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THE OLD SAYING

About "When a Woman Will She Will" Still Goes in Dawson

ACCORDING TO THE LETTER WRITTEN

To Chief Justice, Signed by Mrs. Edward McConnell

RETURNED TO MR. OGILVIE.

Members of Yukon Council Charged With Funny Work—Writer Will Be Asked to Explain.

From Wednesday's Daily.

From a letter written to Ottawa and returned from that place to Commissioner Ogilvie and read at last night's meeting of the Yukon council it is apparent that the old saying "When a woman will she will," etc., still goes.

The long traveled letter referred to was signed by Mrs. Edward McConnell and was originally sent to the minister of justice who turned it over to the minister of the interior, the latter sending to Mr. Ogilvie along with a letter asking for an explanation of the one signed by Mrs. McConnell, which letter bore the date of December 29, 1900, and in its contents made very grave charges against certain members of the Yukon council in that they were in collusion with the water company, which she alleges ruined the business of her hotel, the Melbourne, by placing one of its water houses "in front of and within a few feet of the main entrance to my hotel." The letter charges that "a Mr. Daniel Matheson" is manager of the water company and that he also gets through the council private contracts "on the quiet" for government buildings, etc.

Evidently the writer was afraid justice in the Dawson courts would be tardy, for she closed the letter with "praying that we may get relief through you, I am, most sincerely yours."

This epistle caused some surprise in

the council and well it might as it was thought the very able decision handed down by Judge Craig in the case referred to had been a victory for, hence eminently satisfactory, to the McConnells, and it is highly probable that had the writing of the letter been postponed until after the decision was rendered, it would never have been written. Regarding the letter and the action taken by the council in reference to it the official minutes of last night's meeting says:

"The commissioner laid on the table a communication received from the deputy minister of the interior, accompanying which was a letter addressed to the minister of justice by Mrs. Edward McConnell, of Dawson in which charges were made against certain members of the Yukon council, and more especially with reference to the ordinance passed, with respect to the Dawson City Water & Power Company, Ltd.

"Ordered that the commissioner reply to the letter of the deputy minister giving a fuller explanation of the position of the council with respect to the passing of the ordinance in regard to the Dawson City Water & Power Company, and that the members of the council to whom the charges made in the letter might apply, should demand that Mrs. McConnell either substantiate her charges or retract the statements made in the letter."

Just what further action will be taken, or what course will be pursued in the matter has not yet been outlined by the council as a body or as individual members, but there is no doubt but that the person whose name is signed to the letter will be asked to explain a few whys and wherefores.

MOLLY THOMPSON

Refused bail and Awaits Her Trial In Jail.

Molly Thompson who is awaiting trial before the territorial court on the charge of having on February 15th at her place, the Globe hotel at Grand Forks, robbed Geo. E. Nichols of a large amount of gold dust and who a few days later was given a preliminary hearing by a police magistrate and held over in the sum of \$4000 for her appearance before the territorial court, was brought before Justice Dugas yesterday to plead and have date for trial fixed, was, on application of Crown Prosecutor Wade, refused bail for the interim before trial which is set for next Friday, owing to the seriousness of the charge against her. The bond required by the lower court was provided, and the same bondsmen were on hand yesterday to again qualify, but their presence was not required.

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SEVERE FIGHTING.

Major Crewe With 700 Men Stand Off 2500 Boers.

East London, Cape Colony, Feb. 13.—Details have been received here of severe fighting at Thakberg mountain, 40 miles east of the railway and about midway between Small Deel and Bloemfontein. Major Crewe, with a composite column traveling southwest, sighted the mountain on the morning of January 31st.

He heard heavy firing, and, knowing that Col. Pilcher's column was on the other side of the mountain, concluded that this officer was in action. Consequently he hurried forward, only to meet the Boers streaming down and evidently retiring from Col. Pilcher's lyddite shells. Immediately Major Crewe brought three 15-pounders and a pompong to bear on the Boers, who, however, were found to be so numerous that it was impossible to head them off.

Orders were given to return to camp, about two miles from the mountain. The column rested until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the march was resumed southwest.

Major Crewe was just touching the southern point of the mountain when a terrific fire opened from a large force of Boers in ambush on the mountain. The fight soon became general, the Boers attacking the British on both flanks and the rear. The British pompong jammed and became useless. Major Crewe grasped the situation, and by a brilliant move got the convoy into a safe position.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening the Boers charged the position and turned both flanks. The British ammunition became exhausted and Major Crewe was obliged to retire and abandon the pompong after the advance party had endeavored to save it, and had sustained a severe loss.

Rear guard action was fought by Major Crewe into the camp, where the wagons had been laagered. Entrenchments were thrown up during the night.

When morning came Major Crewe started to join Gen. Knox, 12 miles to the southwest. The Boers immediately reattacked him, compelling him to fight a second rear guard action for a few miles. Gen. Dewet personally commanded the Boers, and they were estimated at 2500. Major Crewe's force was only 700. Eventually the British officer joined Gen. Knox and returned to Bloemfontein. Lord Kitchener highly complimented Major Crewe on the achievement.

VERY HARD HITTER

Edith Green in Languish House for Seven Days.

Last night when about to pay for a meal at a restaurant Ted Erickson made a discovery which caused him to exclaim "Ae tank Ae haen robbed!" He returned to whence he had but recently came, the abode of Edith Green, a large framed, rawboned female who resides on Fourth avenue, and on arriving there asked her to return to him the gold sack containing nuggets to the value of \$100 which she had extracted from the right hand pocket of his pants. Edith demurred, called him vile names and proceeded to turn herself loose in true pugilistic style, landing heavily with her right on Erickson's nose displacing a hunk of skin, then with an uppercut she caught him with her left on the mouth and had just stepped back to deliver either the pivot blow or solar plexus, Erickson could not say which, when Constable Ferguson hove in sight and called the go off, declaring Edith the winner, but not entitled to such heavy gate receipts, so he arrested and marched her off to the barracks. When Edith faced Magistrate Scarth this morning on the charge of assault she presented the appearance of the typical amazon. To the charge she said: "I'm guilty, fer I hit 'em." After hearing the evidence the magistrate informed her that as he did not consider the maximum fine provided for cases such as her's sufficient punishment, he would send her to jail for a period of seven days, and the cloud that passed

over the woman's face would make a dark night look like one of Goetzman's flashlights.

Another charge, that of stealing Erickson's nuggets, was preferred and after hearing the evidence the judgment of the court was that Edith be held over to answer to the higher tribunal.

COMING AND GOING.

In the territorial court the case of Mabel Smith, known also as Mrs. Dug Phillips, accused of knowingly receiving stolen goods, has been set for hearing on Friday of this week.

Edgar A. Mizner is still confined to his room suffering from a severe attack of la grippe, which at one time threatened to turn into pneumonia. He is reported much better today and will be seen on the streets it is hoped in a day or two.

For the first time this year Old Sol's caresses have lingered with sufficient warmth upon the frozen surface of the earth to melt the snow. The roofs all over town are now wet with melted snow and a genuine thaw is expected.

D. A. Shindler left for the outside this morning.

It is expected that by the next mail the new schedule of freight rates for the season of 1901, White Pass route, will be received at Dawson office.

Ronald Morrison of Sulphur is in town for a few days. He returns to his interests the latter part of this week.

Charlie Morrison the Eldorado magnate was seen on the streets this morning.

Six unsophisticated echechakos were initiated into the mysteries of the Arctic Brotherhood last night. Dr. Catto was one of the candidates and became immediately smitten with the charms of the Arctic Queen. It is said he will prepare an ode to be read at the next meeting laudatory of that damsel's charms and seductions.

The steamers city of Seattle and Danube arrived at Skagway this morning, the former from Sound, the latter from British Columbia ports. They both sail for below at 7 o'clock this evening.

The committee appointed to draft a constitution for the reorganized Board of Trade will report at a meeting of that organization to be held tonight.

The days of the felt shoe for this season are numbered.

Constable Borrows has 13 dogs in the new pound, but will pick up the next he sees, as 13 is an unlucky number.

There has not been a "d and d" before the police court for a week. Yet it is claimed Dawson whisky is not watered.

T. C. Healy is almost recovered from the effects of his recent trip over the trail from Whitehorse.

INDIANS WITH GAME

Arrive From Peel River Country Yesterday.

A crowd of Peel river Indians arrived in Dawson yesterday afternoon about 4:30, bringing in eight sled loads of moose and caribou, the result of a big hunt. These Indians are very different from the Moosehide Indians, one tribe not knowing the language of the other. They are not used to the ways of civilization, some of them now being in town for the first time. They express great wonder at the sights they see. They were lined up on First avenue in front of the N. A. T. & T. Co. selling and trading their meat when a Moosehide Indian more used to the ways of the world pointed his finger at them and remarked to a bystander, "Indians heap big chump; trade hind quarter moose for a pound of tea." Then he burst out laughing, thinking it a good joke.

At 6 o'clock they started for Moosehide where they will stop until ready to return to the Peel river country.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

Up-river frozen fresh eggs. Meeker.

Brewitt makes fine pants. crt

Best assortment of Klondike views at Goetzman's the photographer.

Social dance at McDonald hall, Thursday night, given by Prof. Payne.

YUKON COUNCIL

Transacts a Large Amount of Important Business

AT LAST NIGHT'S SPECIAL MEETING.

The Matter of Creek Roads Was Discussed.

SULPHUR WANTS A ROAD

To Run Through to Eureka Creek—Numerous Private Communications—Petitions Considered.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A special meeting of the Yukon council was held in the commissioner's office at 8 p. m. last evening.

Present, Messrs. Ogilvie, Dugas, Senkler, Wilson Prudhomme.

A petition from the resident citizens of Whitehorse having children of school age was presented asking for the establishment of a school at that point.

The question was referred to the commissioner, who was instructed to inform the petitioners that a school might be opened at that point, and carried on under the same provisions as is the school at Grand Forks.

A petition was presented from the Alaska Commercial Company asking for a license under the ordinance respecting foreign corporations.

Moved by Mr. Dugas, seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, that the commissioner issue a license to the above company.

A petition was presented from the residents of lower Sulphur creek, asking that the proposed road which they understood was to be built on Sulphur creek during the coming season, should be extended to the mouth of the creek, and thence to Eureka creek.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Prudhomme; resolved that the engineer of the Yukon council report on this route to Eureka creek and to point out whether or not this would be a more advantageous route to that point, then the proposed route via Eldorado, Calder, Quartz and Indian river.

The commissioner laid on the table a letter received from the department at Ottawa enclosed with which was a copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Girouard, containing the decision arrived at in connection with the O'Brien tramway, which stated that as the transaction was exclusively with the Yukon council, the council would have to settle according to its own judgment. Referred to finance committee.

A communication was laid before the council which had been received from the comptroller stating that as the salaries paid the employees of the Dawson fire brigade were fixed by ordinance that if the salaries were increased it would be necessary to pass another ordinance. The commissioner was asked to inquire from the comptroller what additional amount of money would require to be appropriated for this service.

A communication from Frank E. Lory was presented asking for a refund

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