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## BOERS BEING SHELLED

### Buller's Guns Watched From the Garrison.

### SHELLING APPEARS TO BE EFFECTIVE

### Dry Weather Causes Decrease of Fever in British Camps.

### Cecil Rhodes Will Equip Irregulars—Australians Particularly Enthusiastic—Buenos Ayres Beef for the British Army Lost in Transit.

Ladysmith, Jan. 29, by runner via Frere Camp, Jan. 30.—The garrison is watching Gen. Buller's guns shelling the Boers. Their fire can be seen at this distance and appears to be very effective.

The movements of the Boers show that they are evidently determined to stubbornly oppose the advance of the relief column. They show no signs of removing their guns and have mounted new ones and are continually strengthening their fortifications.

Our fortifications have been greatly strengthened since Jan. 6th, and Ladysmith is now practically impregnable.

Owing to the dry weather, the fever has diminished and the number of convalescents returned from Intombi camp exceeds that of the patients being sent there.

The supplies are spinning out splendidly, all the troops having sufficient wholesome food. The heat is terrific, the thermometer registering 107 degrees in the shade.

#### A Force of Irregulars.

New York, Jan. 26.—The British government has given Cecil Rhodes and the British Chartered Company permission to organize and equip a force of irregular troops with which to fight the Boers. It is reported that the war office has loaned General Carrington to the South African millionaires, who will place this eminent soldier in command of the force. No facts concerning the strength of the body of irregulars have been disclosed. The New York World, in commenting upon this latest scheme, says:

"This may be considered as equivalent to the issue of what may be called letters of marque for privateering operations to be conducted on land instead of at sea. It is in a sense a revival of the medieval system of enlisting the support of mercenaries acting in almost perfect independence of the imperial power. How his actions will be viewed by the civilized powers of the world remains to be seen."

#### Army Beef Lost.

Durban, Jan. 26.—The steamer City of Lincoln has arrived here from Buenos Ayres. She has a cargo of cattle destined for the use of the British army, but on the voyage she met with a succession of storms which threatened to sink her, and for a long time she was down on her beam ends. Almost all the cattle were killed or thrown overboard.

#### Enthusiastic Australians.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 27.—An intensely enthusiastic crowd, which is estimated to have numbered 300,000 persons, bore Godspeed to the New South Wales section of the second Aus-

tralian contingent, which embarked for South Africa. The section comprised 44 officers, 644 men, 14 nurses and 756 horses.

The troopers marched through the streets escorted by 3000 volunteers. The cheering was incessant. A banner suspended from the American consulate bore the inscription: "America wishes Australia's patriots Godspeed."

#### The Yeomanry Movement.

London, Jan. 26.—There is much indignation and disgust expressed here at the mistake and blunders of those who have charge of the organization of the Yeomanry contingent. Persons who were able to carry the scheme to success have been met on every hand with red tape and obstacles, interposed by the inner circle of titled incapables. Many good men have withdrawn from participation in the movement. In South Bedfordshire, a company of 170 men became so disgusted that they disbanded.

#### Whales in a Trap.

Tacoma, Jan. 28.—Residents of Vaughan Bay, 20 miles from Tacoma, are having a big hunt after seven whales, which entered Vaughan bay Christmas day. Being unable to find the narrow channel leading out of the bay, the whales have been circling around and cutting all sorts of antics. Boatmen have been able to approach within 30 feet of them, and several parties with lances have started to hunt them down.

The hunters are now trying to secure the harpoons used by Tacoma fishermen three years ago when they captured a big California gray whale which yielded 800 barrels of oil. At that time a cannon was mounted on a tug and fired at the whale several times without effect. At last harpoons were sunk into him, and he towed three rowboats around Puget sound for over a hundred miles. By that time he was so tired that lances could be used with deadly effect. It is intended to repeat this process if harpoons can be secured before the whales escape. A number of children who cross Vaughan bay in rowboats to go to school are staying at home until the whales disappear.

#### Last Night's Benefit.

The concert and entertainment, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the Boer war, was given at the Palace Grand theater last night. An excellent program of 15 numbers was well rendered. A large audience was in attendance. All the boxes were rented, and the promoters of the entertainment are to be congratulated on the financial, as well as the artistic success of the affair. The following is the excellent program which was rendered:

PROGRAM	
Medley	Y. F. F. Band
Song	Corporal Cook
Recitation	Miss Ross
Song	Mr. Thompson
Physical drill	Yukon Field Force
Song	Mr. Boyle
Tambour	Tenning Light
Bayonet exercise	Yukon Field Force
Song	Q. M. Sergt. Harris
Selection	Y. F. F. Band
Bagpipe selection and sword dance	Messrs. Taylor and D. L. Macdonald
Song	Mr. Macdonald
The Absent-Minded Begonia	Miss Jessie Perry
Song	Mrs. Dutton
Tableau	Britannia
God save the Queen	

#### Assistant Gold Commissioner Arrives.

Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell and Mr. R. J. Hilbeck, sheriff of the Yukon territory, arrived in Dawson this noon. The commissioner made the trip with a horse and sled. Sheriff Hilbeck had a team of dogs. The gen-

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lemen expressed themselves as satisfied with their journey, and both are in good health and spirits. The assistant commissioner is not expected to assume the duties of his official position until the return of Commissioner Senkler from the creeks.

#### The A. C. Hockey Match.

The employees of the A. C. Co. have arranged for a hockey match to take place tomorrow evening at their private rink directly in front of the company's store.

The store team is as follows: Ben Trenneman, captain; Ed Boyer, O. S. Lanning, W. H. Fairbanks, Sam Pond, John Myers, Frank Griffin and Fred Emery.

The warehouse team is composed of the following young men: William Norval, captain; Luther Schooling, James Lapierre, John Lawrence, John Van Meter, Charles Johnson and John McCain.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Two sled loads of mail which arrived yesterday evening only seven days from Bennett, the best time on record, was being delivered to the public today.

Evidently the members of the Yukon council are losing interest in that body's meetings. There was not a quorum present yesterday, the time for the regular weekly meeting, consequently no meeting was held. The same thing occurred two weeks ago.

Twenty-four people with six sleds and 28 dogs left yesterday for Nome. Nearly all who contemplate the long trip over the ice will get away within the next ten days, as it is thought that in 50 days the best time in which the swiftest travelers can hope to make the journey, the ice will be getting very treacherous and dangerous.

The two months for which James O'Day was confined for the theft of goods from the Yukon Iron Works will expire on Monday, the 19th and he will then be released from custody. Being truly penitent he will soon be in position to begin the work of building up for himself a reputation for honesty and integrity.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

W. D. Mallen is registered at the Fairview.

L. E. Miller of No. 2 Eldorado, is visiting the city.

J. Godhead, W. Dums, and W. F. Macklin left yesterday for Cape Nome. They were provided with nine dogs, divided into three teams.

#### Judge Senkler Dead.

Gold Commissioner Senkler has received the sad news of the death of his father which occurred ten days ago at the old family home in St. Catharines, near Niagara Falls, Ontario. For many years deceased, who was a barrister of recognized ability, had served his country in the capacity of district court judge. He was widely known and generally esteemed throughout Ontario.

#### Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 41 degrees below zero.

At 3 o'clock this morning the thermometer at the barracks registered 40.5 degrees below.

At noon, a slight variation occurred and the official instrument recorded 39.4 degrees below.

## WHITEHORSE WEALTH!

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### Diphtheria Triumphs Over Christian Science—Blind Faith Causes Parents to Lose Their Family—In Hands of the Lord.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 24.—One of the biggest mining deals on record in British Columbia has been consummated in the transfer of the Whitehorse copper group claims to the Rothschilds for \$2,000,000. The deal was put through by Manager Bowker of the British American syndicate, which owns the Leroy mine at Rosland. Several experts have been sent out from England to examine these claims. All have agreed that they make the most wonderful copper showing ever found anywhere. One of them reported that on a single claim \$1,000,000 worth of ore had been exposed by a washout.

These properties are situated 160 miles down Yukon from Skagway and will be reached next summer by the extension of the White Pass railroad now building. This railroad has agreed to make very low rates on copper ore to Skagway, whence they will be shipped by water to the Tacoma smelter in which the Rothschild syndicate and D. O. Mills of New York are interested.

Henry Bratnober, chief American mining expert in the Rothschild's employ, discovered the first copper in the Whitehorse district in August, 1897, when he returned from Dawson City on foot. He immediately sent men into the district to stake claims. These were followed by stampedes and it is their claims which the syndicate has now purchased. The deal will give the Rothschild syndicate control of a copper belt which experts say will exceed that of Montana in production within ten years.

#### Diphtheria Vs. Christian Science.

Pittsburg, Jan. 28.—Diphtheria and Christian Science have had a bitter battle in a New Brighton family for the last two weeks. Diphtheria has won so far. Two children are dead, while a third child and the father are dangerously ill with the same disease. Frank Martzell and his wife have been believers in Christian Science for three years, and so confirmed in the doctrine are they that they have seen their two little ones die of malignant diphtheria and were willing to let their remaining child perish rather than take her case out of the hands of the Lord. Not until forced to do so by the health authorities would the parents permit a physician in the house. Even then the father refused to give the medicine prescribed.

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## BULLER'S MOVEMENTS.

It appears from the latest dispatches that Buller now contemplates a flank movement. It is difficult with the necessarily meager information at hand to form an intelligent idea of the situation. The latest war maps at hand locate the Boer lines as extending along the general line of Tugela river on the north side from its confluence with the Mwe river to a point near where it is joined by the Mooi, a total distance of something over 70 miles. The center of the line is opposite Ladysmith at a distance of less than 10 miles from that point. Buller's line reaches from Springfield on the Tugela to the confluence of the Tugela and Bushman rivers a distance of about 40 miles. The distance between the centers of the opposing lines is given as being about 14 miles, while the flanks are no farther than five miles apart.

The significance of Buller's latest movement will be awaited with deep interest. A movement to either flank will involve the crossing of several rivers and an advance through a country almost as rugged as that which is now in front of him. The maneuver may be in the nature of a feint.

The suggestion of "Dawson Merchant" which appears elsewhere in this paper is one on which our Canadian friends should at once act. A meeting should be called and a truthful statement of conditions as they exist in this district should be prepared, endorsed by the meeting and forwarded at once to Ottawa. Canadians in the Yukon have rights which their government should respect as well as those of any other section of the Dominion, and our people here should not hesitate in asking that the needs of this country be given consideration at once. Our correspondent's suggestion that the aid of the officials be asked to strengthen and dignify the petition is also a good one, and there is no doubt but that all fair minded officeholders in the district, knowing as they all must that there are breakers ahead of the ship of state in the course in which she is now sailing, will gladly lend their influence in bringing about the desired end.

By all means let "Dawson Merchant's" suggestion be acted upon.

From a perusal of Kruger's proclamation published in yesterday's Daily Nugget it would appear that the wily old Boer is making the most of the fanatical tendencies which every one agrees are a part of the Transvaaler's character. When men are made to believe that in slaying or attempting to slay their fellows they are doing the Lord's work they ordinarily become tough customers to tackle. The natural qualities of the Boer for rough and ready fighting, added to the above peculiarity of

which Kruger is evidently availing himself to the utmost, makes him a most formidable enemy.

A certain element of pronounced jingoism in the United States are endeavoring to force a vote of sympathy for the Boers through congress. The movement has met with ignominious and deserved failure. Such an action, even though it expressed the feelings of the members of congress, would be entirely out of place and uncalled for. Uncle Sam will preserve the strictest kind of neutrality during the war. There are Boer sympathizers in America just as there are in London, but they have no right to endeavor to force their views upon the representatives of the whole people of the United States.

The authorities at Seattle fear the introduction into that city of the plague now raging in the Hawaiian islands and portions of the Orient. A general clean-up of the city is in progress and old landmarks in the town which bear about them the traces of prehistoric filth are being renovated and treated to doses of chloride of lime and other equally drastic remedies. Seattle will be a better town as a result of this campaign of cleanliness.

When the postoffice is moved down into the center of town it would be a very wise idea to bring the telegraph office along, too. The public would be greatly accommodated in the event of the location of the two offices in the same building. The site prepared for the postoffice is well adapted for the purpose, and the building when erected will be more than ordinarily safe from fire, as it will not be in immediate contiguity with other buildings.

The theory has been advanced that the Clayson party may have left the trail and joined a stampede on the Big Salmon river. The theory is probably the result of an imaginative freak on the part of some man who desired to spring a sensation upon reaching Skagway. Had such a stampede as suggested been in progress it would certainly have become known to the police or the Dawson newspapers long ago.

As was the case at this time last winter wood is cheaper than it was at the beginning of cold weather. Sixteen dollars a cord, which is now being quoted for wood, is about as reasonable as can be expected. The decrease in price is due to the ordinary workings of the law of supply and demand.

The Boers have dismantled Johannesburg and taken everything of any value from the city. Should they succeed in capturing Kimberley, the same fate, without doubt, would fall to that town.

Business men who have recently returned from the creeks report increased activity all along the line due to the cold snap succeeding the warm spell of a week ago.

## Territorial Court.

At the conclusion of yesterday's session of the territorial court, the further trial of the case of Victor et al. vs. Butler was postponed until next Tuesday morning.

Today is being devoted to the hearing of motions.

The interim injunction in the case of Foster and Burke vs. Anderson was dissolved with costs.

In Webus vs. Beede the motion for final judgment was postponed till next Friday.

The motions in Driscoll vs. Hawkins and in Durand vs. Graves were deferred till next Friday.

In McCreal vs. Winckley et al., an interim injunction was granted with leave to file further affidavits.

The case of Burke vs. Ogilvie and Harper was placed on the trial list.

The motion in the matter of the estate of James McLarty, deceased, was continued till next Friday.

The motion for judgment in McGowan vs. Hall was postponed till next Friday.

The defendant in Kennedy vs. Golden moved to set aside the writ of attachment issued in the cause. The motion was taken under advisement.

An order was entered in Raymond vs. Faulkner continuing the injunction till next Friday.

This morning the calendar of cases at issue were rearranged. The following actions are on the peremptory list:

Victor vs. Butler, partly heard; Callahan vs. Johnson, Griste vs. Mitchell, Guddard vs. Ripstein, Meadows vs. Smith, Schlafer vs. Willison, Canadian Development Co. vs. La Blanc, Lang vs. Kern, Herring et al. vs. Ripstein et al., McNamee vs. McNamee, Williams Mill Co. vs. Bourke, Enlund vs. La Fond, Conta vs. McKenna, Rogers vs. Reed, Nesbitt vs. Ryan, McIntyre vs. Klog.

The following cases have been assigned to the waiting list:

Cavanaugh vs. Cavanaugh, Beckwith vs. Canadian Development Co., McKenzie vs. Croall et al., Meytyer vs. O'Connell, Matheson vs. Hamilton, Hamilton vs. Morrison, Fearon vs. Morrison et al., McDonald vs. McDonald, Ryan and McDonald vs. Ellis, Webb et al. vs. Ballard et al., McDonald vs. Miner, Lind vs. Croall et al., McKay vs. Aurora Dock Co., O'Brien vs. Greenfield, MacFarlane vs. Curry, Gatsford vs. Carroit, Craig et al. vs. Wilkins et al. Ladue and Wilson ex. vs. Morford, Wagner vs. Houston, Holland vs. Klondike Development Co., Hirsch vs. Leiser, Lynch vs. Orcutt, Davies vs. Bourke, Wade et al. vs. McDonald, Ross et al. vs. Kane et al, Criterion Hotel Syndicate vs. Lynch, Kerins vs. McDonald, Vernon et al. vs. Rosenthal, York vs. Stander, Seitz vs. Meadows, Murphy vs. Cochrane.

## A Small Blaze.

A tent stretched on a frame structure and located on the east side of the slough to the rear of the barracks square, as destroyed by fire at 7.30 o'clock last evening. The place is occupied by Mrs. Rumbaugh. The fire ignited from a candle flame, while Mrs. Rumbaugh was visiting a neighbor. The fire department promptly responded to the alarm, and succeeded in confining the blaze and in saving a considerable portion of the household effects.

## A Couple of Fights.

Yesterday Captain Fraser while crossing the river from West Dawson met two travelers starting for Nome, who were driving a dog belonging to the captain. The latter demanded its immediate return, but the stampedees refused to part with the animal. When the captain attempted forcible possession, he was resisted, but after a brief encounter the dog was secured by its rightful owner and the stampedees proceeded down the river with their two remaining animals.

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This morning about 7 o'clock a lively fracas occurred in the New Dominion saloon. There were several participants, all of whom were employes of the house. No particular damage resulted, and the affair was quieted before the arrival of the police.

## Sunday Night Concerts.

Messrs. F. W. Zimmerman and L. R. Radcliffe have leased the new Orpheum theater located on Front street, for the purpose of inaugurating a series of high-class Sunday evening concerts. They have organized the Symphonie Orchestra, which includes the principal soloists and leading musicians in Dawson.

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## SOCIAL CLUBS OF DAWSON

### Are Well Patronized at the Present Time.

#### The Organizations Which Take an Active Interest in the Social Affairs of the City.

The social organizations of Dawson have assumed considerable importance during the past year. While it is true that a few clubs were running last winter, they were not as well patronized as they are at present. The winter months comprise the most successful season for the clubs here as elsewhere. One or two organizations which started under favorable auspices seem to have been neglected by their members. A year ago the Elks were prominent as a social order in Dawson, but this winter the society has been inactive. Early in the present season, and until some weeks ago, the Eagles' association took a leading interest in the social affairs of the city; recently, however, their meetings have been discontinued, and it is said that the one which was held a few weeks ago is the last for this winter.

The most successful as well as the oldest club in Dawson is the Regina. It was organized in October, 1898. Its membership consists of about 100 gentlemen, among whom are the leading merchants and professional men of the town and many of the wealthiest mine owners in the district. The present officers are Thomas O'Brien, president; C. G. K. Nourse, vice-president; E. B. Condon, secretary, and T. C. Healy, treasurer. The quarters of the club are on the third floor of the Regina hotel. There is every convenience for the members, and the furnishings and recommendations equal those of clubs in towns of similar size on the outside.

The Yukon Club is situated on the second floor of the Dawson building, northwest corner of Third street and Second avenue. Its officers are H. C. Lisle, president; F. C. Little, vice president; J. N. Storry, secretary, and A. F. McIntosh, treasurer. At present the organization has a membership of 35. The Yukon club was formed in June, 1899, by the members of the old Dawson club, which was disbanded after the big fire of last April.

The Arctic Brotherhood is the only secret fraternity in the Yukon territory which exists under and by virtue of an authorized charter. The Dawson lodge was organized in December, 1899, by Messrs. A. F. George and E. J. Fitzpatrick. The members meet every Friday night in the McDonald hall. At present there are about 75 brothers in the local branch of the order. A. F. George is arctic chief; E. J. Fitzpatrick, vice arctic chief; E. B. Condon, treasurer; E. J. White, secretary; and Emil Mohr, arctic guide.

Ford's gymnasium club is an athletic association comprised of about 60 members, and under the management of Mr. Bert Ford. The gymnasium is 30 feet wide by 50 feet long, and is well furnished with all the necessary requirements. The quarters of the club are situated at Ford's bath house on Third avenue near the corner of Third street.

#### Glove Contest a Draw.

Ford's gymnasium last night was the scene of several rattling bouts between members of the club followed by a 11-round go "for points" between Sammy Jones and Walter McMurray, colored.

McMurray was introduced by Jim Donaldson as "better known as the Kansas Cyclone," but the reputation of the state suffered considerably last night as the Cyclone was very short of wind. The fight was to be for points, 10 rounds, with a decision, but lasted 11.

Sammy did all the fighting and had his man going in the second round. Black Prince, who was acting in the colored boy's corner, thought his man was gone and with a theatrical gesture threw a towel in the ring in the absence

of the sponge. His man evidently thought it was an invitation to wash up, but was too busy to do so as Sammy was crowding him hard. Time was called here and the colored boy took his corner, bleeding profusely from the nose. The Black Prince left the hall in disgust, as his man was still fighting when according to all precedents he should have been dead to the world.

After the second round McMurray looked ready to go out at any time and only waited for Sammy to land, but while Jones was getting in all the blows he had not the strength to finish his man.

At the end of the go Jones did not show a mark, the colored boy reaching him but once during the match, while McMurray was battered in the mouth and his lower lip was badly damaged. The fight was Sammy's from first to last, and as Donaldson stated at the opening of hostilities that the go was for points, he should have got the decision. It was declared a draw.

The entertainment was opened by a four-round go between Sinclair and Malloy. Malloy showed to best advantage, while Sinclair is rapidly improving, although having a bad practice of flinching at expected blows. This was a lively and interesting exhibition.

Then followed a four round go between Hall and the Benicia Kid. This was a kangaroo battle, both combatants doing some great foot work. The Benicia Kid expected to get kicked in the jaw as he watched Hall's feet very closely. He discovered he was in no danger from that source, however, and as a gentlemanly evidence of his disregard for the fistic efforts of his opponent, spit a mouth full of water in his face. The go ended in a jumping match.

Case, a brother of Dick Case, and Ford next donned the buckskins for a four round go and gave and took equally. Case shows practice at the art and guarded and landed very neatly.

After this followed the go between Sammy Jones and Walter McMurray—a draw. Jim Donaldson referee; W. H. Lyons, time keeper.

#### Plamute in Chicago.

S. H. Stevens, jr., No. 5432 Jefferson avenue, is anxiously searching for a dog. The animal is one that did him good service in the Yukon country some months ago, and its return to the Stevens home is eagerly awaited. It is of the type that draws sledges in the gold districts, has wolf's blood in its veins, and is not prepossessing in appearance.

For that reason, when the dog disappeared last Wednesday night, it was hunted by the police and residents in the neighborhood of Jefferson avenue and Fifty-fourth street, who disliked its howling proclivities, and who yearned for its death. The animal, however, was too active for its pursuers, and vanished.

It was the intention of Mr. Stevens to present the Klondike dog to the Lincoln park menagerie, and he may do so yet, if he regains possession of the brute. In the meantime Mr. Stevens will be thankful for information leading to recovery of "a big gray dog, with shaggy hair, a bushy tail, and a nose like a wolf."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

#### Prolific Heber Ricks.

A correspondent writes to the Chicago Inter-Ocean as follows:

In the valley of the Snake river, near where that stream forms the boundary line between Wyoming and Idaho, lives the father of the largest family on the American continent, and probably in the world. The owner of this unique distinction is Heber Ricks, one of the faithful followers in religion and practices of the late Brigham Young. Reliable persons who have known Ricks for many years say he has 12 wives and 66 children. Many of his sons and daughters have long since taken unto themselves helpmates for life, and to these have been born 218 children, thereby bringing the number of souls in the Ricks family, exclusive of the

venerable father himself, up to 296—a pretty good showing for one man.

The members of the Ricks family are scattered over a stretch of country 14 miles long by two miles wide. Heber Ricks has an even dozen ranches which, with those of the sons and daughters, make quite a good size settlement. In the center of this settlement a town called Ricksville has been established. Here are located a general store and a church, the latter being the largest as well as the most substantial building in the Ricks empire. During week days the church is transformed into a school room, and a regularly employed teacher (usually one of the Ricks daughters) labors with the descendants of Heber. On Sundays, and not unfrequently on an evening, services, which are, of course, strictly Mormon, are held. These religious meetings are usually presided over by the elder Ricks and are very interesting, being conducted in that manner peculiar to the Mormon faith. In case of the absence of the "bishop," as the head of the family is known in the settlement, as is frequently the case when he makes a visit to one of his wives living in the extreme upper or lower ends of the colony, one of the sons will fill the pulpit and preach the doctrine of his father.

#### POLICE COURT.

If the attorneys of Dawson are as derelict in collecting fees as they are in getting to police court to champion the cause of their clients their contributions to the causes of home and foreign missions must necessarily be meagre.

Major Perry's court this morning was a "waterhaul" all owing to the fact that Dawson's attorneys are the busiest set of men between Pushfinger, Arkansas, and the North Pole, and therefore the balance of the world, the flesh and the devil, must needs "hang fire" on this account.

The first case called this morning was that of the Queen vs. Edward Bartlett who is charged with having, on January 16th, unlawfully taken a pair of bobs, the property of E. R. Knight, and of since declining to return them to the rightful owner. Bartlett said he had secured the services of a lawyer who would be present soon, so the parties were told to stand aside.

The case of Brown vs. Sam'l Matherson for labor performed on the latter's Sulphur creek claim to the amount of \$607 was next called. Matheson disputed the account and said he only owes Brown \$474.25, which amount he is ready to pay at any time. Brown broke the spell at this stage of the proceedings by saying "My lawyer will be here in a few minutes," and the parties in this case retired to the already crowded waiting shelf to bide their time until the disciple of Blackstone would deign to appear. The "few minutes" in which the lawyer was to appear in this case chased the "few minutes" in which the lawyer was to appear in the other case over the faces of the chronometers present and still the legal luminaries did not appear. Major Perry looked at his watch, shifted in his chair, looked at his watch, shifted again and in about 30 minutes had been transferred from the scroll of time to the shelf of eternity, and still the lawyers came not. "Has any one else any business with me this morning," asked the court. No one present had any tales of woe to reveal. At this point patience ceased to be a virtue and court was summarily adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon, and upwards of a dozen men, all anxious to be allowed to return at once to their various occupations, were thus detained all on account of the apathy and evident carelessness of two petty foggers.

#### Arctic Brotherhood.

The regular weekly meeting of the Camp Dawson, No. 4, Arctic Brotherhood, will be held in McDonald hall tonight. As there will be a large number of initiations, it is necessary that all members be on time in order that there may be no delay in getting to work.

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## DAWSON MERCHANT'S VIEWS

### Regarding Mining Laws and Existing Conditions.

#### Suggests a Mass Meeting of Canadians, in Which Officers Will Be Asked to Participate.

Editor Daily Nugget: In your issue of this date, February 15th, I note that at a meeting of the Dawson Board of Trade the report of the committee on mines and mining was the sole topic of discussion, and that one of the principal features of the report was the matter of royalty. I also note in your issue of the same date an editorial in which the royalty question is discussed from a loyal Dawsonite's standpoint. With the recommendation of the mining committee and with your editorial bearing on the same point, I most heartily concur, as must every man who would see Dawson prosper—every person who would see business industries and property values keep up to anything near what they have been in the halcyon days of the past, from which standard I must say they are both at present very rapidly receding.

I am not a mine owner or operator, but I am a merchant and I have been engaged in business in Dawson for nearly two and a half years. I am a Canadian, of which fact I have ever been proud, but of late I have been constrained to blush for my country, or rather for my countrymen, as it is by the almost imbecile acts of the latter that business in the Yukon country has been throttled and the flow of revenue into the coffers of both the merchant and the government has been reduced fully one half within the space of a few months.

Not satisfied with retaining half the claims to itself the government must needs lay a tax on all gold produced, which tax, or royalty, is in fully one half the cases more than the operator has left as the reward for his business venture and enterprise. In many cases the miner operator would be lucky to clear above all expenses the 10 per cent royalty he is now forced to turn into the greedy maw of the government. The result of this oppression is that mining property for immediate working purposes has greatly decreased in value—in fact, is not marketable for the reason that there are no purchasers. The mines that are today being operated are being operated on a "tooth and toe nail" basis, the owner being fearful lest he expend more than will be realized at the cleanup after paying all expenses at top-notch prices, including the ten per cent donation to the government.

This condition affects the merchant and every other business man in Dawson. It causes an air of depression to hang like a pall over every pursuit in the city from the wholesaler of all needfuls down to the man who peddles hot tamales. Not content with the rigid laws governing the operation of claims after they have been located, those in power must needs legislate the prospector wholly and entirely out of business and out of the country. Where is the prospector of two years ago? Is he out in the valleys and hills looking for new mining fields, the discovery and development of which will add thousands, perhaps millions, to the wealth of the Canadian government by the alternate ten claim system? He is not. On the other hand he has packed his pick and shovel, blankets and frying pan and gone in quest of fields in which he is less restricted than in the Yukon.

This is the deplorable condition in which Dawson and the Klondike is found at present, and no steps have been or are being taken to retard the downward fall. Already the general business of Dawson, as well as that of the license issuing and recording office, has fallen off one-fourth

within the past three months as compared with that of one year ago in the same departments, and I venture the prediction based on present indications that those of us who are here in the year 1901, if any of us are left by that time, we will see less than one-fifth the business transacted, less than one-fifth the money made by the government and less than one-fifth the number of people here that we saw in the year 1899.

Now, the question is: how can matters and existing conditions be remedied? As for me, I think the desired ends may be brought about by concert of action on the part of we Canadians, and I am confident that nine in every ten of us are anxious to bring about a betterment. I am also confident that our officials will aid and assist us in the good work. I know it is not natural that office holders should openly denounce the government that has placed the pap bottle to their lips, but no denunciation is necessary. On the contrary, it is the duty of the officers who are on the ground to point out the mistakes which the government is making, which mistakes are not due to anything other than ignorance of circumstances and conditions as they exist in this country, which by the way, the majority of our lawmakers at Ottawa know as little as the average Canadian knows of the Transvaal country. My suggestion is that the representative Canadians hold a meeting (it could be properly called an emergency meeting), and ask the officials to attend. I believe there is not one of them so blind but that he sees ruin for the district at no long distance ahead—on the road we are now traveling. At that meeting let a correct, accurate and detailed account of conditions as they now exist, the future discouraging prospects and the causes of their existence be clearly depicted and let every Canadian civilian, officer and what not join in signing a monster petition to our government at Ottawa to have remedied laws enacted and put in operation at the earliest possible day, that our descent down the incline on which we are now well started be slackened if not entirely stopped.

I am not an anarchist or a Boer, but a loyal subject of our queen who is here endeavoring to better my condition by honest trade and traffic. I am willing to go down, if needs be, in my country's defence, but I object to going down by means of my country's foolish, radical and arbitrary laws as I am now doing.

Mr. Editor, please excuse this encroachment on your valuable space. I could say more, but in justice to my country, my fellowman and myself I could not well say less.

DAWSON MERCHANT.

#### The Probst Benefit.

Messrs. C. W. Tennant and J. W. Stingle have charge of the arrangements of the concert to be given on February 25th for the benefit of Mat Probst. The Yukon Field Force band, under the leadership of Sergeant McKinnon, have volunteered their services for the occasion. In order to give an entertainment of the very best class, the committee intend to secure an orchestra. Messrs. Tennant and Stingle earnestly request the co-operation of those possessing vocal talent, and persons desiring to communicate with them should leave word at the office in the A. C. Co.'s store.

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