

SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE.

San Francisco Papers Ridiculed A. L. Stephens for Coming in on a Wheel.

But He Made the Trip in Seven Days and His Chainless Columbia Is None the Worse for Wear.

Mr. A. L. Stephens, cashier of the Alaska Commercial Company, who arrived in Dawson on the 20th inst. on a Columbia chainless wheel, is much elated over the fact that he holds the exclusive record of having ridden a chainless machine into Dawson from the coast. Mr. Stephens explained the fine points of the machine to a Nugget representative yesterday and in fact he has reason to be satisfied with it, for apparently it has not suffered in any degree from its long trip over the ice.

The wheel was constructed under special directions by the American Bicycle Co. It is rigged with tandem rims, and has especially heavy corrugated tires which prevented it from slipping on the ice.

During the entire trip the wheel suffered hardly a scratch aside from some rubbing of the enamel by a case carried inside the frame, and neither of the tires were punctured.

Mr. Stephens exhibits a collection of cartoons published in the San Francisco Examiner in which the idea of making the trip into Dawson on a wheel is held up as ridiculous in the extreme. The wheelman is represented as riding over huge icebergs and down precipitous canyons in a way to make his own and the observers hair stand on end.

"The fact of the matter is," said Mr. Stephens, "the trail following the rivers and lakes between Bennett and Dawson furnish an almost ideal trail for wheel riding. When you consider the fact that we covered the distance in a trifle more than seven days, or, to be explicit, seven days and seven hours, you will realize that the trail must have been in pretty fair shape."

Asked for more particulars, Mr. Stephens stated that on Lake Bennett and the Whitehorse cutoff, owing to the fact that thawing had already set in the trail was not very good. From Whitehorse to the foot of Lake Lebarge excellent riding was found and a record of 20 miles was made in one hour and fifty-five minutes.

The worst part of the trail was found between Lake Lebarge and Selkirk. In numerous places water stood on the trail to a depth of from six to twelve inches.

From Selkirk into Dawson the trail was in splendid shape and was covered in quick time. The last run of 72 miles was made in 7 1/2 hours.

Mr. Stephens made the record trip so far as the use of bicycles is concerned. The distance between Bennett and Dawson has been covered in less time than Mr. Stephens took, but in every instance the trip has been made by relays of horse and dog teams, with which method it is not fair to compare the work and difficulties involved in making the trip on a wheel.

In addition to his own weight of 220 pounds, Mr. Stephens carried letters and baggage weighing 46 pounds, making a total of 276 pounds on the wheel, which itself weighs 30 pounds.

Mr. Stephens was handicapped on the trip by a severe cold which several times threatened him with pneumonia. He left Skagway on the 7th inst. and the train was delayed by snow slides for 95 hours during which time nearly every one in the train contracted bad colds. He was sick several nights on the trail, which delayed in various ways and increased naturally the time which otherwise would have been consumed.

"You may quote me as saying," remarked Mr. Stephens, "that for a quick trip in winter, while the trails are in good condition, a bicycle is the best possible means of travel up and down the river."

While on the outside Mr. Stephens visited all the large eastern cities. He spent a week in Washington City, and attended a number of sessions of congress during the famous trial of Congressmen Roberts, the Mormon member from Utah. He also witnessed the great foot ball game of the season played at Madison, Wisconsin, between the teams of the Universities of Chicago and Wisconsin.

Since returning to Dawson he has spent several days resting up and doctoring his cold. Yesterday he resumed his duties at the cashier's window of the A. C. Co., much to the gratification of all his old time friends.

Playhouses of Dawson.

Both of the local theaters have commenced the present week in a most suc-

cessful manner. The audiences last night were large and appreciative; and the entertainments are of such an order as to warrant a continuation of liberal patronage. The very best theatrical talent in Dawson is now engaged at the playhouses.

In the Orpheum all the seats and boxes were occupied when the curtain rose on the first scene of "The Two Orphans." This scenic production is divided into six acts, and includes a cast of 22 characters. Blossom and Dot Pyne assume the title roles to perfection. The former has been sick for the past week, and her reappearance last night was greeted with hearty applause. Dot Pyne, when so inclined, is capable of creditable legitimate work, and it is gratifying to witness her very clever acting. Since her engagement at the Orpheum, Miss Pyne has exerted her talent, and all the characters which she has essayed have been portrayed exceedingly well. Julia Wolcott, who plays the part of Mother La Frochard, takes advantage of every opportunity which her role affords, and, as a matter of course, her efforts are successful. The acting of Paul Bordman is above criticism. Alf Layne appears as Jacques La Frochard. The other players who assist to no small degree in making the production successful are Nellie Forsythe as Florette, Jessie Forrester as Marina, Daisy D'Avara as the Countess de Liniers, Myrtle Drummond as Malirette, Mamie Hightower as Julie, Gussie Lamore as Theresa, Beatrice Lorne as Pauline; Cecil Marion as Annette; Robert Lawrence as the Chevalier de Voudrey, Harry O'Brien as the Count de Liniers, Tom Rooney as Picard, A. G. Fane as the Marquis de Presles, Charles M. Wills as the physician, Samuel Stevens as La Fleur, Louis Traube as Antoine, and Ralf Edwards as officer of the guards.

The specialty numbers on the program are rendered between the second and third acts of the melodrama. The Drummond Sisters do clever team work. Beatrice Lorne sings two favorite songs. Nellie Forsythe is as pleasing, a ever in her manners and vocal renditions. Cecil Marion assays operatic selections. Gussie Lamore entertains the audience with two popular songs. Both Tom Rooney and Harry O'Brien have interesting turns.

The entertainment at the Palace Grand commences with the production of John Mulligan's farce comedy, in four acts, entitled "The Swedish Desperado." The cast is comprised of 15 characters. The leading role is assumed by John Mulligan, and his interpretation of the part creates much merriment. Dick Maurettus is amusing as Dick Dalton. Eddie O'Brien assumes the character of Hawkshaw, the detective. Conchita takes the part of Annie Dennison, and has an opportunity to display her cleverness. Cassie Carter, a little child of six years, appears in the cast to advantage. The remainder of the roles are delineated by Sam Jones, Archie League, Carrie Linton, May Walker, Babe Pyne, Lucy Lovell and Evatine.

The olio is varied and entertaining. The O'Brien family, who have not appeared for some time past, appear in a very entertaining sketch. Cassie Carter does exceedingly good buck and wing dancing for a such a little child. The team of Mulligan and Linton perform a clever Irish character turn. Leo continues his wonderful work on the trapeze. Bessie Pierce is as graceful and entertaining as ever. Garnette is successful as a contortion dancer. Kitty Howard has a pleasing song and dance act. Conchita does an interesting specialty. Others who take part in the olio are Florence Bruce, May Miner, Alice Fairbanks, Emma Hull, Jacqueline, the Browning Sisters, Evaline, May Walker and Dick Maurettus. The Palace Grand is affording the public some very creditable amusement, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Mulligan, the director, will continue to receive the support of the management in his efforts to conform to the present policy.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

J. L. Wilson has filed a protest suit against Ido Ramsdell. The action involves the title to creek claim No. 4 on a tributary entering Last Chance at No. 8 above discovery. The complaint of the plaintiff, J. L. Wilson, reads as follows:

"The plaintiff is a free miner, residing at Dawson. The defendant also resides in Dawson. On June 1st, 1899, the plaintiff caused work to be started on creek placer claim No. 4 on a tributary at No. 8 above discovery on Last Chance for the purpose of representation. That men worked thereon continuously for three months, till September 1st, 1899. During that time one shaft was sunk 52 feet, and 16 cords of wood were cut. On March 23d, 1900, three men came to the office of the gold commissioner to file an affidavit of representation and renew the claim. Then plaintiff learned that Ido Rams-

dell, on November 18th, 1899, had filed an application for said claim, stating that no work had been done on claim during the year. That a grant had been issued on the 23d of January to said Ido Ramsdell for said claim. The plaintiff claims that said claim was duly represented, and that the relocation grant heretofore issued to defend ant should be cancelled, and a renewal grant issued to the plaintiff." The hearing of the action has been fixed for 10 o'clock a. m. on April 19th, 1900.

This morning the case of C. S. Yardwood vs. Clegg and Holcolm was tried by Commissioner Senkler. The suit involves a dispute regarding the boundary of the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the upper half of No. 1 Boulder creek. Decision was reserved.

The action of Cunningham vs. Anderson is being tried this afternoon.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Magistrate Primrose's court yesterday afternoon a man named Foucha was fined and paid \$50 and costs on the charge of having sold whisky without a license.

This morning Count Emele d Roulifi, the young man who figured in court last week as the prosecuting witness against Miss Lillie Charpentier, a Fourth avenue amazon, for using his face for a spittoon, was fined \$50 and costs, in all \$69.50, having been convicted of selling whisky without a license. As alternative punishment he was allowed the option of paying the fine in the coin of the realm or working it out on the royal woodpile. He expressed preference for the former, and at the urgent request of his attorney was given until 2 o'clock this afternoon to pay the money into the court.

Action was finally gotten in a dog case today in which J. L. Andrews was accused by Chas. Swain of having stolen one spotted malamute, which case, not through any fault of the accused or of the court, but through the lack of the prosecution in getting all its witnesses in court at one time, has been continued no less than seven times; and when the evidence was heard it was promptly dismissed at cost of the complainant, and the accused who has been astride the barwire fence of anxiety and annoyance for the past ten days heaved a sigh of relief as long as a rake handle.

A Finlander who is suspected of being demented was before the court, a fellow countryman named John Frederickson appearing in the role of interpreter. Dr. Thompson, N. W. M. P. physician and surgeon, was called to give testimony, but desired that he be given time to further examine the patient, as the brief examination he had made was unsatisfactory owing to the man's inability to speak or understand English. With the aid of an interpreter the medical gentleman thought he would be able to intelligently report on the case at 2 o'clock this afternoon, to which time it was continued.

With his face in a sling, Louie Merrymont, a front street merchant, was in court this morning, when he swore out a warrant for the arrest of S. Y. Nightingale for assault and battery. Merrymont's Nightingale had a dispute this morning concerning some money, hence the bandages, arnica and warrant.

Claims Recorded.

Wilson Foster has received a grant for the Foster quartz claim, which is located on the right limit of the Klondike river opposite the mouth of Bonanza creek.

James Bell has recorded the Black Diamond quartz claim, located at the mouth of Adams creek. A quartz grant has been issued to Michael Day for the Gold Chest claim, which is situated at the mouth of Adams.

This morning two placer claims were recorded in the local office. The grants were issued by the department at Ottawa. J. Gordon McLaren filed on the fraction, designated as No. 463 above discovery on Sulphur. This claim is 55.8 feet in length. Another fraction, 148 feet in length, numbered 42b below on Sulphur, was recorded by Edward B. Condon.

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change will be made in the price of tickets before April 1st. Two thirds of the stateroom accommodation has already been taken. All those who have spoken for passage, without buying their tickets are hereby notified to close the arrangements during the present month.

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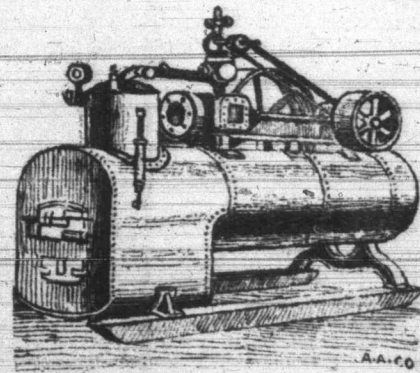
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