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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1900

SWIFT AND CERTAIN.

This morning at 8 o'clock, Alexander King, for the murder of Herbert Davenport, was executed by the proper officers of the law.

On July 15th of the present year King committed the crime for which he has paid with his life. On the 31st of the same month he was brought before a jury, tried, convicted and sentenced. The conduct of the trial has since been reviewed by the minister of justice and the sentence confirmed in every respect. Today the law was placed in effect and King was hung.

This case furnishes an example of the certainty, though by no means undue haste, of British justice. There were no exasperating and unnecessary delays, nor was consideration given to trifling technicalities which might tend to postpone indefinitely the punishment which the crime merited. The entire transaction was the embodiment of simplicity, though through it all ran the evidence of stern regard for the law which has made "British justice" known and respected the world over.

The taking of human life under any circumstance, even though it be in punishment for the crime of murder and by due process of law, is something from which the most hardened may well shrink. Society demands, however, for its own protection that men who seek the lives of their fellows without due provocation, must pay a fitting penalty for their acts, and capital punishment, by common consent of civilized nations is looked upon as the just reward of the murderer.

Society gains nothing by the execution of the criminal, aside from the moral effect exercised upon men of criminal inclination. If by the hanging of a murderer others of murderous instincts are restrained from carrying out their designs, society at large is benefited to that extent. To accomplish, therefore, the ultimate effect for which it is intended, the law must be executed in a manner that will leave the deepest impression possible upon the minds of the criminally disposed. It is the swiftness and certainty with which British law is brought to bear upon the criminal that makes the law and order so universally observed in British communities.

Dawson, though by the nature of the circumstances surrounding its early settlement it might well have been a lawless camp, has been marked by everyone who has visited the town as a striking example of a law abiding community. This has not come about by reason of a lack of men of lawless inclination, but rather on account of the fact that all such men have understood perfectly well that undue actions on their part would bring certain and merited punishment. The execution of King with no unnecessary delays or hindrances is but another example of what awaits the offender against the majesty of British law.

BLOCKED FREIGHT.

The same condition as regards the matter of getting freight to Dawson, exists today that confronted shippers at the close of the season of navigation

last summer. Hundreds of tons of freight which the transportation concerns are unable to handle on the boats are being brought down in scows or left in storage for the winter at Whitehorse or Skagway.

During the middle of the shipping season when the water was at its best, boat after boat arrived in Dawson with scarcely enough freight aboard to serve respectably for ballast. They came and went between Dawson and Whitehorse waiting for shippers to get their orders out and send their goods on to be handled.

Now, when the water is low, and the closing of the river but a few weeks away, a great rush has suddenly taken place and men with anxiety written all over their countenance are rushing about endeavoring to get their goods through.

Some will succeed and others will fail, but the lesson will probably be entirely forgotten before the ice leaves the river in the spring. Procrastination is certainly one of the worst failings of perverse human nature.

Whither Are We Drifting.

If it all "takes" there will be several hundred sore arms and sore under-pinnings in Dawson in the course of a few days, as hundreds of persons are submitting to vaccination now that they realize that smallpox still lingers in this part of the country. It is not an unusual thing for ladies to prefer that a vaccination scar be left on one of their ankles instead of on the arm; but why a man should be vaccinated on the leg instead of on the arm is a query. Yet a number of men are now bearing their unsightly legs to the surgeon's scraper and virus tubes. Can it be that a decolette male costume is in contemplation? Has some embryo Ward McAllister given a tip that low necks and short sleeves are to be embraced by the sterner sex? These are questions of the day of which both pulpit and press will do well to take cognizance. Whither are we drifting?

Carboneau-Mulrooney.

Yesterday evening shortly before 8 o'clock Mr. C. E. Carboneau and Miss Mulrooney left their rooms at the Fairview hotel and were driven to the Catholic church where in the usual impressive ceremony of that church Rev. Father Demerai united them in the hold bonds of matrimony. On their return to the Fairview mine host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Blaker, received them in a manner never before equaled in Dawson. The dining room was a bower of loveliness and the repast served was the acme of culinary skill and attainment. During the wedding feast music was furnished by Warwick and Creuse's orchestra, and afterwards the "light fantastic" was enjoyed to music from the same source. The groom is well known as a mine owner and promoter, while the bride is probably one of the best known of all the women of the Klondike. Her holdings of mining property are quite extensive and she owns the Fairview hotel, Mr. Blaker being the lessee. That Mr. and Mrs. Carboneau may enjoy a long and happy married life is the wish of all who know them.

A Savage Publisher.

The late J. Schabelitz, the famous Zurich publisher and author, was a shrewd business man, an excellent linguist, a skillful writer and probably the most savage publisher who ever lived. When he accepted the famous memoirs of Count von Arnim, he wrote on the postal card with the acceptance, the proviso "I reserve the right to correct your infernally bad grammar."

To an aspiring poet who had submitted manuscript he answered by postal card: "I refuse to be disgraced by printing your doggerel. I don't return the copy because you didn't inclose enough postage. If you will send it with the price of this card, I will send it to you, but I don't think the stuff is worth the expense on your part."

One of his postal cards to a novelist read about as follows: "For heaven's sake, come and take away the unnamable mass of paper you left here for me to look at!"

An ambitious historian was crushed by the following, written, like all of his correspondence, upon a postal card: "You are making the mistake of your life. You don't want to study history. You want to learn how to write."—Saturday Evening Post.

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POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate McDonell was greeted by a familiar face from the prisoner's box this morning, the owner of the face being John O'Hara. John has changed his brand within the past three weeks. Then he confined himself exclusively to the slumber brand and was up twice in three days, for wooing balmy on the sidewalk. Last night he absorbed an overdose of the boisterous brand which instead of producing sleep which would necessarily have been in the beautiful snow, caused him to become a disturbing factor on Fourth avenue. He renewed his time honored promise to not do it again, but John's promises are too numerous to be taken seriously. A fine of \$10 and costs or ten days work was imposed. A friend produced the needful and John smiled as he left the courtroom.

When Julius Hawkins wooed and married his wife he ignored such conventionalities as color line and took unto himself a daughter of the forest about whom clings a distinct aroma of salmon. But the color line is not the only difference in the Hawkins family. Last night the wife swore to a warrant charging her liege lord with striking her with his fists and kicking her with his feet. This morning in that laconic style peculiar to the Indian women she told of how Julius had abused her for leaving clothes pins on the dining table where he thought his supper should have been; that he had dragged her around over the house, baptised the floor with her bright, red blood, kicked her on the back and in various ways used her in a manner not practiced towards their wives by loving and affectionate husbands. In his own behalf Hawkins denied abusing the fish scented wife of his bosom, other than to mildly correct her; that she has been acting badly lately in that she has taken to staying out at night and coming home in the early morning hours under the influence of the essence of democracy; that his wife has been trying to shake him lately and that he is opposed to having his family fig tree destroyed. As the woman had the marks of her husband's violence to substantiate her story, the court informed Julius that the marriage license which was in evidence was the only thing that saved him from a long sentence at hard work. As it was a fine of \$20 and costs or two weeks at hard labor was imposed. Hawkins was also required to give bond in the sum of \$200 to deport himself properly toward his wife for a period of six months.

T. H. Heath was up on a charge preferred by F. W. Clemens of having entered the latter's office, kicked over his stove and used naughty language. Heath claimed to have as much right in the office as Clemens and apparently the court so thought, as the case was dismissed.

Scows for Dawson.

Reports from up the river are to the effect that fully 75 scows are yet to be dispatched from Bennett with cargoes for this place. That a large number of them, fully one-half, will be hung up on bars and their cargoes will be freighted in over the ice the same as were the cargoes of fully 100 scows last winter, otherwise they will lay until navigation opens in the spring, is certain.

Not a scow that left Bennett after the 7th of last October succeeded in landing their freight in Dawson. Of a fleet of five scows which left Bennett October 8th and were towed by steamer to the mouth of Fiftymile, four succeeded in getting within a few miles of Dawson when the ice stopped on the 23d, the fifth one only getting as far as Scow Island. Less than a dozen scows that left Bennett after October 4th of last year reached Dawson until the spring, and if the closing season this year is as early as was that of last year, there is no doubt but that the coming winter will see more sandbars buoyed with scows than did last, although there were fully 125 laden scows hung up between Dawson and Hootalinqua last fall.

There is no doubt but that the same risks will be taken this year as last when, so long as Lake Bennett was open laden scows were dispatched from there for Dawson and towards the last a number got no farther than Caribou, a distance of only 28 miles, when they were stopped by the ice. The same thing will occur this year, particularly in the matter of dispatching scows from Whitehorse, where, so long as the river is open they will be started, but if the approaching winter closes in with the rapidity of last, it is a safe bet that not four scows that leave Whitehorse after the 10th of the month without steamer convoy will tie up in Dawson before the river closes.

"Tush On."

Fully four inches of the beautiful fell last night and this morning several hundred draught dogs which for the past six months have enjoyed a continuous vacation, wore a sort of "family man" look, for the fall of snow means that they must earn considerably more than their board for several months to come, with the prospect of being frequently left in weather 50 below "frezoo," while the driver looks on red hootch and asks to be "hit" by a black-jack dealer. These are a few things which were brought forcibly to the canine mind this morning when the mantle of white was beheld.

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