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M'CONNELL CASE

Did Not Materialize This Morning, the Defendant Being Ill.

AND UNABLE TO APPEAR IN COURT.

Her Husband, Being Late With Excuse, Is Called Down.

WOOD WITHDRAWS CHARGE

In Consideration of Explanation From Mrs. McConnell—Doctor's Affidavit Required.

From Saturday's Daily.
That old saying "curiosity, thy name is woman!" was given a flat contradiction this morning in the police court room which was packed to its full capacity with the lords of creation, not a female was present, all prompted by the same motive, curiosity to see and hear the preliminary trial of Mrs. Luella Day McConnell on the charge of criminal libel preferred by Councilmen Senkler, Dugas and Commissioner Ogilvie.

Up to late yesterday there were four complaints on file against Mrs. McConnell for the same offense, but during the afternoon she sent her husband to Major Wood, also a member of the council, with a verbal apology in the form of a statement to the effect that the letter to the minister of justice was not intended in any way as a reflection on the character and integrity of the major and that she had not had him in view in referring to the members of the council. With the understanding that the explanation will be put in writing and signed by Mrs. McConnell, Major Wood agreed to withdraw his complaint. The written statement had not been received by the major at 10:30 this forenoon but would probably be forthcoming during the day.

Magistrate Starnes occupied the chair this morning. The three complainants—Messrs. Senkler, Dugas and Ogilvie—and their attorney, J. B. Pattullo, of the firm of Pattullo & Ridley, occupied

seats within the railing. Court Orderly Mayne duly declared the court open for business and after a moment's silence the magistrate called the name Luella Day McConnell. Another moment of silence followed in which there was no response.

"Not present, your honor," said the court orderly.

"Is there anyone present to appear for her?" asked the court.

Another moment of silence ensued when the court informed the clerk to issue a bench warrant and have it forthwith served upon the absent defendant, stating at the same time that other business of the court would be proceeded with until Mrs. McConnell was brought before it.

The case of J. J. Gregory, who was up on a charge of selling four-pounds of tea unfit for use, was called, but just as he had pleaded not guilty, Mr. Edward McConnell entered the courtroom and was asked by the magistrate "Are you appearing for your wife?"

"I am," said Edward.

"Well," said the court, "this case was set for hearing at 10 o'clock and as you were not here at that time I have issued a warrant to have the defendant brought into court. When this court says 10 o'clock it means 10 o'clock and it is now ten minutes past 10 o'clock. This court will not be played with, therefore a warrant has been ordered issued."

Mr. McConnell was profuse in his explanation that he had thought he was in good time. He compared his watch with the courtroom clock and said that his watch was four minutes slow, and assured the magistrate that he entertained the very highest respect for his court; that he had come to inform his honor that his wife, the defendant in the case, is sick and in substantiation of his statement produced a certificate from Dr. Cassels which stated that Mrs. McConnell was physically unable to appear in court in person.

Magistrate Starnes said it was not his desire to bring a sick lady into court and that the hearing of the case would be postponed until she is able to appear. When asked when he thought she would be able to appear, Mr. McConnell said his wife has not been able to leave her room for ten days and he feared she will not be able to do so for perhaps eight days more.

Attorney Pattullo objected to the doctor's certificate being taken as an excuse for the non-appearance of the defendant unless the doctor made his certificate by affidavit. The objection was sustained and the doctor would be seen later in the day.

In the meantime and until Dr. Cassel's affidavit is produced, no exact time for hearing the cases will be fixed.

The case against the vender of tea was continued until Monday.

In the same court yesterday afternoon Mrs. Day was fined \$25 and costs for drunkenness, and Angel Durand, a Fourth avenue dandy, was for openly soliciting, given the option of spending one month in jail at hard labor or of getting out of Dawson within 24 hours. She chose the latter and said she would travel today.

The case of Madame Renio, charged with illegal practices in that she alleges to tell fortunes, practice witchcraft and other "dark age" foolishness, was continued until Monday.

CALDERHEAD MANAGER

Macdonald Potts Retires From Klondike Corporation, Ltd.

Agent Miles of Lancaster & Calderhead is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Calderhead which authenticates the report that Manager Potts of the Klondike Corporation has resigned and that he, Calderhead, has been appointed in his place. S. E. Lamson will be appointed Whitehorse agent of the company. The first boat to arrive of the fleet will accept freight at \$60 a ton and Agent Miles is authorized to contract at that figure. The firm of Lancaster & Calderhead will send in 100 tons of hay and oats and 30 tons of hams. D. W. Fields, formerly with Palmer Bros., is to be city salesman of the firm.

GOLD RUN FESTIVITIES

All the Creeks Participate in a Jolly Night.

The Snowy Range Dancing Club gave a swell dance at No. 36 roadhouse on Gold Run last Saturday night. A most enjoyable time followed and a swell supper was served. The dance was attended by all the upper ten of Gold Run and surrounding country. A mask ball will be given by the same club next Friday night.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, Davies, Tomkins, McGinnity, Lucas; Mrs. Morrell and Godel; the Misses Sloggy, Keeney and McKenzie; Messrs. Myers, Asal, Hartney, Martin, Mericle, McLennan, Keeney, Murdock, Cowden, Jensen, Taylor, Norville, Bennett and Hering.

CREEK HAPPENINGS

Late Events on Bonanza and Eldorado

Mrs. Keith, of 16 Eldorado, has been visiting with Mrs. Rose of Dawson, for the past three days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. King, of 85 below Bonanza, were in town on business yesterday.

Messrs. Lewis and Jackson of Adams Hill, spent several days in town last week.

Mr. E. G. Erickson, of 10 Eldorado, is laid up with a severe case of pneumonia. Two nurses and several physicians are in constant attendance.

Mr. Jos. Lanouette has been placed in charge of claim 39 above Bonanza.

Messrs. Potter and Murray have opened a new roadhouse on 33 above Bonanza. The building is a large log structure, and newly furnished throughout. The opening dance will be given next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Primus, of 33 above Bonanza roadhouse has been sick at the Good Samaritan hospital for two weeks. Miss Barjon has charge during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills of King Solomon's Hill, are putting a new addition on their restaurant capable of accommodating 100 men. Big work will be done on the above hill the coming summer.

A select tea party was given by Miss Hollingsworth of Oro Fino Hill last Wednesday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Chechako Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Longstaff, of Magnet; Mr. and Mrs. Welch, of Monte Cristo; Mrs. Seeborn, Miss Hollingsworth, Mr. Gohjen and Mr. Nelson.

Rev. Cock of Grand Forks, holds church services at Mr. Weis' cabin on the right limit of Monte Cristo gulch every Sunday afternoon. Miss Vera Barnes of Suohomish, Wash., who has displayed considerable musical talent, presides at the organ.

The Orpheum Reopening.

The Orpheum will be again open to the public next Monday night with a first-class show in which J. H. Hearde will appear to a Dawson audience for the first time, he having recently ar-

rived from the outside. According to accounts printed in outside papers relative to his versatility he should make a show in himself, as he has received the most flattering encomium from the press.

First on the program will be minstrel show during the progress of which the latest songs will be sung and many clever skits introduced. The setting for this part of the show will be particularly attractive and a novelty to Dawson theater goers. Thirty voices will be heard in the chorus led by the French tenor Douce.

Eddie Dolan will head the vaudeville and Bryant and Onslow will appear in an entirely new act John Flynn's London gaiety girls are also billed for next week and Jennie Guichard will be seen in new costumes and special acts. The novelty alone of this program should pack the house next week. The usual prices are charged.

COMING AND GOING.

Walter Sharp, of Montreal, is registered at the McDonald.

Thos. W. O'Brien left for Fortymile on business this morning. He is owner of the townsite at that place.

H. I. Miller, the well-known cattle dealer, was a passenger on the C. D. stage this morning for Whitehorse.

H. E. St. George, an old timer, arrived in Dawson on Tuesday. He will remain during the coming summer.

Tom Davies left on the C. D. stage this morning for the outside. He will return to Dawson on the opening of navigation.

A scratch game of curling was enjoyed last night at the rink. Only one sheet of ice could be played upon owing to the recent thaw.

The smoker which was to have been given at the public library on Monday night next has been postponed. Ample notice will be given by the committee of the date when the smoker will occur.

John L. Sullivan, who registered from Boston, is a late arrival at the McDonald. He has probably heard of the fistic carnivals that are so frequent in Dawson and has come in for the purpose of challenging the most likely man.

The roof of the residence of J. S. Williams near the corner of Fourth street and Fourth avenue was on fire for a few minutes this afternoon. The department quickly extinguished it with the chemical engine.

A Chance for Labor.

E. C. Campbell, a partner of S. C. Vedder in No. 6 French gulch, is a recent arrival. He starts operations on his claim immediately and will employ from 16 to 18 men this summer. In speaking of the methods to be employed in working his claim for the coming season he said:

"We will sink to bedrock and get out what dirt we can be ready for sluicing, but as soon as sufficient water is obtainable we will sluice direct, working all summer. I think that will be found to be the most economical way of operating."

Another Lost Man.

Inquiry has been made regarding Elkannah Travis Bartlett, of Gloucester, Mass., who was last heard from at Dawson, September, 1899, when he wrote to friends at home that he was soon to leave Dawson for home.

Also Andrew Wesley Shillington and Charles Pine, who came to Dawson together in 1898.

Anyone who can give any information regarding either of these men will confer a favor by reporting to the U. S. Consul H. Te Roller.

It Was Poison.

Examination by Drs. Hurdman and Thompson of the stomach of the late John Gschwindt who was on Thursday found dead in his cabin near the Klondike bridge, revealed the cause of death as being ptomaine poisoning, the result of eating canned meat which had been allowed to remain in the can a considerable time after being opened.

Kodaks bought and sold. Goetzman. We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

MOLLIE THOMPSON

Robbery Case Occupies Entire Day in Judge Craig's Court.

EVIDENCE IS LONG DRAWN OUT

And Tells of Whisky, Beer and Champagne

WHICH FLOWED LIKE WATER

In Mollie's Hotel When Nichols Says He Was Robbed—May Reach Verdict This Evening.

From Saturday's Daily.

At the continuation of the Molly Thompson trial yesterday afternoon, Mr. Pilkington, a blacksmith was called to the stand and said that during the scuffling behind the bar in the office he had seen Molly put a gold sack which she had under her arm inside of her blouse and then stretch out her arm and say, "Don't ask me for your sack."

Dr. Hurdman was called to the stand and testified as to the effect liquor, when doctored with opium, had on anyone who drank it. Under examination he stated that opium had a tendency to produce dizziness and cause the throat to be parched; would cause a ringing in the ears, and described other symptoms which might be adduced from the effect of opium mixed with liquor.

He had examined Mr. Nichols' eye within a few days after the blow had been struck and found a contusion of the eyeball, also the tissues of the face around the eye had been injured. The blow, he said, must have been a heavy one.

Under cross-examination by Mr. McCall, attorney for defendant, witness stated that opium is a narcotic given for the purpose of relieving pain or inducing sleep; that a larger amount of opium, to cause immediate insensibility, would be required than morphine, as morphine is about nine times the strength of opium. This closed the case of the prosecution.

Molly Thompson, the accused, was then called to the stand in defense and testified that she was one of the proprietors of the Globe hotel at the Forks, and that on the 15th day of February, Nichols, the plaintiff, came into the hotel about 2:30 in the afternoon. She was standing behind the bar at the time and he came forward and looking at her said, "Hello! You don't seem to remember me;" to which she replied that she couldn't. He then called another party up to the bar and asked him to have a drink, and turning to Molly said, "Have one yourself." Again he became reminiscent and stated that he had known her ever since she was a "kid." Then they had another round of treats, in which the stranger participated, he taking a cigar each time. After a little further talk of olden days Nichols called for a cigar and asked Molly to take another drink, which she did. She took a glass of beer each time. This brought Nichols' account to \$4, which he paid. At his

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