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A CONDEMNED MAN INTERVIEWED.

Edward Henderson Resigned to the Fate that Awaits Him.

Talks Freely of His Doom and What Led up to It—Sees the Rev. Young Every Day and Receives Spiritual Consolation.

By the courtesy of Sheriff Harper, and by the expressed desire of the condemned man, the representative of the Nugget was granted an interview Friday morning with Edward Henderson, the man whom the law has condemned to die on the scaffold on Tuesday next at 3 a. m. The newspaper man was only allowed to converse in the presence of the guard, but the doomed man was very glad to see him, and conversed freely of himself, his fate and the causes which led up to it. He had read several copies of this paper, and said it several compliments, which we will not reproduce.

The condemned man was found in bed, as usual since the trial, his health being at a low ebb. His face looked better and brighter than when he was in court, but he exposed his poor, wasted body to demonstrate the improvement to be fictitious. The bones are barely covered with skin, and though, as is natural, he would like to live, it is apparent that a reprieve would mean but a short time of wasting away and then death.

The newspaper man discovered Henderson reading his Bible. The daily ministrations of the Rev. Young have been gratefully received, and their effect is apparent in the calm and collected manner in which the sick man awaits the inevitable.

Henderson is in no way the hardened criminal one expects to find in a condemned cell. The act which he will expiate with his life on Tuesday was not the premeditated act of a man of criminal instincts, and therefore one is agreeably surprised to find in the prisoner a man whom the guards say is gentle and unassuming to an unusual degree. He cherishes very highly the pictures of his wife and two little girls, and exhibits them proudly to his fellow-cellars.

Henderson said he considered his case as a peculiar one. He had no complaint to make against the men who had prosecuted him, nor witness against him or who had condemned him. The officials had done what they had conceived to be their duty; the one witness, George Gale, had not exactly testified wrongly, but had refrained from saying the many things he could have truthfully said which would have been in the prisoner's favor. Still he cherished no ill will against anyone, and would die at peace with the world. He considered his case a peculiar one in that it was the first case within his knowledge where a man admittedly ill at the time of the shooting was held strictly accountable for his acts. The condemned man said: "For nearly a year before starting for Dawson I hardly got out of bed at all. On the road I did not improve to any great extent. After the shooting I was very ill. Just previous to the trial I had dysentery so that I could barely stand. Since the trial I have remained in bed."

Asked if he could stand and walk, he replied that he stood a little each day, but his legs shook under him.

Henderson is a man of 49 years of age, born in Blackburn, Lancashire, England, and has lived in the United States since he was 9 years old. He is a steam-heating engineer by trade and his last position was as superintendent of the fittings with the Seattle Electric Light and Gas Company.

Replying to the newsman's reference to his changed appearance, Henderson said:

"Yes, I feel more rested than at the time of the trial. While I of course, would like to live I am not at all afraid to die. I would like to understand that I was always so sure of my case and always felt myself so nearly right that I refused to avail myself of several opportunities I had for making my escape from custody. At the trial, also, I never asked or pleaded for anything but justice, for I was so sure of having right on my side." (It will be remembered that "self-defense" was the prisoner's plea.)

Asked about his sleeping it may be mentioned that he rests well and eats regularly, if not heartily.

The evidence at the trial was not made public because of its peculiar nature. The prisoner testified that at the time he shot Peterson the deceased was kneeling over him with one knee pressing him in the groin and causing excruciating agony. Both were in bed and undressed for the night and the affair was precipitated by the prisoner tipping a can over in the bed. The jury, however, held the shooting to be without justification, as other evidence convinced them that while this might have immediately preceded the shooting, at the moment of the shot the prisoner was not being in any way assaulted. It all happened a year ago on September 17th, and that year seems to the condemned man to be at least ten. In that time he has received but one indirect communication from home. He has written a number of times, but has not yet acquainted his family with his fate.

The man is evidently resigned to his doom and converses freely on the hours and the days which must elapse before he closes his eyes to this world forever. It may be that his ill health has much to do with this resignation

which is like that of a very sick man. He feels keenly that in the United States he would not be hung for an unpremeditated crime.

At the conclusion of the interview the man soon to die was desirous of shaking hands with the scribe, but the guard's orders were not discretionary and the man with the pencil was reluctantly obliged to refuse the outstretched hand and the "good-bye" had to be verbal only.

Master Masons Meet at Fort Get There.

We are indebted to Andrew Young, city carrier of the Nugget for the account of an interesting meeting of Master Masons held recently at Fort Get There, which he attended, and was one of the most pleasant experiences of his life. The party assembled in the offices of L. B. Shepherd, manager at that point for the N. A. T. & T. Co., where song, recitation and banquet were indulged in. Those attending were Dr. F. B. West, M. Baker Lodge, 202, Los Angeles, Cal.; R. R. Taylor, Wheaton Lodge, 249, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; L. L. Metter, Bethel Lodge, 348, Seattle, St. Marie, Mich.; P. E. Katz, Cookston Lodge, 144, Cookston, Minn.; T. P. Herzhuber, Chesapeake, Mass.; A. S. Holmes, Hannibal, Mo.; H. O. Wright, Stratford, Canada; O. S. Osborne, Cameron, Mo.; W. S. VanOrlando, Orlando, Fla.; L. B. Shepherd, Chicago; John C. Divitie, Honolulu, H. L.; W. C. Hill, Hillsboro, Ohio; Frank A. Jones, S. F. Cal.; S. C. Milligan, Tacoma, Wash.; A. P. Mordaunt, Lynn, England; John M. Hall, Newberg, N. Y.; W. E. Mook, Cal.; C. B. Jelbron, Oakland, Cal., all Master Masons. Mr. Shepherd extended every courtesy to those present and none will probably ever fail to remember their meeting on the Yukon.

For the Benefit of St. Mary's.

The Dawson Dramatic and Operatic Company, Meride Houck manager, is giving two performances for the benefit of the above worthy institution on October 8 and 9. The entertainment will consist of a concert, concluding with the operetta "Barber of Bath," written by Offenbach. The full details have not yet been fully worked out, but the entertainment is calling out some of the best talent in the city.

Why Shouldn't They Come Down?

Second avenue is now becoming one of Dawson's most prominent and important thoroughfares. Before the city had assumed its present and growing commercial importance the *Malicious de Jole* were located as they now are on Paradise alley and second avenue. Of late the number has increased on second avenue until the street is prominent in its display of red curtains between First and Third streets.

Whatever may be the opinion concerning the locations, there can certainly be no excuse for permitting the advertising so vulgarly displayed of the "off" society of the city as may be seen there today. Business houses are now locating on second avenue rapidly, and naturally ladies alone and with children are and will be more or less passing to and fro on errands of shopping. It is certainly a most discreditable thing to see glaring signs of "Jennie and Babe," and wanton use of names of places and respectable business houses to attract the attention of passers-by to these houses of ill fame. Why shouldn't the police department order down all such signs?

Tivoli Masquerade.

The Elks benefit was followed by a masquerade ball given by the management of the Tivoli. The dance was well patronized and many very fine costumes were seen. Among the costumes not securing prizes were the Klondike Nugget, by Hene; Mexican senorita, by Rodolphus; Yukon maiden, Gracie Robinson; Schoolgirl, Vera Gray; Midnight Sun, Mrs. Ziner; Jockey, Nugget; Scotch lassie, Nellie LaMore; burlesque character, Evaline; Queen of Sheba, Caprice, and a humorous costume by Mollie Thompson.

A large brooch was awarded Esther Duffey for the best dressed lady. The shapeliest girl, Eva St. Claire, was presented with a bracelet. Emma Forest received a pair of earrings for being the best sustained character. Nellie was awarded a bottle of champagne for being the best waiter. A diamond ring was awarded Harry Lawler for having the biggest feet in the hall.

So Say We—All of Us.

An editorial contemporary, in a recent issue, weeps thusly: "Backward, turn backward, oh, time, in thy flight; feed me on gruel again just for to night. I am so weary of sole leather steak, petrified doughnuts, vulcanized cake; oysters that sleep in the watery bath, butter as strong as Gollah or Gath; weary of paying for what I can't eat, chewing up rubber and calling it meat. Give me a whack at my grandmother's jam; let me drink milk that has never been skimmed; let me eat butter whose hair has been trimmed; let me once more have old-fashioned pie—and then I'll be ready to curl up and die."

Fire Boys Attention!

You are all requested to meet in the engine house on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Business of importance is to be transacted.

Well, That Settles It.

About a dozen years ago, when Fanny Davenport was playing an important engagement in the Smoky City, a young hotel clerk, after a rather lively priming with the boys, went to the opera house. He was a good-looking fellow, with a black moustache, and the figure that he cut that night was given color by his new light overcoat and high silk hat. By the

time he reached the theater it was pretty full; so was he. But he bought a ticket for a parquette seat right down front, and with tolerable steady steps he made his way to it. It was in the middle scene. As he reached his seat and was divesting himself of his loud overcoat Miss Davenport came down the stage to the footlights and said to the villain who was courting her, but with her eyes to the audience: "I can never love thee." She said it with great emphasis, and the handsome hotel clerk rose from his seat, took up his hat and overcoat, and, saying in a loud voice, "Well, that settles it," retraced his steps up the aisle, while the audience burst into a roar of laughter and applause.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Nugget is delivered regularly on all the creeks.

The police are having erected a down town station house on Third avenue which will contain a cage, one cell and a police office.

The Dawson club will hold a social session on Monday night at 8 o'clock. It will be in the nature of a "smoker" and a large attendance is desired.

The postoffice has been fitted up with a 16-light acetylene gas machine with fixtures for 10 lights and more to come. The improvement on smoky lamps is most marked.

A protest has been filed with the gold commissioner against the proposed diverting of the water of Homestake gulch for sluicing purposes. The document bears date of October 8th.

The Mine Exchange has removed from the Tivoli to the Monte Carlo. The friendly association of Col. Davis is seen once more upon the rostrum, he having completely recovered from his late spell of fever.

A meeting of freighters was held Thursday evening last and was attended by about 25 owners of dog teams. It is reported that a scale of prices for freighting has been adopted. A meeting is called for Monday night.

There will be a 10-round glove contest on November 9, between Black Prince of Colorado and Dick Agnew of Frisco. The contest will be waged for a purse of \$500, and as both men are known it promises to be interesting.

Newspaper men are not deterred from the trials which afflict other individuals and fugitives as habited in a print shop anywhere else. The Nugget roof was twice on fire on Friday but a new fire on scientific lines soon fixed things for the future upon a safer basis.

Thursday evening is said to have been the dullest in concert hall and saloon circles ever known in Dawson. The boys are moving their supplies up the creeks, taking advantage of the excellent condition of the trails to sled their outfits, accounts for it.

There is humor in even painted signs. On the east side of Front street is one bearing the legend: George A. Smith. Real estate and mining. "Eagle" papers drawn. Mr. Smith must be from the other side of the line where a very promising city is legitimately spelled on that style.

Two police screws loaded with provisions for Dawson and carrying seven men were passed by the Willie Irving on Lake Lehigh. They have failed to put in an appearance here and the running ice has about caused the local police to lose all hopes of their arrival before the freeze-up.

Jack Curley, who boxed Pat McCue, in this city some time ago, has challenged Pat Rooney for a glove contest of 15 rounds for the championship of Dawson and the Northwest Territory at any time and place. "Curley" is in A1 condition and will be able to get away with the championship if the two men come together.

The fire apparatus is all housed in the A. C. warehouse, but it is not comfortable yet. Men are busily at work lining and ceiling the department quarters and filling the intervening space with sawdust. Then a large tank of water will be put in and there you have a bush and J. Burnett are retained at a salary to stay with the apparatus day and night as engineer and fireman.

The Knights Templar and "Mystic Shriners" are to hold another banquet on Saturday evening, November 5th, at the Fairview. Sir and Noble M. Wilson is chairman of the committee of arrangements and anything the Sphinx takes hold of usually goes. It is to be a claw-hammer suit, sweater, corduroy, Mackinaw shirt, and all Knights and Sons of the Desert in Dawson, are expected to be present.

New Court House.

South of the barracks is being completed a two-story log building 70x25 feet which is to be used as a court house and residence for the presiding judge. The building is being very nicely finished, the offices papered and the trimmings are of dressed and painted spruce. Stoves are provided in each lower apartment with drains in the upper rooms. It is expected to have the court-house in readiness for opening court on November 1.

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WHAT SHOW HAS THE GAME?

"Nugget" Reporter Plays all the Games with a Sack of Shot.

One Reason Why the Use of Currency Should be Encouraged—A Description of Dawson's First Gallows.

A Nugget man on Saturday last was approached by a man of business and asked if he would like to see an easy way to make money. That being a particularly strong desire on the newspaper man's part, he quickly replied that he would. No sooner said than done, the gentleman pulls a well filled dust sack from his pocket and drops it on the red of the roulette wheel, saying "That goes for twenty-five." The little ball went spinning, and finally dropped into a red pocket, and the dealer passed over an out tag for \$25. Going to his office and opening the sack, it was found to be a well-filled sack of No. 8 shot. It occurred to the paper representative that the games stood in a hard way against deals of this kind; so, asking for the loan of the sack, the reporter proceeded to make the rounds. The first place visited was Tom Chisholm's "Amora," and, stepping to the table, five stacks of whites were called for, which were promptly placed over to the player and the shot sack placed in "hook" for the amount. Fortune favored between win and lose for probably 15 minutes, when the player and game were even, the checks redeemed and sack turned back. Next came the Pioneer, where the same thing was done. Then a visit was made to The Northern, where the player quit a loser and paid the dollar to the gold commissioner in charge. Then to the Monte Carlo games, owned by Messrs. Storey and Wilson, and known as a house of high reputation, where the previous proceedings were carried out, simply to demonstrate that the sack's contents are entirely unknown to the dealer. It is not the object to show that this can be done, for the matter has been referred to before. But the point to be raised is this: The houses in Dawson, on the whole, are known to be probably the squarest in the profession anywhere. Supposing a dust bag is deposited with a dealer; the player calls for \$200 checks and loses. He must either make it good or display the fraud in the sack. Presuming the latter is done, the question arises, what protection has the game? It is stated that such expose has occurred in the past, the player or practitioner of the imposition being arrested and fined or sentenced to imprisonment for 30 or 90 days. It is clearly doubtful if such act upon the part of the justice administering the penalty could make his findings stand as legal, did the perpetrator not practice the fraud upon anyone save a game of chance for gambling being illegal in any form, and particularly under Canadian law, debts or frauds of this kind would not be recognized in any of the higher courts. It behooves the houses, therefore, to know how best to protect themselves, as indicated in the above.

Four to Hang at Once.

The gallows for the execution of the four men condemned to die on November 1st, has been erected in the rear of the guard-room or jail and is a substantial structure of rough lumber about 20 feet from the ground to the beam which will bear the ropes. The platform containing the trap is halfway from the ground and 12x20 feet in dimensions. The whole is covered in from prying eyes and enclosed by buildings and a high board fence with a row of spikes on top. The trap in the floor is the full length of the platform, showing the evident intention of hanging all four men at one moment. The cross-beam which will bear the ropes is supported from the ground by upright 6x9 inches, and the platform supported by 6x6 corner pieces. About four feet from the ground is the platform for the few witnesses who will be allowed to be present at the hanging.

Tuesday will be the fateful day for the four men—three Indians and one white man. The Indians are stoical, unconcerned and probably unaware of the meaning of the sounds of the hammer and saw within twenty feet of the cells in which they are confined. The white man is on a bed of sickness, but probably every sound in the erection of the gallows is heard and fully understood by him. He knows now what it is to be in hourly anticipation of death as did the partner he shot last spring.

A Financial Success.

The benefit given on Tuesday evening last by the Elks for their sick and burial fund proved to be a pronounced success financially, has enabled them to pay up all outstanding bills for the care of sick members of the order, and the burial of those who have died in Dawson, and leave a substantial sum in the hands of the trustees for similar purposes, should occasion require. The very low price of admission placed the entertainment within the reach of all, and, but for the closing turn, for which the Elks were in nowise responsible.

The committees having the affair in charge are to be congratulated for the efforts made and hard work so promptly and efficiently done. Brothers Seiffert, Sullivan, Conway, Gale, Chenoweth, Wilson, Howard, and all worked like Trojans.

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