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THE CASE OF MAHAN.

The case of John J. Mahan. who for two years has been endeavoring to secure title to a claim on Dominion creek staked by him, is now being aired before Justice Dugas, acting as a commissioner of investigation. sufficient amount of evidence has already been brought forward to warrant the hope that the commissioner will go to the very bottom of the case if it be within the powers of his commission so to do. The evidence of W. E. Burritt, as reported in Tuesday evening's Nugget, certainly opens up a very wide field for speculation.

Mr. Burritt's evidence was sub stantially to the effect that the claim had been recorded in his name without his knowledge by clerk Hurdman, who was at the time recorder for bench claims in the gold commissioner's office. At a later date, at Hurdman's re quest, Mr. Burritt had transferred the property to Dr. Simpson.

This evidence, in conjunction with Mahan's testimony as to the circumstances attending his original staking of the ground, and the manner in which he failed thereto, points clearly to the practice of certain usages in the gold commissioner's office during from Eagle City to St. Michaels, desk, which may well be investigated even at this late date.

If it is a possible thing so to do. Hurdman himself should be placed on the stand, even though he is now on the outside. The case is an important one, as it involves property of considerable value, which is now in process of being worked. More important, however, even than this, is the opportunity which is presented to determine in a measure the nature of alleged crooked transactions which occurred in the gold commissioner's office during the early days of the Klondike boom.

If Mahan has been wronged and unjustly and illegaly deprived of a claim which right fully should belong to him, the wrong should be righted, even though two years have elapsed since it was committed.

CANNOT BE TOO SEVERE.

The United States government is putting forth the most strenuous efforts to secure the conviction of certain officials in the Cuban postal service concerned in perpetrating wholesale frauds upon the government. The officials in question are endeavoring to take refuge behind the peculiar relations now existing between the United States and Cuba, and thus far have managed successfully to resist extradition proceedings.

The government is pressing the matter, however, and a decision of the supreme court is anticipated shortly whereby the

criminals will be turned over to Uncle Sam for punishment.

The occurrence of such an episode at this particular time is most unfortunate for the cause of good government in Cuba, and the offenders certainly merit the most severe punishment.

The United States government have undertaken to reorganize the unsettled affairs of Cuba and furnish that unhappy island with a form of government suited to its requirements and based upon the principles of civil administration as ordinarily followed in the great American republic.

To this end the postal system and other equally important features of the civil service have been introduced into Cuba, with results which, until the discovery of the recent frauds, have been most satisfactory.

The government has all along realized the moral effect which a practical demonstration of honest and efficient administration of the laws would have upon the people of Cuba, as contrasted with what they had been accustomed to un- between Carribon and Whitehorse, lowder the Spanish regime.

To this end special care has been given to the selection of men to occupy the various positions of trust in connection with get into Marsh. It is also said that the public service in the island. there is not a great amount of water In spite of this care, however, and in spite of the object so strenuously sought, some of the defrauded the government out of sums aggregating hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The guilty men have been detected in their work and no effort will be spared to bring them to a proper punishment for their offenses. Whatever form that punishment may take, it cannot cloudy." under any circumstances be too

The extension of the telegraph line to Eagle City should be made can government contemplates the to bring about the desired result is co .the time when clerk Hurdman and in all probability will carry extended on down to the international boundary telegraphic communication will be established up piece of ice passes down toward the and down the entire length of sea has been fully demonstrate this the Yukon before fall. If pres- spring. The river has now been free ent plans do not fail to carry there is no doubt that the work will be completed within the time mentioned.

COULDN'T MAKE IT PAY.

BY THE DISCOVERER OF BONANZA

crossed the summit in '85' With some boys by the name of Day We drove our stakes around the lakes, But we couldn't make it pay.

went to the Salmon the following With spirits light and gay, And worked and worked and never

shirked,

But I couldn't make it pay.

Iwent to trading the following year; Bought goods out at Dyea; But the Indians laughed and had a graft,

So I couldn't make that pay. Then I mined on the auburn Hootalink, Rocked out 'bout five a day.

Not quite enough to live, and tough—
So I couldn't make it pay.

Then I worked three years on Fortymile In gravel, muck and clayI dropped my roil—seven hundred in
the hole—

So I couldn't make that pay.

The upper river tnen I tried : -Three winters did I stay.
The big A. C. got all from me,
And I couldn't make it pay.

vext year I fished on the Klendike With nets and traps I iay; expected run but there was no run, So I couldn't make it pay.

Then I mushed up the Creek Bonanza, Which is better known today, Did I have good luck? Well I found some truck.

And I guess I'll make it pay.

—George Carmack. Short orders served right. The Hol-

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

Navigation Was Not Open When the Ice Passed Out.

The Long Period of Waiting Will Make the Short Season a Busy One When Once all Craft Is Afloat.

navigation is not gratifying to the owners and operators of large steamers either on the upper or lower river.

It can not be learned for a certainty what amount of snow there is back in the headwater countries of the Hootalinqua, Big and Little Salmon river and other streams tributary to the Yukon to melt and thereby raise the portion of the river this side of Thirtymile; but on the upper rivers and lakes it is authentically stated that the rise will be very slow.

A report has been brought down, although it is not vouched for, to the effect that the railroad construction party, in order to get along the bank of Lewis lake which ues on its line ered the water in that lake by opening a channel on the west side, and that now the overflow water from that lake which formerly poured into Lake Marsh runs off to the eastward and does not now flowing into either Lindeman or Bennett lakes and that the prospects tor steamers drawing two feet and more for getting over the caribon bar are not most trusted of the government's at all favorable, as the water there was agents have violated the confi- still quite low, only 16 inches deep, dence imposed in them and have eight days ago, and at that time it was not reported as rising over an inch in 48 hours.

There has as yet been very little warm weather and no warm rains to melt what snow there is in the country surrounding the upper lakes. Yesterday at Bennett the mercury stood at 55; at Whitehorse it was 50 and at all points on down from which reports were received the messages said "cool and

A theory is advanced, and it looks like a feasible one, that the rise in the upper lakes and river is caused more from the water oozing from the ground as it thaws in the early summer than from the melting of snow and ice. It ultimately to secure a record as soon as possible. The Amerithis theory is correct, all that is needed construction of an Alaskan line tinuous warm weather, and the sooner it comes the better pleased will be the operators of the many large steamers which now only await water sufficient presided over the bench claim out this important work during to insure them against being hung up the present summer. If, in the on bars in an attempt to come down the meantime, the Dominion line is river for the purpose of entering regularly into the summer's trade.

The fact that navigation is not regularly open by long odds when the last from ice for 30 days, and yet only to light draught craft can it be said that navigation is open.

If conditions on the upper rivers and lakes do not soon change for the better the capacity of the transportation companies will be strained to the utmost to handle the thousands of tons of freight now at Bennett and Skagway awaiting transportation and the thousands of tons which will arrive between now and the end of the season. In the meantime many shippers will provide themselves with scows and not wait for the steamers and run the risk of having their goods lett at Bennett when the end of the season arrives, as was the case with many shippers last fall.

Skagway a Military Post.

The site offered by Skagway for a United States military post has been accepted by Gen George M. Randali, commander of the department of Alaska. The news came in a letter received from the general to Capt. Hovey. In the letter the general asks for all deeds, surveys and other papers in regard to the site, and states that he wants them right away so he can forward them to the secretary of war for approval. The general is particularly anxious to get the data right away because he will leave Seattle soon, it is expected, for St. Michael.

The chamber of commerce committee, says the Alaskan, will go to work on preparation of the information and raising of the money to buy the site. Surveys will also have to be made in a

It is thought likely the war department will approve the plans to be submitted by the general, and that before many weeks definite orders will be received. The report from Scattle may be

sent to Washington by wire, and the business transacted in the shortest possible time It is thought that should the general get away from Seattle before the department makes its decision in the matter that the final word may be forwarded right to Capt. Hovey and he be authorized to take up the work of putting the site in condition for occupancy.

The site under consideration is on the west side of the Skagway river between Seventeenth and Twenty-first avenues, and comprises thirteen and a fraction acres. It is partly cleared, but considerable clearing and grubbing will have to be done to put the ground in to remain at a fixed stage with but little condition for use as a post site. It is likely, therefore, the site being accepted, that the troops will not be on the ground to call it their home until fall, but it may that some of the boys will have an opportunity to prove their abilities as landscape beautifiers and reclaimers.

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