

WHY NO MEETING WAS HELD

Of the S. P. C. A. as per Call Last Night.

Narrow Escape of Various Members—Will Wait Until Weather and Dogs Moderate.

Owing to the mad dog scare and panic there was no meeting last night of the executive committee of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, only big Rev. Mr. Hetherington and Miss McRae, the brave little woman who extinguished the incipient conflagration in her school room the other day, ventured out.

It is alleged that one of the members who lives in the neighborhood of the A. E. warehouses made a start from his home to the caninethropical meeting, but was rushed at by a large black Russian boar hound. By fierce sprinting the valiant member got through his gate, but not before the huge beast with foaming mouth had nabbed a piece out of the tail of his flying overcoat.

He entered the house and as unperturbed as possible told his wife (who had read yesterday's Nugget) that it was too cold to go to the meeting.

A second member had got a block or two on his way when a small bull terrier came toward him with a hungry look. "Poor doggy, good little doggy," Mr. S— soothingly addressed the canine, and in two seconds Bull became firmly attached to Mr. S—, grabbing his victim by the back part of one of his arctic socks, just grazing the calf. "Get out, you b—"

But by this time Dr. E—, who chanced along and saw the treacherous brute making the attack rushed up and after pulling the dog strongly by the tail and beating it with his cane, succeeded in dragging the animal off with a mouthful of sock.

The meeting is adjourned until after the cold weather and rabies epidemic is past.

A well known hotel man who has a penchant for dogs was nipped yesterday in the thigh by a malamute. He (the dog) died some three hours later.

WAS NOT LIBEL.

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stenographer in the gold commissioner's office, which he had been kept out of for six months and had been employed in the postoffice.

He had made a trip to Fort Yukon in 1898, and was at present secretary for the citizens' committee now striving to obtain for the Yukon territory representation in the Dominion parliament.

The matter of desertion from the ranks of the N. W. M. P. was not denied, it being claimed that a letter to the Yukon Sun had satisfactorily explained that matter long since. He said he was not dismissed from the gold commissioner's office, but resigned. Concerning the famous "ten dollar door" he was as ignorant as a babe, and never made any "outside money" while employed there except what he had earned by making abstracts for people late at night after office hours.

The case was continued till this morning at 10:30.

Attorney Walsh opened the resumed hearing this morning by stating that the proof of the prosecution fell short in many ways. "First," he said, "the paper, as it has been proven, is not the property of the defendant, but belongs to Mr. O'Brien, the defendant merely occupying a position on the staff. Further, there is no proof that the defendant wrote the article complained of. Lastly, the article did not state that Joseph A. Clarke had defrauded friends in Brockville, that he had received bribes or any of the other things spoken of. It had merely said that (meaning the writer) had not been guilty of these things."

Justice Craig said that everyone interested in the publication of a newspaper was guilty of libel when libelous matter appeared in its columns. Publisher, editor, even the man who carried the paper to the printer, and the only way they could get out of it was through a sustained plea of innocence.

Joseph A. Clarke addressed the court and jury, saying: "The motion to dismiss the case constitutes about as strong a case as can well be made out in my behalf."

The most malignant charges had been made against him that could be well brought against a British subject in his own country. The defense had based their case upon the statement that publication had not been proven. He considered that it had been proven.

He said he would not attempt any flights of oratory even if he was able.

Attorney Walsh then made his argument, commencing with the statement that the private prosecutor was within his rights in bringing the present charges if he saw fit.

Then he went on to show that if a man convicted of forgery should be spoken of by a newspaper as being a thief he would have the right to charge the paper, or its management, with libel.

Replying to Mr. Clarke's statement that he had not been fairly treated Mr. Walsh said that he did not believe the prosecutor foresaw that it would result in the narrative which dropped from his lips in the witness box yesterday being brought forth.

Referring to the career of Clarke in the Yukon, the attorney asked the jury which they would prefer to have published the matter complained of as libelous or the story he himself had told.

Speaking of the trip to Fort Yukon referred to by Clarke yesterday the items of a dog, charged up in his bill of expenses at \$450, and the tent at \$50, the attorney said that by the showing of the prosecutor these charges were false.

He had been heard to say, according to his own admission in the bank, "Hurry up! There are ten men waiting at the ten-dollar door."

In reviewing the statement of witness concerning the Brockville friends, he said: "According to the testimony of witness he received \$200 from Brockville friends, which he was to use in locating and securing mining property jointly with them. This money had been spent in paying his expenses into the country, and in outfitting himself with the exception of what was used in the location and recording of two claims, the procuring of a license and some development work, amounting to about \$125 in all. No part of the balance of this money had ever been returned to the Brockville friends.

Justice Craig told counsel for the defense that he could refer to these things as going to show the general character of the prosecutor, but not to prove the truth of the matter complained of.

In charging the jury the justice referred to the letter written by Clarke which appeared simultaneously with the other matter, and said that if the jury believed that Clarke had brought the matter upon his own head by the issuing of that challenge, then the accused was innocent. The jury, however, could not consider the question of whether the matter complained of was true or not.

At the close of the charge to the jury that body withdrew to deliberate, and the court adjourned till 2 p. m.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, after deliberating about an hour during which time the case was fully gone into.

Henri de Blowitz.

Henri De Blowitz, the great critic and correspondent of the London Times, who apprehends a general war among the nations of civilization and whose opinion finds response in Downing street, is probably the greatest of newspaper writers in Europe. M. De Blowitz, although derived from Jewish stock, is a Roman Catholic in faith and most devout in his practices. He began his journalistic career as a contributor to the Gazette du Midi and to La Decentralisation. From July, 1871, begins his association with the London Times, and since that time he has represented "The Thunderer" in Paris.

His opinions upon continental politics derive their value from his intimate friendship with leading ministers and diplomats and his 30 years' record for never having betrayed a confidence.

—Ex.

Comparisons of Speed.

The time required for a journey round the earth by a man walking day and night, without resting, would be 428 days; an express train, 40 days; sound, at a medium temperature, 32½ hours; a cannon ball, 21¼ hours; light, a little over one tenth of a second; and electricity, passing over a copper wire, a little over one-tenth of a second.

Goods sold on commission at Meeker's.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a list of all placer mining claims in the Yukon territory which were sold at public auction and which have not been taken up, is being prepared for publication at once, and after the first publication thereof no grant will be issued, under such sale as aforesaid, for any claim so advertised. All purchasers are, therefore, notified to apply for their grants immediately.

(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL, Assistant Gold Commissioner. Dated at Dawson this 14 day of December, 1900.

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POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate Starnes presided in the police court this morning at which time there was but one case up for hearing.

John G. Albertson, a turkey-trodden looking individual from Grand Forks, was up on the charge of stealing an armful of wood, the property of Max Endleman. The evidence was "dead ferriest" the prisoner as the arresting officer had taken him in the very act. It also came out in evidence that Albertson has no business other than boosting around gambling houses. Although the wood stolen was only valued at 25 cents, the court expressed the belief that a man who steals one armful of wood will continue along the same fine ad infinitum and is, therefore, better off by having the thumb screw of restraint applied. For the next 30 days Albertson will be privileged to handle wood for his board and he was given that period at hard labor.

Tie Up the Dogs.

Editor Nugget: Knowing as I do the treatment accorded to dogs by many owners in Dawson I was not surprised to read in your paper of yesterday accounts of many attacks by dogs upon citizens, to say nothing of the almost constant fighting of these dogs among themselves.

I most heartily concur in your suggestion that an order be issued causing all dogs to be either tied up or killed and as there is no time to be wasted, I add to the suggestion that the notice be published in the daily papers and posted generally throughout the city and that the order be enforced within 24 hours after its publication. This is the only means by which the city may rid itself of a board of unowned and unclaimed, consequently unfed and starving, dogs that have been disowned and turned loose to rustle for themselves for the reason that there being but little use for dogs in the Klondike at its present advanced state, they are no longer of value. The very reason of these animals being discarded by their former owners will prevent others from taking them in and giving them homes, and as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals appears to be powerless to act in the matter, the only thing that appears to be left to do is to act on the suggestion made in your paper of yesterday. All persons owning dogs for which they care will see to it that the animals are tied up, and all stray, homeless, roaming canines will be slaughtered and by their slaughter will be removed the greatest menace to life and limb of the times. The time is ripe for action and further delay is not only needless but dangerous.

CITIZEN.

Lord Alverstone.

The official announcement was made the other day that Lord Alverstone, better known as Sir Richard Webster, has been appointed Lord Chief Justice of England, succeeding the late Baron Russell, of Killowen. Lord Alverstone's successor as Master of Rolls is Justice A. L. Smith.

Richard Everard Webster, first Baron Alverstone, was born at Swineshead Abbey, Lincolnshire, on December 22, 1842. He was educated at King's college and the Charterhouse schools and at Trinity college, Cambridge. He was a noted athlete at the university and beat the Oxford men in the one and two mile races. On being called to the bar in 1868, he joined the home circuit, and, although a comparatively dull man among the great lights of the English bar, he was cool, lucid and hardworking, so that he got along rapidly from the start, and was made a queen's counsel in 1878.

In June, 1885, he was appointed attorney general in the first Salisbury ministry, and held the same office from 1886 to 1892, and from 1895 until a few months ago, when he was appointed Master of the Rolls, and was raised to the peerage.

Lord Alverstone appeared in behalf of the London Times before the Parnell commission, and was one of the British representatives in the Behring sea arbitration case, and also in the Venezuela boundary case.—Ex.

A Birthday Party.

Last night Mrs. L. N. Lowell, whose husband is proprietor of the roadhouse on 51 below on Bonanza, surprised her liege lord with a party, it being the occasion of his 43d anniversary. A very enjoyable evening was spent, elegant refreshments being lavishly served by the hostess. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Lowden, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon, Messrs. Walkinshaw, Roasted and Earlsbaugh.

Fire Today.

The Jewel, a house of ill-repute, was the scene of an incipient blaze at noon today and but for the efforts of two men about town who were attracted to the place by the frantic cries of the disrobed females, would have in all probability been burned to the ground. For obvious reasons the gallant rescuers do not care to have their names mentioned. The fire was started in a burning chimney and when discovered had

caught on the surrounding wood work which was in a red glow.

The Flat Issued.

Captain Starnes today issued an order which places in active operation the dog empounding ordinance, and beginning tomorrow morning all unmuzzied dogs found running at large will be taken up and placed in the city pound and later either sold or killed.

Concession Granted.

Information lately received from Ottawa at the gold commissioner's office is to the effect that the application for a concession on Foster creek opposite the mouth of Hunker has been granted, but that in the concession is not included any placer claims located prior to the application being made for the concession. It is said that the best part of the creek is covered by the placers.

A New Club.

A number of Dawson's leading men met last Sunday night at the Monte Carlo and formed a new club which will be designated in the future as the Zero Club. This club has no connection whatever with the defunct Monte Carlo Club and is composed of entirely new material. The club has leased the Monte Carlo building and improvements will be made in that structure to conform to the necessities of the institution. A large dining room is one of the added features.

Edgar A. Mizner was elected President. Charter members are limited to 50, the full membership being taken by prominent citizens. Those who join in future will pay \$25 initiation and the regular dues of \$10 a month.

Settled the Duel.

Lord March (afterward the Marquis of Queensberry) was not accustomed to view a duel with unbecoming apprehension, and usually attended an affair with an air of enjoyment that often was decidedly displeasing and embarrassing to his adversary. But he was served at last with that sauce which the proverb explains is for the gander as well as for the goose. It was when he was challenged to fight an Irish sportsman.

Lord March appeared on the ground accompanied by a second, surgeon and other witnesses. His opponent arrived soon afterward with a similar retinue, but added to by a person who staggered under the weight of a polished oak coffin, which he deposited on the ground, end up, with its lid facing Lord March and his party.

Lord March became decidedly uncomfortable when he read the inscription plate, engraved with his own name and title and the date and year of death, and peace was patched up.

Ten varieties fresh vegetables at Meeker's.

Found.

FOUND—A black-and-tan sporting dog. If not claimed in 14 days will be sold. The Laundry, Caribou, Dominion Creek.

COMING AND GOING.

Homer Bean, agent at the Forks in H. H. Honnen's stage line, is in Dawson on a visit for a few days.

Corporal F. F. McPhail is still an inmate of the barracks hospital and will be yet for sometime to come, his injured leg being yet very sore.

The \$20,000 damage suit of C. M. Woodworth against Thomas O'Brien for utterances during the recent campaign is being heard in the territorial court this afternoon.

Constable Borrows is out again after a two weeks' confinement at the barracks hospital where he was treated for rheumatism. Although practically cured, Mr. Borrows will remain closely at the town station until the advent of more congenial weather.

Nugget Carrier Bell makes the regular trips to and from the Forks these days just the same as he did in the lovely long days last summer. He reports having the trail mostly to himself these days, there being but little travel owing to the intense cold. As a musher and faithful carrier Mr. Bell has few equals in the country.

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ARCTIC SAWMILL

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