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The Thermometer Contest

For Minimum Temperature is mostly enjoyed by those wearing

Coon Coats

From the Corner Store

Sargent & Pinska

VERDICT FOR \$100

Given to Woodworth in His Case Against Thomas O'Brien.

HE SUED O'BRIEN FOR \$20,000.

Case Has Been on Trial Since Yesterday.

A CAMPAIGN AFTERMATH.

Old Scores Raked up and Previous Unpleasantnesses Reviewed During Trial.

The damage suit of C. M. Woodworth against Thomas O'Brien began in the territorial court before Justice Craig and a jury yesterday afternoon, with the testimony of the plaintiff, who said that during the recent political campaign, when speaking at the Monte Cristo roadhouse on lower Bonanza one evening Mr. O'Brien had said to him before the assemblage, "You stole Banks' building and forged another man's name to do it."

He had asked the defendant to retract, but he had refused to do so. He said he had taken steps at once at the close of the meeting to verify the words quoted.

On the 5th of October when at Gold Run, after witness had addressed the meeting defendant had said of him, "You were tried by the court for forgery and false pretenses." I interrupted him saying, "You go ahead, you are worth enough money to make such statements."

He replied: "You were let off because you were too young, or by the mercy of the court, or words to that effect, which I cannot quote exactly."

"The only meaning I could take from his words was that I had been guilty of the crimes as charged, but had been let off."

"He referred to me as a broken down lawyer, and told the people listening to go down to Hank Wright and he could tell them what sort of man Woodworth was."

"Was he on the platform when he made these statements," asked Attorney Bleeker, who appeared for plaintiff.

"The word platform is a little confusing, as no actual platforms were used. He was in the place where the meeting was held and where the platform should have been."

Mr. Woodworth was at that time engaged in speaking in behalf of the political aspirations of Messrs. Wilson and Prudhomme. Mr. O'Brien was following the same course in his own behalf.

He had refused to go into a discussion of Mr. O'Brien's private character, but had discussed his fitness for the office. He did not think he had referred to Mr. O'Brien as a "grafter," but would not deny having done so if Mr. O'Brien swore to it.

His idea of the term grafter as applied to a man in this community did not necessarily lower him in the eyes of the people. In fact it was a term

which would rather rebound to a man's financial benefit than otherwise to the best of his opinion; however, he was not an authority on the term grafter. This was brought out under cross-examination by Attorney Walsh, who appeared for the defense.

Mr. O'Brien had made numerous remarks concerning the professional ability and practice of the plaintiff not considered complimentary and he had referred to Mr. O'Brien's tramway, his newspaper and his liquor permits as citations of Mr. O'Brien's ability to get things from the government.

Mr. Walsh referred to the trial of the witness last summer on charges of forgery and false pretenses, and asked the witness if the matter was one which had received considerable notoriety. He replied that the newspapers had reported the matter quite copiously, yet not fully, as the reports had not been fair. The case had received considerably more notoriety than it should have had.

Concerning the document which he had been accused of signing another man's name to without authority, he stated that with due deference to his lordship and with full knowledge that he was in the hopeless minority, with regard to legal opinion, he still believed he had had the right to sign that document.

Attorney Bleeker again questioned the witness concerning the meaning of the term grafter relative to the public conscience as found in Dawson, but little further light was cast upon the mysteries of the word.

Barney Snugree, present manager of

the Aurora hotel at Grand Forks, was next called, and testified that he had been engaged during the recent campaign in assisting Wilson and Prudhomme to getting elected. He had met Mr. O'Brien and had heard him use the words referred to as damaging to the Woodworth character.

He was of the opinion that Mr. O'Brien had said that Woodworth had been let off by the court in the matter of the charge of forgery on account of his youth.

He did not remember the exact words. The audience had had a good view of Mr. Woodworth when Mr. O'Brien had referred to his youth, and did not think it had been greatly impressed by Mr. O'Brien's statement.

A. J. Prudhomme was sworn and said he was a member of the Yukon council; that he knew C. M. Woodworth; that he had assisted him in the recent campaign. He remembered the Gold Run meeting, and also the circumstances complained of by Woodworth.

He thought O'Brien had given as a cause for the acquittal of Woodworth on the charges of forgery and false pretenses referred to, the youth of the accused.

Councilman Arthur Wilson was next sworn.

He said he had spoken at the Gold Run meeting and remembered having heard O'Brien say that Woodworth had been tried by the courts on a charge of forgery and false pretenses and had been allowed to go because the judge had taken into consideration the youth of Woodworth. He believed that Mr.

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SITKA BURNED

Alaska's Capital Almost Wholly Destroyed Two Weeks Ago Today.

HISTORIC OLD GREEK CHURCH SAVED.

The Canteen in U. S. Army Will be Abolished.

VILLARD'S REMARKABLE WILL.

Empress of China Again Vindictive—Kid West Subject of International Dispute.

Skagway, Jan. 16.—Word has just reached here of the almost total destruction by fire of the town of Sitka on the 13th of the month, two weeks ago today. The fire originated in a carpenter's shop. The old Greek church, Sitka's most historic building, was on fire several times, but was saved. The United States marines of whom there are 57, fought the flames heroically for five hours. Capt. Pendleton and several of his men were badly burned. The loss is estimated at several thousand dollars.

Canteen Must Go.

Washington, Jan. 7, via Skagway, Jan. 16.—The army canteen will be abolished. In the senate 34 members against 15 concurred in the house provision. The bill was laid on the table and when brought up again will be passed.

Villard's Will.

New York, Jan. 9, via Skagway, Jan. 16.—Henry Villard's will gives \$105,000 to various institutions, but not a cent to the Child's home or any other institution in any way connected with newspapers. Considering that Villard started in life as a reporter, this is considered rather remarkable.

Affairs in China.

Vancouver, Jan. 9, via Skagway, Jan. 16.—Latest from China are that the empress dowager is as vindictive as ever against foreigners. Li Hung Chang is sick and Walders is to return home in March. The forces are still fighting Boxers, and the end of the trouble is no nearer than two months ago.

Row Over Kid West.

Seattle, Jan. 10, via Skagway, Jan. 16.—The papers here are inclined to issue a row over Kid West being sent to Canada as a witness, so they say he is liable to be arrested there as the murderer's accomplice. A dispatch from Ottawa says the American authorities now claim West was borrowed under false pretenses, but that he will be returned after giving evidence.

Snow Blocked.

Skagway, Jan. 16.—In all probability trains will not run between this place and Whitehorse for two weeks to come. Trains were expected to move today but a terrific wind storm is raging and there is no telling when they will move. The temperature is 14 below.

Again Miner Injured On Fire

For the second time in a week the Daily News building was discovered to be on fire a few minutes before the noon hour today. The department quickly responded and the flames were soon extinguished, but not until a large amount of water had been injected into the office, filling the cases and "wetting down" more paper than the News, with its massive mammoth, colossal circulation, will use in a month. Today's fire, like its predecessor, originated from the too close affixation of a stove pipe and tar paper. It is to be hoped the News will look after its building a little more closely in the future than in the past, as this thing of the News having a fire every time it's weekly is issued is becoming somewhat chestnut; besides, there may be use for the fire department in some other quarter of the city. The News should take a tumble to itself and quit having fires.

More Mail.

Another mail is expected today containing principally letters from the American side. It was reported this morning this side of Ogilvie and should arrive some time tonight, if the extreme cold will not retard its progress. U. S. Mail Carrier Downing will start for the lower river immediately upon its arrival at this point and continue to personally conduct the down river consignment all along the lower river.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Hugh Buchanan, a former resident of Georgia, was today found guilty of manslaughter. In 1894 Buchanan shot and killed William Miles, a gambler, in this city. Immediately afterward Buchanan was declared to be insane and committed to an asylum. He continued to protest his sanity, and he recently succeeded in securing his release from the asylum through the courts, which ordered him to be tried for the killing of Miles.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a list of all placer mining claims in the Yukon territory which were sold at public auction and which have not been taken up, is being prepared for publication at once, and after the first publication thereof no grant will be issued, under such sale as aforesaid, for any claim so advertised. All purchasers are, therefore, notified to apply for their grants immediately. J. LANGLOIS BELL, Assistant Gold Commissioner. Dated at Dawson this 14 day of December, 1900. Denver market for fresh cabbage. etc.

On Sunday John Lourek, a miner on 55-below discovery on Hunker, fell 30 feet down the shaft, breaking one of his legs in two places and otherwise bruising and smashing up his body. He was taken from the shaft unconscious, but later he recovered and was brought to one of the Dawson hospitals on the Hunker stage. Lourek, who is a middle aged man, has a wife and five children dependent upon him on the outside, thought to be somewhere in Quebec. As he is without means or money, the people at 55 roadhouse are taking up a collection for his benefit.

Police Circles Quiet.

There were no cases up for hearing in police court this morning nor has there been an average of one case a day for the past week. Very few arrests are now being made, which is due, not to any dereliction of duty on the part of the police, but the fact that infractions of the law are now very infrequent. The total of all the fines imposed in the police court last month were but \$220. As a source of revenue to the district, the police court is rapidly losing its former high standing.

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Change of Time Table

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