

## REEVES SENTENCED TO PRISON.

### A Good Citizen Becomes the Victim of Hateful Circumstances.

#### Tried to Acquire Property After a Fashion Successfully Employed by Others But Comes to Grief.

M. M. Reeves was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$100, by his lordship, Judge Dugas, on Thursday morning, on a charge of having tried to bribe H. M. Martin, the inquiry clerk at the gold commissioner's office. The story, as brought out in the evidence was a very common one. The prisoner found he was making but poor progress in the matter of securing a piece of placer ground for himself and as the popular belief was that the best way to do it was to divide with the officials he approached the accusing witness, H. M. Martin, with an offer to deed him a fourth of whatever ground he secured through the information furnished by said accusing witness. That the prisoner consented and did actually put his offer into writing, but goes to show the innocent tenor of the man's mind. His counsel argued for him that this giving of interests for information was known by everyone present in the courtroom to be an actual, everyday occurrence. The prisoner had only done what every man *knows* to be the usual way in which claims have hitherto been secured.

His lordship took occasion to remark that if this was true, then indeed was it a great evil and the gold commissioner's office had been grossly mismanaged. However, the jury found the man guilty and his lordship imposed a fine of \$100, with one month's imprisonment, with the option of serving another ten days in place of the fine. The foregoing case is undoubtedly one of great hardship upon a man whom we understand to be a very good citizen. He merely availed himself of what everyone on the Klondike believes to have been the custom of the country during the incumbency of the retired gold commissioner, and tried to purchase information which every man and woman here *knows* has constantly been on sale at that office. While the Nugget never has and never will approve of officials selling the information at their disposal to friends or foes, we have nothing but sympathy for the man who, falling legitimately to secure what he came here to get, falls into the manner of the country, and while in Rome does as Rome does. It seems to us monstrous that Reeves should go to jail while the men who have brought about this unwholesome condition of affairs and have reaped immense rewards, should have never once been disturbed in their evil doings. The fate of Reeves is but the result of failure, for he did not succeed either in getting any information or any land. It is crime enough of itself to fall and to be poor—the man with miles of alleged claims, secured by collusion with partners whose names do not appear upon the records, are destined to be left to enjoy their wealth in peace and honor, while poor Reeves, the unfortunate victim of circumstances, will leave Dawson branded as a jailbird.

#### Meeting of the Fire Department.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the fire department was held at the engine house on Wednesday night. Nine new members were elected and sundry bills debated and ordered paid.

The offer of \$50 by Messrs. Hope and Jourdan, as a complimentary token of their appreciation of the work of the department at the corner fire, was refused and a vote of thanks tendered the would-be donors.

The chief delivered a very complimentary message from the fire commissioners.

Fireman Botts tendered his resignation, as he was going outside shortly. Accepted with regrets and by motion he was made an honorary member and allowed to retain his badge.

Captain Jack Crawford was made an honorary member for his frequent services to the department and other generous services.

On motion a committee of three Irishmen was appointed by the chair to get up a ball on March 17th, "St. Patrick's day in the morning." The committee consists of Messrs. Duff, McCarthy and Moran.

On motion it was resolved that the department should enjoy itself in a social way on next Tuesday evening. Canvas is to be laid over the floor and refreshments and music provided for the dancers.

Fireman George brought up the matter of the failure of the water supply at the recent fire and insisted that the meeting had a right to get an explanation from the persons whom the public was claiming were to blame. A long explanation was at once forthcoming, the engineer claiming the fault lay in some mixed sacks of coal. Captain Dundan, of the chemical company, claimed to know of the mixing of the Wellington coal with sacks of blacksmith's coal and of coke. In picking out coal for the department it was impossible to guarantee what each sack contained. The chief told of the doings of the fire commissioners who had already investigated the matter, and while censuring the delinquent ones had ended by broadening his own powers, so that in future he would be the one responsible, if anyone was found wanting in the performance of his duties.

#### Odd Fellows Organize.

The Odd Fellows Mutual Aid Association was organized on Tuesday night, at a largely attended meeting in Holme & Co.'s store. The purpose of the association is to afford aid and

protection to the members. Officers were elected as follows: chairman, E. C. Shannon; vice chairman, J. A. Greene; secretary, H. Douglas; treasurer, L. Schooborn; trustees, W. A. Kolb, H. Douglas, G. H. McPherron. The next meeting will be held Tuesday at the former Oatley Sisters' hall; after that, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. All Odd Fellows are invited.

#### The Death Roll.

William Mitchem died on the 15th at St. Mary's hospital from the effects of consumption and general debility, and burial occurred Wednesday from the establishment of Jenkins & Barker. Mitchem was a colored man, aged 45 years, and came from Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fischer mourn the loss of their infant son, which occurred Monday. Burial took place Tuesday from the establishment of Jenkins & Barker.

#### Passing of the "Colonel."

S. A. Banks, a character well known about the Dominion saloon by the sobriquet of "the Colonel," died suddenly at 1 a. m., on the 16th, at the Seattle bunk house. He had complained during the day of feeling ill and went to the bunk house at 10 o'clock. At 1 o'clock he had a sinking spell, during which he passed away. Captain Harper, as coroner, was summoned, and as it developed that death had been due to heart trouble, he concluded that an inquest would be unnecessary.

The colonel had lost a sum of money at the faro table on the night preceding his death and the excitement it occasioned him is believed by some to have been the indirect cause of his demise. He came here from Australia, where he leaves a wife and family and was about 50 years of age. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the undertaking establishment of J. A. Greene.

#### Ready for the Fight.

The training of an athlete for public contests is ever a source of interest, as showing to what a high state of perfection the human organism can be trained. Sparring is probably the one athletic sport which, more than any other, calls into play every muscle of the body, and to an untrained man, three minutes of this violent sport is the limit of endurance. Sparring contests have often been drawn out into hundreds of rounds because of the imperfect training of life combatants which left them too weak to be effective after the first burst of strength. That this is not destined to be so in the coming contest between Frank Raphael and Dick Agnew is evidenced by the arduous work both are performing at their different training quarters, and also by the present physical perfection of both men. Neither one is leaving the success of the contest to chance, and that each considers his opponent worthy of his steel is evidenced by the careful preparation going on.

On Wednesday last a Nugget representative visited the training quarters of Frank Raphael, who, in his last contest won the championship of the Pacific coast. Agnew had been seen here in a number of contests and his meritorious work is well known. Frank Raphael was found at his upper ferry quarters and his afternoon's work had just begun. In the forenoon a three-mile trot and an extended six-mile "spin" had been his allotted share of exercise. When stripped and weighed he was found to be 130 pounds—a lower weight than that which he will try to enter the ring. For one hour of three-minute rounds he punched the bag as it is seldom seen punched, for his movements are as quick as a cat and yet there is a terrific punch always at command from either arm. After some "shoving around" with his burley trainers, to put him in practice for keeping his feet in a mix-up, and after a short spell with chest weights he was rubbed down in the usual fashion and dressed. That he could go through all this violent exercise without losing his wind, shows the past month of training to have been put to the best of use.

Frank is a well-built young fellow, put up in bunches, with a massive pair of shoulders for so small a man. His arms are like a blacksmith's and would be considered respectable on a 100 pound man. It is evident that in talking on Frank Raphael, Dick Agnew is taking on a better man than he has yet faced in Dawson. The contest is attracting much attention and when it comes off at the Tivoli it will undoubtedly be to a packed house.

Mr. Joe Boyle, who is managing Raphael, is to be commended upon the conscientious manner in which he is preparing his man.

#### The Tivoli.

The Tivoli theatre is to be reopened on Monday night by Joe Cooper & Co. with a brand new bill in which we notice prominently the Dick Maurettus Spectacular Burlesque and the Oatley Sisters Big Specialty Company. That Joe Cooper has had the necessary experience in this business is evidenced by the fact that in '91, with the assistance of Billy Lloyd, he whipped the lumber and built the first saloon in the territory, which immediately became a most popular resort and never lost its hold upon the public.

#### The Investigation.

Wednesday, February 22d, has been fixed upon as the day for hearing the charges against officials, preferred by Dr. Percy McDougall and George J. Armstrong, president of the Miners' Association. Among the charges are some pretty "warm numbers"—to use the vernacular. Naturally, the court house is going to be inadequate to contain the crowds who will wish to be present during the investigation. There are a large number of witnesses being subpoenaed to give evidence and hugely interesting developments are expected.

On Friday, the 24th, the Nugget's oft repeated charges against Mr. Fawcett are to be heard.

Witnesses have been summoned from the various creeks and an interesting session is expected. The outside Canadian press is protesting against the appointment of Governor Ogilvie as investigation commissioner upon the grounds that to investigate Sifton's methods and men there should be at least a commission of three who should be entirely independent of Mr. Sifton for their appointment or removal. Be this as it may, the fact remains that Mr. Ogilvie has opened wide the door of investigation and as far as is known, has done everything a fair and unimpaired man could do further an impartial investigation. The Nugget is always as ready to commend as to censure when commendation is due.

Witnesses who are finding themselves served with summons to appear need not be alarmed as many of them seem to be. The truth has got to come out, and frankness and not secrecy is now become a saving virtue. The time has arrived when there is personal danger in equivocation and concealment, and safety only in outspokenness.

#### POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Jeffrey Gordon became *en exuberant* under the influence of an over load of obnoxious while at the forks, and was given his choice of a fine of \$25 or 30 days in jail.

J. L. Bates was up to answer to a charge of receiving stolen property, as a sequel of the sensational arrest of pugilist Moss on a charge of theft, but the action was dismissed for want of evidence. The other charge against him, that of the *hit* for trial at the territorial court.

G. M. Dyer was caused to appear before his worship on complaint of H. McPherron, who charged him with obtaining goods by false pretenses. The gentleman was unable to show an alibi and will be given an opportunity to have one prepared by the time he is arraigned in the territorial court for trial.

Lee Martin was a trusted employe of proprietor Armstrong, of the Pullman cafe, in its palmy days, but an estrangement came up for some cause or other and Armstrong visited his wrath upon the other by having him arrested on a criminal charge, specifying that Martin had collected two bills due to Armstrong and neglected to discharge. The court failed to see anything criminal in the case, and Martin was released.

Mike Nider is a sensitive man and took umbrage at Barney Simon for having struck him slightly on the forehead with his (Barney's) "bunch of five's." Actuated by a sense of wrong he caused a warrant for the arrest of his insulter to be issued, but upon the case being called for trial on Thursday he failed to put his abused features in evidence at court and Mr. Simon was triumphantly discharged.

G. F. Deitsch is a gentleman of long-headed, cautious ways. He was a cabin partner of Engle and Duffell, the two men who did the wholesale staking of kentucky creeks, but he was prof against the golden-bred indements which misled his two companions and declined to become a member of the conspiracy. This proved his salvation, for, like happened to poor dog Tray, he was arrested on the same charge and committed to Dagne and Duffell for trial because of the company he was in; but the charge against him was dismissed upon the facts becoming known to the court.

Mr. J. R. Armstrong, of the Pullman cafe, was defendant in a suit brought by D. K. Howard to recover wages to the amount of \$300 and was allowed ten days by the court in which to "dig up." This action was under the operation of a law which, practically, allows a man to be imprisoned for debt, and cannot fail to be of interest to our American citizens, who do not enjoy the privilege of living under the protection of such benign measures. Fred N. Tracy, late manager of the Tivoli, was also made to feel the weight of the same law this week. Emma Forrester, an actress, V. W. Draper, a musician, and Jake Backes, a carpenter, bringing actions for the recovery of wages against him. Judgment was awarded in full to each and Mr. Tracy was allowed 15 days in which to liquidate.

Thomas Greaves is an accomplished gentleman in many ways, but his education in the many art of wood sawing was woefully neglected. As a consequence, he was impelled one night to help himself to a sackful of nice dry spruce from an inviting looking pile at St. Mary's hospital and complaint of his conduct having been lodged with Captain Harper, he was adjudged guilty of having committed a theft. The court thereupon ordered that the prisoner should become a guest of the police and that he should forthwith be taught the neglected art at the government's expense with daily lessons for a period of two months. Thomas A. Ross, who lived with Greaves, was arrested on a similar charge, but was discharged for lack of sufficient evidence to convict.

A bluish-gray, bob-tailed malamute pup was a lone contention in police court this week. Said owning in full property of Miss Florence Hamburg and some weeks ago he was reported missing. A search located the animal in the possession of one J. J. Vavara, a miner on Dominion, and he (the biped) was arrested. Vavara set up as his defense that the said malamute pup came to him on the trail with the bloody stump of an evidently missing appendix, but recently mutilated, evidently causing distress of both body and mind; that, actuated by a desire of compassion, he bound up and ministered to the bleeding member, as a consequence of which the pup immediately acquired a passionate affection for his benefactor and insisted on following him to Dominion, subsequently refusing to leave his side. Although the prettyle was eloquently told, the witness was unable to impress his poetic influence upon the court, and the latter after designating the incident as purely a case of dog stealing, he gave the prisoner the option of paying a fine of \$10 or going to jail for 14 days, while the bluish-gray, bob tailed malamute pup was ordered returned to its fair and victorious owner.

There will be a grand "Sheet and Pillow-Slip" masquerade ball, given by the American Boys, a Pioneer hall, Washington's Birthday, Wednesday night, February 22d. Everybody come! Tickets, \$5.00.

#### Templing and Toothsome for Tomorrow.

CAFÉ ROYAL, Second Avenue. 2.00  
Regular Sunday Dinner 2.00  
S.O.P.—Consomme a la Royal.  
FISH—Large White Fish, Anchovy Butter.  
ENTREE—Bianquette of Lamb, Petit Pois,  
Fresh Eastern Oyster Patties, Lemon-Cling  
Peach Cobbler.  
ROASTS—Prime Ribs of Beef au Jus, Young  
Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.  
VEGETABLES—Fresh Potatoes a la Creme,  
Stewed Tomatoes.  
DESSERT—English Plum Pudding, Hard  
and Brandy Sauce.  
Assorted Pies Cream Cheese Coffee

Prof. Parkes will present an entirely new set of moving pictures, Sunday night at the Monte Carlo theatre.

#### Monte Carlo.

The Monte Carlo is playing to immense houses of late, and are evidently sparring nothing to retain the popular approval they have

secured. The burlesques are well put on and are greeted nightly with uproarious laughter, while the musical numbers have been much improved by the adding to the olio of Fred N. Tracy and Mr. Knapp. The manager, Mr. Cavanaugh, is retaining the most popular favorites at a great expense and the result is an interesting show from start to finish, with no "chair warmer" numbers.

#### Mandamus On the Gold Commissioner.

As foreseen in the Nugget a few days ago, an action has been brought in the courts for the purpose of compelling Gold Commissioner Senkler to accept applications for filings on Dominion creek, which was closed by his predecessor. The plaintiff in the action is Miss Lita Corbett Houston, who staked 34 below lower on February 8 and had her application for recording refused by Recorder Bolton the following day. Acting in her behalf, Atty. De Journal appeared before Judge Dugas Friday and asked for a writ of mandamus compelling the said officials to show cause why the application should not be received and the claim recorded. The mandamus will be served today, Saturday.

The Dining Room service of the Regina Club Hotel is such as to invite you back again.

#### New Mining Exchange.

The public will be glad to learn that Messrs. Vernon & Storry, the well-known enterprising firm of auctioneers, have extended their business to embrace the mining industry in all its branches, and have been fortunate in securing that spacious building adjoining the Dominion saloon for that purpose. The miners and capitalists are to be congratulated on the decision of this well known firm in this matter, as we are assured from personal experience that they may depend upon the strictest integrity being given to their interests. We understand Mr. Vernon has recently made an excellent tour of the creeks, thereby making himself personally acquainted with the various districts and their respective merits. We wish them every success.

Large contracts for freighting and wood specialty—Albert W. Williams, 17 above Bonanza, or the White House.

#### Husbands Wanted.

To bring their wives, and see the grand family entertainment at the Monte Carlo theatre, Sunday night.

Commencing February 13th, Bartlett Bros. four-horse, covered stages will run on the following schedule: Stage No. 1 will leave Grand Forks at 9 a. m. Returning, leave Dawson at 9 p. m. Stage No. 2 will leave Dawson at 9 a. m. Returning, leave Grand Forks at 4 p. m. Making the trip each way in 1 hour and 40 minutes—giving round-trip passengers 5 hours for the transaction of business at each end of the line. Sixteen horses used in this service.

Special Rates for room and board by the month at the Regina Club Hotel.

\$1.25 The Merchants' Lunch at the CAFE ROYAL, Second Avenue, lasts from 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. \$1.25

#### Wives Wanted.

To tell their husbands that they get a better dinner at the Cafe Royal, Second Avenue, than can be had at home.

Give your contracts for freighting and packing to Albert W. Williams, 17 above Bonanza, or leave orders at the White House.

#### PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

LAWYERS  
C. M. WOODWORTH, M. A., LL.B., Advocate, Solicitor, Commissioner, Notary, etc. Five years' practice in Northwest Territory, Room 3, A. C. Office Building.

TABOR & HULME—Barristers and Solicitors, Advocates; Notaries Public; Conveyancers. Offices, opposite Monte Carlo, Front Street.

BURKITT & McKAY—Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, Commissioners, etc. Office, the A. C. Office Building, 3rd St., Dawson.

H. C. LISLE—Barrister and Solicitor, of England and Canada. Conveyances, Notary Public. 27 years practice, Over Victrola House.

CLEMENT, PATTULLO & RIDLEY—Advocates, Barristers, Notaries, Conveyancers, &c. Money to loan. Offices, Adcock building, o.p. Opera House saloon.

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DR. J. WILFREY GOOD, M.D., S. R. C. P. Edinburg. Late Surgeon to Winnipeg General Hospital. Office, Klondyke Hotel, 1st Avenue, Dawson. Telephone No. 15.

DR. J. H. KOONS, Physician and Surgeon, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., proprietor Miners Hospital, Eldorado City.

DR. J. O. LACHAPPELLE—Montreal University Physician and Surgeon. Victoria House.

DENTISTS  
DRS. BROWN & LEE—Crown and Bridge work. Gold, Aluminum or Rubber Plates. Fine gold and alloy fillings. All work absolutely guaranteed. Room 13A, C. O. office building. H. AMUNDSON, souvenir jewelry and diamond setting.

T. G. ALBIN, D. D. S.—All work guaranteed. Office with Nugget Express Co., Eldorado City.

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\$5.00 reward will be paid for positive information as to the present location of S. Humming. Apply NUGGET office.

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DAWSON MINING & STOCK EXCHANGE (Next Dominion Saloon)

In conjunction with our mercantile auctioneering we have added a General Mining and Stock Exchange, and will conduct sales at regular intervals of all kinds of mining properties. List your claims with us early for another private sale.

Money Loaned, Transfers Negotiated. Syndicates Formed, etc. We want your patronage and will do you justice. Give us a call. VERNON & STORRY, Mining Brokers &c.

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