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A DARK SIDE OF IT.

Disappointed Klondikers Being Driven to Suicide by Wholesale.

Niles, Mich., April 21.—A letter has been received from A. L. Warren, now in the Klondike, in which he says that deaths by suicide are occurring daily at Dawson. Their failure to find gold and their impoverished condition are dethroning the reason of miners and a suicidal mania is the result. Mr. Warren says that the hospitals are full of scurvy-stricken miners, and many deaths have occurred from the malady. Thousands of gold hunters are trying to get home. Warren has been in Alaska two years and has had fair success.

—You know what that tired feeling is and you may know what will cure it by giving Hood's Sarsaparilla a fair trial.

THE BYE-ELECTION

Brockville Town Turned Liberal This Time.

Brockville, April 21.—Great excitement prevailed here yesterday over the election. The result was the return of W. H. Comstock. Undoubtedly the charges against Major Walsh had much to do with the result, particularly in the town of Brockville, where Walsh is well known and well liked. Following are the figures:—

	Comstock.	White.
Brockville town,	1,133	802
Elizabethtown township,	549	525
Kitley township,	190	313
	1,872	1,640

Majority for Comstock, 232.

1867—Chambers, Lib., 521; Crawford, Con., 690. Majority for Crawford, 169.
1872—H. Abbott, Con., 793; J. D. Buell, Lib., 804. Majority for Buell, 11.
1874—J. D. Buell, Lib., 910; J. D. Crawford, Con., 868. Majority for Buell, 42.
1878—J. D. Buell, Lib., 906; W. Fitzsimmons, Con., 1,033. Majority for Fitzsimmons, 127.
1882—W. H. Comstock, Lib., 1,277; J. F. Wood, Con., 1,281. Majority for Wood, 4.
1887—W. H. Comstock Lib., 1,534; J. F. Wood, Con., 1,824. Majority for Wood, 289.
1891—D. Derbyshire, Lib., 1,637; J. F. Wood, Con., 1,815. Majority for Wood, 178.

On December 21, 1892, Mr. Wood returned to his constituents after his appointment as Controller of Inland Revenue, and was elected by acclamation.
1896—W. J. Cluff, Ind., 148; James Cumming, Lib., 1,549; J. F. Wood, 1,781. Wood's majority over Cumming, 232; majority over Cluff, 1,633.

A SWINDLER AND LIAR.

Spiritualist Lang Tells of His Faking Experience.

Detroit, April 21.—The trial of Spiritualist Lang, or Ascher, will conclude in all probability here to-day. Counsel are now addressing the jury. The sensation of yesterday was the defendant's own evidence.

Ascher took the stand with a smile upon his face, the same old smile that has played about the features of the man all of the dreary days that he has sat in the prisoner's box and heard himself denounced. The great wear of prison life and long days in court have not told upon him in many respects. When he went into the box yesterday, he showed a slight paleness, his hair was somewhat ruffled and not as slick as usual, but the smile was there, the same leering, sarcastic smile that Prosecutor Frazer has been obliged to go up against during two long trials. Ascher smiled when Frazer made him admit that he had lied. He smiled when Frazer made him say that he had swindled, lied and cheated Nichols. He smiled when Frazer made him admit that he had before been tried for murder in Louisville, Ky. He smiled all the time. His sweetheart, sitting on the front row of seats, listened to every word of testimony as if her own life were involved. An occasional glance of recognition from her lover on the stand would bring a blush to her face. Mrs. Ascher, mother of the defendant, sat by Mr. Robinson and most of the time her face was bathed in tears.

TELLS OF NICHOLS.

Ascher told of his first acquaintance with Nichols, the murdered man. He said that he first met him in March of last year. At the time, he was advertising or spiritualistic business under the name of Harry Raeder. He explained the taking of the alias of "Robert Lang" as follows: "When I first started out, several years ago, I had to choose a name quick and the first name that came into my head was Robert Lang, the name of an old friend of mine in Detroit. I stuck to that name. I didn't mean anything wrong when I took the name, but took it because it was the first one that came to my mind."

Ascher went on to state that he first began to correspond with Nichols some time in March of last year, and that he afterward gave Nichols sittings at $1 each. He wrote letters to Nichols telling him what time to come into town to see him.

"How much money did you get out of Nichols?" asked Mr. Navin.

"About $60 or $70."

"Did he always come to Detroit to have his sittings?"

"No, he would sit at home (Pittsfield) and I would sit in Detroit."

"About what time did you look for the spirits each evening?"

"It would generally be about eight o'clock."

"When did you see Valmore C. Nichols last?"

"I saw him at the home of Mrs. Schultz, 121 Lafayette avenue, on August 10 about two o'clock in the afternoon."

"Did you go to Belle Isle with him on that night?"

"No. I was at home all the evening."

ARRESTED AT LOUISVILLE.

Ascher then testified that he did not know what he was arrested for on the night of August 19 and that none of the officers told him. He thought, however, he had been arrested for being a fake medium, the same as Gillman, Donovan and others. He stated that he helped the Evening News expose Donovan and received therefor $50. He was going to quit the business anyway and thought that he might as well get all the money out of it that he could. When he came home from his twelve years' travel his folks did not know him. He stated that he did not know Witness Whitmore and never saw him before the last trial.

"Were you ever arrested before?"

"Yes."

"Where?"

"In Louisville."

"What for?"

Ascher then stated without hesitancy: "For murder."

He then stated that on the hearing on the charge of murder the judge stated that there was not any evidence to warrant a trial of the case.

Ascher produced clippings from the Louisville Courier-Journal to substantiate his statement, but they were not introduced in evidence. He then stated that while in Louisville he was an organizer for a spiritualistic society. He freely admitted having swindled John Kuprion out of $60, but said that he had a reason for doing so. He said that he advised Kuprion to get a belt and some money to put in it. Kuprion got the belt and $60 in gold. While Kuprion was out of the room Ascher changed the twelve $5 gold pieces for twelve nickels and stated further that Kuprion had furnished the nickels earlier. Ascher said afterward that he was obliged to do this for he had to have $30 to get his trunk out of pawn. He concluded his testimony by stating again that he knew absolutely nothing of the disappearance of Nichols.

BOUGHT ARSENIC.

When the afternoon session opened, Mr. Navin asked the defendant if he ever saw Meade, the druggist's clerk, who testified to the selling of arsenic to him. Ascher replied that he did go to the drug store and bought ten cents' worth of arsenic.

"Why did you want arsenic?"

"I wanted it to kill the fleas on Mrs. Schultz's dog."

The cross-examination of Ascher was very sensational in parts and took nearly the entire afternoon. Mr. Frazer assumed his characteristic attitude before the witness and began as follows:

"How long have you been a fakir?"

"Since 1894."

"Have you been a fakir ever since?"

"Yes, up to the time I was locked up."

"Where have you conducted your operations mostly?"

"All over the States and in Canada at Chatham."

"Victims plenty?"

"I always found a few suckers everywhere."

"Where did you begin to give seances?"

"In Denver. But I would not call them seances, they were really private readings."

"What is that graft?"

"Oh, you just answer the questions they ask."

"The questions just come in sealed envelopes, do they not?"

"Yes. I had to tear the envelope open and read the questions, and I would then slip the questions into another envelope and the sitter would not know that the envelope had been opened."

"You must have been all right to do all of that while the sitter was looking at you."

"Oh, that was easy. I would do it behind the slates that I held up."

"And the 'sucker' would sit right in front of you all the time?"

"Yes."

"Say; you had quite a graft, didn't you?"

"Yes."

HIS START AS A FAKIR.

Witness then went on to state that he started in the "faking" business as advance agent for Dr. A. H. Waite & Son, who operated a "fake" cabinet show. He declared that he did not steal a piano in St. Louis, as has been stated, but merely rented it and left it for the people in the house to return. He said that he bought slates for ten cents a pair and sold them for $3.

"Did you defraud Nichols?"

"Yes."

"You knew that you were defrauding him and lying to him and then took his money?"

"Yes."

Witness stated that he advised Nichols to wear a gold belt but did not tell him how much gold to put in it, but that he said to him the more gold he put in the better the influence would be. He charged him $1 a sitting.

"Your conscience was limited to $1, was it?"

"I don't know."

"Did you ever have any conscience?"

"Yes."

"Where did you leave it?"

"Probably the same place you left yours. Some people are in the same boat, even if they are not in the same business."

Witness admitted selling a belt filled with brick dust to Ziebold, the insurance agent, and admitted also that he told him to wear also a gold belt.

"You just deliberately swindled him?"

"Yes, I suppose that is what you would call it."

"Cheating, defrauding, lying, and swindling were your principal business were they not?"

"Yes."

"Did you make any money in Cincinnati?"

"No, not much."

"Why? Were there no suckers there?"

"Oh, yes; the town was full of them, but it was during the holiday season, and they didn't have much money."

"Don't you think you are a scoundrel?"

"No."

"Why did you change your name from Ezekial to Edward?"

"Well, when I went to New York, I was a little sensitive about my name. The boys used to call me all sorts of nick-names."

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