

CARPENTERS STRIKE AT EAGLE CITY.

Col. Ray Reduced the Wages on the Government Work There.

Body of a Dead Man Found in the River Near Forty-Mile—Soldiers Arrive at the River Forts—American Creeks a Surprise.

A well known citizen of Dawson arrived Thursday from a trip to down river points and reports some important news.

The A. C. Co.'s steamer Sarah arrived at Eagle City with 150 regular soldiers to be garrisoned there. Accompanying were Colonel Ray, commanding the entire Yukon forces, and a dozen or so ladies of the officers' families.

For some time a large number of carpenters had been engaged in constructing barracks and officers' quarters, their wages being \$6 per day for common labor and \$1 per hour for skilled labor. Colonel Ray at once reduced the wages to \$3 and \$5 per day, respectively, and all the men went on a strike. The men held a meeting and decided not to submit to the cut, and Colonel Ray announced his intention of getting men from Dawson, which was the situation when our informant left.

The soldiers were accompanied by horses, mules, cattle, wagons, agricultural implements, a complete sawmill plant and provisions for fourteen months, the whole weighing 450 tons. A like detachment was left at the Tanana.

A detachment of men, with seven horses, sent from the mouth of Copper river to lay out a government mail route, arrived at Forty-Mile a few days ago. They reported that mail would arrive over the route with the first snow.

The body of a dead man was found in the river about 15 miles this side of Forty-Mile. It was without a coat, and had been in the water a long time. The police were notified and the body buried.

The steamer Healy is now reduced to six inches of water and her wheel is entirely exposed. However, a crew of men are getting her on skids and expect to float her within a few days.

The American creek diggings are turning out splendidly and Eagle City people are feeling jubilant. Frank Carroll, of Bear creek, returned from there this week with considerable gold taken from a claim owned by himself and Bill McPhee; among it was one nugget worth \$108.

After the Pate Bros.

If a statement which lately reached the Nugget is correct, Revenue Collector Ivy shortened his stay in Dawson for a purpose and the two Pate brothers who lately left here for parts unknown, will have trouble if the official should catch up with them. The story is that when the Pates left a couple of weeks ago, they took with them 300 gallons of whiskey. Their route was into and through American territory, and as they did not stop at Eagle City, the first revenue port, and pay the prescribed revenue tax, they virtually became smugglers. When these facts were known to Collector Ivy he at once struck the trail and went in pursuit. It is believed the Pates were bound for Cape Nome, as promising a good field for the disposal of their whiskey, and if that proves correct it is expected they will be taken in, as the collector will lose no time in sending a deputy to that place and to St. Michael.

McCook in a Title Role.

Consul J. C. McCook seems bound to make himself notorious, whatever happens. The latest episode in his kaleidoscopic career was a wordy altercation with Mrs. Alice Rollins Crane, who herself has achieved more or less fame since coming to Dawson about a year ago. Mrs. Crane says the consul is a brute, a proposition to which many other people will undoubtedly agree. Mrs. Crane also says the consul is no gentleman, which statement itself is not altogether the far-fetched proposition it might be.

Mrs. Crane tells the Nugget that she has branched out somewhat as a writer of drama. She purposes placing upon the boards outside a presentation of life as it is in the Klondike. In casting about for material for her romantic comedy of Klondike life she conceived the idea of taking the Nugget's account of Consul McCook's stamped into society via Pete McDonald's late Phoenix as the ground work.

It appears that Consul McCook occupies in the new drama a position of importance relative to that of the melancholy Dane in Hamlet. In fact, with McCook left out of the play, there would be a very small margin of play left.

Word having reached the ears of the doughty consul as to the intentions of the fair dramatist, it appears that several epistles of continually increasing ponderosity were dispatched to the lady, remonstrating against the proposed action. Mrs. Crane paid no attention to the missives, but continued her preparation of the drama.

On Thursday morning all diplomatic relations between the two were suspended, and open hostilities were indulged in. Consul McCook and Mrs. Crane met face to face on Front street. The atmosphere immediately became murky, and bystanders declare that a distinct rumbling was heard under the ground.

The consul, according to Mrs. Crane's story, stopped full in front of her, drew himself up until he looked like the reincarnation of all the fighting McCooks, and gave utterance as follows: "— You will try to blackmail me!"

The scene was more highly dramatic than anything that appears in Mrs. Crane's play. The crowd gathered round, evidently hoping that the lady was prepared with a horsewhip,

but such was not the case. She turned a withering glance of scorn in the direction of the consul, and in Lady Macbethian tones demanded: "Sir, are you addressing yourself to me?"

McCook, apparently, did not desire to continue the interview, and after Mrs. Crane had informed him that, although an unprotected woman, she could take care of herself, the two went their respective ways. The lady, however, was wrought up to such a degree by the humiliating spectacle that she proceeded immediately to a neighboring dental parlor and had a tooth, which had been bothering her for some time, extracted, hoping to counteract the painful sensation of her meeting with McCook by the more painful tooth-pulling operation, and it is needless to say that she succeeded.

Interesting developments in the case are anticipated.

OGLIVIE STIRS UP ANOTHER ROW.

Plakes Another Effort to Drive Out the West Dawsonites.

The West Dawson townsie trouble, which had lain dormant for two months or so, was revived this week by Commissioner Oglivie, who served notice upon the occupants that they would have to buy their own property from Mr. Fred Johnson and his partners at prices fixed by them or submit the disputes to arbitration. This action of the commissioner threw the residents of the little settlement into a fever of indignation, that found vent in the framing of a protest, which will be filed with the commissioner Saturday. The story of the dispute is accurately set forth in the protest, and it is herewith published in full, together with the commissioner's notice which brought it out:

PUBLIC NOTICE.

To all and any occupants of any lots in what is known as West Dawson, within the bounds of the one hundred and sixty acres applied for by one Frederick Johnson in June, 1897.—Take notice, that under the terms on which the application of the said Frederick Johnson for the said 160 acres was received within a certain number of days after the posting of this notice to appoint an arbitrator, who will act with an arbitrator appointed by the said Frederick Johnson, in the selection of an umpire to act with them in adjudicating after said umpire is selected by the arbitrators aforesaid, the said board of arbitration will proceed immediately to adjust disputes between any occupants of any lots within the bounds of West Dawson aforesaid and the applicant for the said land. If the applicants aforesaid fail to notify me of their appointment within five days after such date as I will appoint an arbitrator within three days after such date.

WILLIAM OGLIVIE, Commissioner.
Dated at Dawson this 2d day of August, 1899.

DAWSON, N. W. T., Aug. 3, 1899.—To the Hon. William Oglivie, Dawson, Y. T.: The undersigned, residents of West Dawson, who are occupants of the ground applied for by one Frederick Johnson for homestead entry, or "hay land," in June, 1897, respectfully state this protest against the appointment of an arbitrator, per notice of August 2, emanating from your office, to appraise any values or decide any disputes which may arise between us and the aforesaid Frederick Johnson by reason of our occupation.

We submit this as a public protest against a compulsory arbitration of our rights and for the following reasons:

1. This land was thrown open for our occupation by your predecessor in office, Major James A. Walsh, from whom we received every assurance that we should remain in undisturbed occupation and possession, and relying on which we erected our several dwellings.
2. Upon your accession to office you further assured us that the claimant, Mr. Johnson, would be given a tract of land in another direction, and, believing your statements true, we have continued acting to the value of our homes and improving our properties.
3. To allow arbitration upon their present values, accruing thereto solely by our individual efforts, would be manifestly unjust and unfair, and we unanimously decline to enter into arbitration, electing rather to prove ourselves lawfully and legally domiciled upon our properties, and demanding a recognition of our title from the same source as the aforesaid claimant, Johnson, and at a pro-rata valuation per acre.
4. We believe that in throwing this land open to us for settlement Major Walsh was acting entirely within the scope of his authority, and any damage or loss which Mr. Johnson may have suffered by reason thereof must be recompensed to him by the Dominion government. We have nothing to do with any party or parties claiming to have received a grant of the land upon which we have erected our dwellings, and insist upon a recognition of our rights in this matter.

The protest is signed by 46 property holders.

Notice of Dissolution.

The firm of Ferguson & Cushman, of Grand Forks, was dissolved July 25. All bills due said firm will be collected by A. B. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson has formed a new partnership with Mr. R. S. Eskridge, and will continue business at the same stand, Grand Forks.

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Legal Notice.

A writ of summons has been issued in the Territorial Court by William Cummings, as plaintiff, against T. Z. Krusner, as defendant, and the plaintiff under his statement of claim asks for judgment for \$245 and costs. An order has this day been made by Mr. Justice Dugas allowing service of process upon the defendant by publication. In default of appearance by the defendant on or before the 15th day of September, 1899, a judgment will be signed against him for the above amount, with costs.

CLEMENT, PATTULLO & RIDLEY,
Advocates for Plaintiff.

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