

O'BRIEN OUT-MUSHED!

Overtaken and Brought Back to Dawson.

WILLIAM BRAYTON WANTS HIS DOUGH

Constable Allmark's All-Night Chase a Record-Breaker.

Handicapped by 30 Hours, He Over-takes His Man After Six Hours' Travel—A Contemplated Trip to Nome Ruthlessly Shattered.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Monday at noon Martin J. O'Brien and a man named Derick left Dawson for the long and perilous journey over the ice for Nome. Their start was auspicious and with four intrepid malamutes and a good outfit everything looked favorable to a successful expedition. But, alas! for human expectations and calculations. O'Brien left behind a monument in the form of an alleged debt of \$800 due William P. Brayton, formerly of the Galvin Meat Co. Brayton sets forth that several months ago he loaned to O'Brien and D. D. Bogart, who were then interested in the late Opera house, the sum of \$1200, only \$400 of which has since been returned, and as he learned of the departure of O'Brien for down the river he reasoned that his chances for ever again gazing on the \$800 were growing quite slender unless he could have the Nome-bound pilgrim overtaken and brought back. With this object in view he sought the aid of the law, with the result that a warrant was duly issued from the superior court and placed in the hands of Constable Allmark, police court officer, for service.

The curtains of night were already pinned down by the stars when the warrant was placed in the hands of the constable, 30 hours after his man had started, and it was three hours later before the officer, with the Madden house crack-dog team as a means of rapid transit, cast off his lines and started on the chase. After a run of but little over six hours Allmark sighted a cabin on the river's bank, 14 miles this side of Fortymile. Ringing his slow-down bell, he brought his dogs to standstill and approached the cabin and entered, and there, wrapped in the arms of Morpheus and a fur robe, lay the object of his chase. O'Brien was very much disconcerted at thus having his plans broken into and his journey so abruptly terminated, but he made the best of the situation and in a short time announced himself in readiness to accompany Constable Allmark back to Dawson, at which place they arrived at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. The constable figures that he played in big luck as he did not have much hope of overtaking his man this side of Fortymile.

On their return to Dawson O'Brien was taken to the guard house and locked up. As he wanted time to collect his thoughts and calmly size up the situation in which he found himself, he requested that his friends be not notified of his return to the city until this morning. O'Brien was formerly in the employ of the Cattle Syndicate of this city and is very well known. He has many friends and it is probable that they will rally to his support and that he will not be required to remain in jail over tonight.

Great credit is due Constable Allmark for the success with which his night chase was crowned, and for returning with his man in such almost incredibly short time.

O'Brien's partner, not caring to continue the trip alone, returned by easy stages, reaching here this afternoon.

Trustees Did Not Meet.

There was no meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade last night owing

to the fact that there was not a quorum present, however, as there was no business of importance demanding attention, no interests will suffer through the apathy of the members. Next Wednesday a meeting of the full board will be held in its rooms and it is important that every member be present. As the committee on mines and mining will submit its report at that meeting it is urged that the mine owners and laymen make it a point to attend on that particular occasion.

A Musical Entertainment.

A high class entertainment will be given in the First Methodist church of Dawson on Thursday evening, February 8th, at 8 o'clock. A splendid program has been prepared. Mr. Boyle of the Dawson Choral Society, Mr. Chisholm and other prominent soloists and musicians, have kindly consented to take part.

The Dawson public may confidently expect an excellent musical entertainment. The proceeds will be devoted to the purpose of securing an organ for the church and in view of the object of the affair a large audience is anticipated. The price of tickets is \$1.

Superior Court.

Judge Dugas returned yesterday evening, fresh and exhilarated from a three days' journey up the creeks. Court was duly opened at 11 o'clock this morning, the trial of the case of McRae vs. Pinkham, which was on when court adjourned last week, being resumed.

Missing Persons.

Letters of inquiry have been received at the town station of the N. W. M. P., respecting the following persons:

J. S. Johnson, of Salt Lake City; James Lindsay Mulholland of Liverpool, England; William Johnson of Ayrshire, Scotland; Mr. Petery of Prescott.

POLICE COURT.

Immediately on the opening of police court this morning Captain Starnes rendered a decision in the case of Henry Cassells vs. A. E. Sola, in which the former sued for \$250.75 for labor performed on the latter's mining claim. The decision was that the amount claimed, with costs, be paid within 15 days.

Jacob Nowfak, whose case against Chas. Carroll, of the California bakery for \$28 was begun yesterday morning, was awarded \$8. In explaining it to the reporter afterward Nowfak said he did not think the case was in the "jurisdiction" of the court.

The regular police magistrate, Major Perry, who returned last night from a three days' business trip up the creeks, was present and took the bench after the disposal by Captain Starnes of the cases which had been heard before him. Major Perry's first case this morning was one against John Olsen for violating the health ordinance, the trial of which was set for this afternoon.

Hinkle vs. Levy for \$350 for labor performed on the latter's claim was up, but in the absence of witnesses was continued until Monday afternoon.

Suleman Jeha, the Arab of whom mention was made several days ago as having a claim for \$504 against Chris Hemple, and who cannot make himself understood in English, was again in court and by signs and gesticulations made it apparent that he is suffering for the necessities of life. He was given an order on the royal commissary for a two weeks' stock of provisions.

Theosophical Society.

The Yukon Theosophical Club held its initial meeting last evening in its new permanent quarters over the Juneau hardware store on Second avenue. The comfortable hall was well filled with a sympathetic and appreciative audience of ladies and gentlemen, whose intellectual development reaches out for more scientific proof of the great unseen forces of nature that surround us, and which they believe are intended for man's use when he knows enough to understand them and is wise enough to utilize them.

The steady increase in membership and the deep interest manifested proves that the club fills a popular want, while the practical methods of dealing with practical subjects makes it useful to the entire community. Next regular meeting on next Wednesday evening.

TOMORROW "SAUSAGE" DAY

Should Old Sol Shine, Spring Will Be Delayed.

Groundhog Legend Has Many Believers in Rural East—Prayers for Clouds Offered Tonight.

If the sun shines tomorrow the residents of this section of the country will do well to duplicate their orders for wood, for it will mean that the advent of spring will be long delayed.

In other parts of civilized North America a clear 2d of February is sure to throw spring back for six weeks, but here its coming may be delayed from the same cause several months. The legend is that when the first snow comes in the fall of the year the groundhog, a festive animal which is indigenous to the central and eastern portions of the United States and Canada, but which is rare on the Pacific coast and seen in the Gulf states, hies himself to his lair beneath a rock or in the ground and there remains until the second day of the succeeding February, when, with fear and trembling, he emerges from his winter quarters into the heaven given light. If the day is dark, cloudy and wholly devoid of sun light the animal stays out and spring duly begins. If, however, the sun shines on that day, the groundhog sees his shadow, becomes frightened thereat and flees with all haste back into his winter quarters and there remains for a period of six weeks, during which Boreas again musters his frigid forces and exerts his full strength and influence with the result that winter lingers in the lap of spring until the following month is well advanced. In many of the rural agricultural sections of the east firm belief is reposed in the legend of the groundhog and his shadow, and a 2d of February on which the sun shines is productive of gloom and sadness of heart on the part of the people. Residents of this section, however, have no cause for alarm as we are somewhat shy both on sun and groundhog.

For the benefit of the readers of the Daily Nugget who may be afflicted with "denseness" we will add that tomorrow is called "sausage" day for the reason that sausage is ground hog.

Respecting Registered Mail.

The following letter of inquiry was received by the Daily Nugget last night:

Dawson, Y. T., Jan. 31, 1900.

Editor of Klondike Daily Nugget, Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Sir: Can I find out through your paper why it is that a registered letter, addressed to me, lay in our post office for 31 days, although I had inquired punctually once a week, at the window designated by my initial?

By mere accident I inquired at the registered letter window, and upon receipt of my mail I ascertained that it had been there for the above mentioned time.

Surely there ought to be a system in vogue here whereby one to whom registered mail is addressed could be notified through the general delivery to call at the registered letter window.

INQUIRER.

Postmaster Hartman, when asked respecting the matter, said:

"We do not notify people, to whom registered mail is addressed by sending them cards through the general delivery asking them to call at the registered letter window. Every once in a while we advertise the registered mail by publication in the local press, and by posting lists in the postoffice."

"I have sent out for cards and when they arrive I shall use them to notify people through the general delivery of registered letters. At present those who have boxes are the only ones who receive such notification. We hold registered mail three months and if uncalled for at the expiration of that time we return it to the sender."

Masquerade at the Forks.

Monday night was the occasion of a grand masquerade ball given by the

Grand Forks Social Club. It proved to be the crowning event in the social history of that enterprising young city, and was attended by the youth and beauty, grace and loveliness of that place. A 12 o'clock the gay participants unmasked and an elegant supper was partaken of, after which the merry dance continued until the near approach of another day.

Those present and en masque were:

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey, Misses McMullen, Stansfield, Lamb, Kutz, Croft, Mrs. Primes, Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Ruppel, Messrs. Ask, Hickey, Hutcheson, Cribbs, Drs. McLeod, Edwards, Ramsey, Messrs. Hammell, Murphy, Boyle, Bell, Mitchell, Hunter, White, Walling, Raymond, Hustus, Capt. Cartwright, Sergt. Marshall H. B. Keif, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Messrs. Matheson, Carroll, Walkins, Cobb, Cupe, McDonald, Miss Rustrom, and others.

Club committee: Messrs. Sergt. Marshall, Eul, Hutcheson, McGregor, Ferguson and Boggs.

Appealed His Case.

J. W. Murphy of claim 43 below on Sulphur, against whom a decision was rendered yesterday in police court, in favor of Joseph Smith for \$60 due as wages, has retained Attorney McCaul and appealed the case to the superior court, having given satisfactory bonds in the lower court. The result of the trial will be anxiously awaited, involving as the case does, the points of law usually brought up in disputes of the masters and servants sort.

Outgoing Mail.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday evening 12 sacks of mail, comprising a little less than 300 pounds, were dispatched for the outside. The usual hour for closing the mail is 12 o'clock on Wednesday and it is then started at about 3 o'clock Thursday morning.

But yesterday evening the work of making up having been completed, it was decided to start it a few hours earlier.

The carriers expected to be at Ogilvie by 3 o'clock this morning, the usual hour for leaving Dawson.

The Orpheum Theatre.

The new theater building now being erected on the site of the old Board of Trade will be called "The Orpheum."

The stock company which will conduct business in the Orpheum is comprised of the following men and women:

Alex Pantagia, William Brennan, Claude Staton, E. B. Lyons, Theo. Eggert, Martin Hobbs, John Kirk, Harry Lawier, Daisy D'Avra, Cecil Marion and Miss Blossom.

The following directors have been elected Theo. Eggert, Claude Staton, E. B. Lyons, Alex. Pantagia and Miss Blossom.

Mr. Pantagia has been selected as manager.

The Orpheum will be opened about February 19th.

Handball Tournament.

Preparations have been completed at Ford's gymnasium for the handball tournament, which will commence tonight, and terminate tomorrow night. A good alley has been constructed, and the room is arranged to accommodate a large number of spectators.

Six teams have entered for the contest, and some good playing is expected.

The following are the teams:

Edward H. Boyer and Sam Pond. Collins Sinclair and George Mutchler. Mark Bray and Patrick Malloy. John Devine and William Barrett. Fred Cahoon and Bert Ford. Ben Trenaman and William Norval. The sport will commence at 9 o'clock.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature registered at the barracks last night was four degrees below zero.

At noon, the instrument pointed to two degrees below.