

VICTOR ET AL. VS. BUTLER

Now Being Tried in the Territorial Court.

The Action Involves the Title to a Very Valuable Claim on Gold Hill.

The case of Thomas Victor, Hugh Murray and L. F. Hastings, plaintiffs, vs. Addie Butler, defendant, is now on trial before Justice Dugas, in the territorial court. The action involves the title of very valuable mining ground on Gold Hill.

The plaintiffs allege that July 5th, 1898, Thomas Victor staked a certain claim, 100 feet wide and 200 feet long, on Gold Hill; that a grant was issued; that the ground was properly surveyed by L. Bolton; that in December, 1898, Thomas Victor sold to Hugh Murray and L. F. Hastings a one-third interest each; that in October, 1898, Addie Butler, defendant, trespassed upon said claim, and that the defendant by misrepresentation to the gold commissioner, secured a grant for a portion of said claim. The plaintiffs pray that they be declared the owners of said claim and that the defendant be permanently enjoined from entering upon the same.

The defendant, in answering the plaintiffs' allegations, asserts that Thos Victor, in order to secure a grant for the ground which he had staked on July 5th, 1898, misrepresented to the gold commissioner the exact description of the claim. The defendant alleges that on January 25th, 1898, one Arthur Mensing made and recorded a location, particularly described as the bench claim on the right bank of Skookum in the fourth tier from Bonanza, and in the eighth tier from Skookum gulch; that Mensing failed to perform the required work for representation; that she relocated said claim as soon as Mensing's right thereto had expired, namely, on October 26th, 1898; and that on November 10th, 1898, she received from the government a grant for said claim. The defendant further alleges that the ground staked by Thos. Victor, on July 5th, 1898, includes a portion of the original Mensing claim, which did not become open for relocation until said 26th day of October, 1898. The defendant prays that Victor's location, insofar as it interferes with the Mensing claim, be declared void, and that she, by reason of legal relocation, be declared the owner of said Mensing claim.

The trial of the case was commenced on Tuesday afternoon, and it will probably be Friday before all the evidence is submitted. The facts, over which the present action arose, were fully explained, over a year ago by the Nugget; and everyone familiar with the issue is anxiously awaiting the outcome of the lawsuit now pending.

Tonight's Entertainment.

All arrangements have been completed for the benefit entertainment tonight which bids fair to be one of the best of the season. Already a large number of tickets have been sold and there is no doubt but that the Palace Grand will be packed to its full capacity.

The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock sharp, as the use of the theater can be had only until 10:30.

Dawson's Late Fire.

The following special telegram from Tacoma, Wash., appeared in the Chicago Inter-Ocean of January 17th:

A large part of the business portion of Dawson City was burned last Wednesday night. The loss exceeds \$500,000 according to a brief dispatch received at Skagway on Wednesday night. The steamer Farallon, which brought the news, left Skagway before the details were received. Much suffering followed the fire, as the temperature at Dawson was 40 degrees below zero with a high wind blowing.

To make matters worse the city has been entirely without a regular water supply for two weeks. The city mains were hurriedly put in two years ago, and have worn out in many places. In consequence the pumping plant was shut down about Christmas, leaving the city dependent upon its old method of hauling water from the Yukon river.

Between Dec. 1 and 20 eighteen fires occurred at Dawson, caused by overheated flues. Wednesday night's fire was stated to be under control when the steamer left Skagway.

Comforts for Cape Nome.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 27.—The new mining camp of Cape Nome, under the arctic circle, will start the spring with the appliances of civilization and the most modern mining apparatus. It will have a telephone system, electric light, and electric mining machinery. Articles of incorporation of the Cape Nome Electric Light and Telephone Company were filed today. The incorporators are residents of Nome City and local capitalists.

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Rosener predicts an immense rush to the new gold fields, not only from this and the Eastern coast, but from all points in Southeastern Alaska and on the Yukon river, estimating the population of Nome City next summer at 40,000.

Pictures on the Wall.

On the wall to the right of the door of the Dawson postoffice is an array of from 50 to 100 photographs and pictures which tell the silent story of husband and father in the Klondike and mother and children back at the old home. These pictures have all arrived by mail, but owing to their being insufficiently wrapped or to rough handling of the mail bags, the wrappers containing the addresses are torn off and lost, and on their reaching the postoffice there is no way of knowing for whom they are intended. The picture of many a "papa's boy" and petted daughter are on the wall in the postoffice today, and in some instances where the father has been here for two years or more he might look on the picture of his own child in the array and not recognize it. How many of those pictures, could they find the father or husband for whom they were intended, would cheer the solitude of log cabins where they would be gazed upon in loving adoration by those who perhaps are now cursing the loved ones "back home" for not sending their pictures which for weeks perhaps months, have been posted on the wall of the local postoffice with the hope that they may be seen and recognized by the one for whom they were intended.

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