders, the penitent is not in jail, but is temporarily camping with the quartermaster as a fitting punishment for his neglect of duty.

So far as can be learned no report has yet been made by those conducting the investigation of the alleged holdup and robbery of Court Clerk and Stenographer Switzer.

### In Superior Court.

Young Wyncoff who was on trial yesterday before Judge Dugas for theft was acquitted the evidence not being of sufficient strength to warrant any other verdict.

This morning the case of Hawkins vs. Ross, one of the oldest cases on the court calendar, was taken up for trial. The next case on the docket is that of Tibbetts vs. Sprague.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Wilhelm is a late arrival from Seattle.

Mrs. Brunnell left for the outside yesterday.

Mrs. Cavanaugh came down from the Forks yesterday.

C. R. Gainer and Jack Blake are in from Australia creek.

E. H. Hayes of Last Chance, is stopping at the Flannery.

A. K. Kroenert from Gold Hill, is spending a few days in town.

Henry Jackman, a leading sport at the Grand Forks, is visiting Dawson.

J. Reaus, a well known druggist in Seattle, arrived in a few days ago.

C. J. O'Donnell of Grand Forks, is stopping at the Hotel McDonald.

John Cudaby of 43 above, Sulphur, is in town as a witness in a law suit.

Peter P. Corcoran came in from the outside in 14 days, arriving last night.

Capt. J. J. Healy is confined to his room owing to a slight attack of sickness.

A. E. Murphy, who left last fall on a visit to the outside, arrived in last night.

Frank Wilhelm recently arrived from Seattle, and is stopping at the Yukon hotel.

Frank Walker and W. S. Leonard are among the guests at the Hotel McDonald.

P. J. Campbell of No. 30 Eldorado, is a visitor in the city. He is registered at the Hotel McDonald.

F. H. Ames of the Ames Mercantile Company, is making preparations to leave for Skagway within a few days.

Jack McNeely has given up his cabin and re-engaged his suite of rooms at the Flannery. Jack says he has a strictly summer cabin.

Dr. Brown, secretary of the Yukon council, has removed his place of residence to the northeast corner of Mission street and Seventh avenue.

L. R. Fulda of the Alaska Exploration Company is contemplating a business trip to California. He will leave Dawson about the first of February.

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## QUARTZ MINING OF YUKON.

### Developments Disclose Plenty of High Grade Ore.

#### Recorder Milton Martin Gives Interesting Information Relative to This Class of Property.

The quartz properties of the Yukon territory are becoming matters of interest to capitalists and mining men. Since last August innumerable locations have been made and recorded. Until then but little faith had been evinced in the quartz resources of the country; but assays have since proven that the Yukon only requires development to be a great producer. The laws respecting this class of mining are more liberal than those governing placer claims. The payment of \$100 in cash, or \$100 worth of work, holds a quartz claim for one year; and upon proof of \$500 worth of work having been done, an absolute grant to the property is made by the government.

"Every quartz extension which has been prospected thoroughly has shown satisfactory assays. Conglomerate of quartz has given assays which have run very high in gold. There are stories of specimens of such rock, which put the valuation as great as \$600 and \$800 to the ton. Galena ore, bearing silver, lead, and a small percentage of gold, has been found in the vicinity of Dawson. Fine specimens of anatimony, giving returns as rich as 60 per cent in silver, evidence the occurrence of vast bodies of such ore. Asbestos, though not in paying quantities, has been uncovered on the west side of the Yukon river.

Mr. H. Milton-Martin, the quartz claim recorder, is enthusiastic over the quartz aspect of the territory, and places great confidence in the richness of the Yukon in this class of mining.

In speaking of these sort of mineral resources, Mr. Milton-Martin said: "The extent of quartz properties in this country will be a surprise to many people who are otherwise well informed. True, numerous extensions have been staked with at any previous prospecting, and this fact has tied up considerable property, but nevertheless most of the locations have been made after a thorough investigation of the particular ground. This latter class of property has been developed, and it has prospected well. I have seen many specimens which assayed from \$40 to \$75 in gold to the ton.

"At present there are 13 groups of claims which are being operated, each group being comprised of from four to eight claims, and a claim is 1,500 feet square. Work is being conducted on the quartz extension on the Dome, and on six claims which are situated up the Yukon about ten miles distant from Dawson. Considerable money has been expended in developing what is termed the Eldorado reef group, which is owned by a London syndicate. An application has been filed at Ottawa for an absolute grant for this Eldorado property. The N. A. T. & T. Co. and the A. E. Co. are interested in quartz claims, and are industriously engaged in working their ground.

"There are 1182 quartz claims recorded in the Dawson office, 276 of these locations having been made within the past three months. I predict that there will be more quartz locations next summer than applications for placer ground. Every day I receive inquiries relative to the law applicable to quartz mining, and when spring opens, I expect that there will be extensive prospecting for this sort of property."

#### Probst Improving.

M. A. Probst, the aged assistant engineer at fire house No. 1, who sustained a compound fracture of his right arm about two inches above the elbow by the explosion of a barrel in which a steam pipe terminated during the fire a week ago, is getting along as well as

could be expected of a man of his age, Probst being 54 years of age. Dr. Geo. H. Duncan reduced the fracture and the patient is at the Good Samaritan hospital, where every care is bestowed upon him by the attendants. The injured man is much worried over being incapacitated for work, his wife and child back in North Dakota being wholly dependant on him for support. Had the unfortunate accident occurred two minutes earlier, his excellency, Governor Ogilvie, would have been the person injured, he having been standing in the identical spot where Probst was when the explosion took place. As yet no order has been made striking from the pay roll the name of the unfortunate old man who was injured while on duty at a time when nearly the whole city was threatened with total destruction.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Ben Everett, good natured and popular, has assumed the management of the Pavilion, and will prove a most valuable attraction to that resort.

Several thermometers, the kind that come as prizes in chewing-gum packages, went out of business last night and this morning, the spirits in them becoming congealed. However, this sort of weather has a tendency to congeal all kinds of spirits.

Eddie O'Brien, who was left homeless by the late fire, was almost, but not quite, left dogless, only saving one of seven. Even the harness of the surviving dog was burned, and Eddie was out today looking for a new set of dog regimentals. He is not engaged in freighting, neither does he contemplate a trip out over the ice; he merely keeps his work dog for fancy driving.

People who expected to see Dawson's population materially increased by the arrival of travelers over the ice from the outside are not realizing their predictions. Up to the present time the number of people who have left Dawson for the outside is greatly in excess of the number that has arrived. Besides, many will leave here for down the river within the next few weeks.

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#### The New Dominion.

The proprietors of the New Dominion are hastening work in the erection of their saloon and gambling house. Thirty men are engaged on the construction, and two large stoves are kept heated on the premises to enable the laborers to warm themselves occasionally.

Immediately after the last fire Sam Bonfield moved his stock and furniture into the building recently occupied by the Monarch shoe store. His present quarters are neatly arranged, and are located on Second street, to the rear of the New Dominion.

It is intended that the structure on Front street will be completed early next week, when Mr. Bonfield will resume business there.

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