

SENTENCED TO BE TORTURED BY MOSQUITOES

Judge Tells of Early Administration of Law in Alaska

Unique experiences of a federal judge in the early days of Alaska and a description of the unwritten but invariable laws of the Territory are presented by C. D. Murnane, now a member of the bar at Casper, Wyo., in an address delivered before the Bar Association of that State and published in Case and Comment. Judge Murnane sailed from Seattle for Wrangell in February, 1898, and from Wrangell went up the Stikine River to Telegraph Creek, the head of navigation, and thence across country, 210 miles, to Teslin Lake.

Telling of the first law of the land which he encountered, he said: "Immediately after leaving Telegraph Creek I came into contact with the strictest, most exacting law of my legal experience, the great law of the 'survival of the fittest.' When I tell you that at the head of navigation 3,000 persons were encamped, with their ultimate destination Dawson, and that fewer than 300 ever arrived, you will begin to gain something of what I mean by the great law."

THE LAW OF THE TRAIL
The next peculiar law is known in the North as 'The Law of the Trail.' Upon all established trails, at intervals, will be found cabins, either owned by prospectors or erected for the benefit of the traveling public. In those cabins are usually found some provisions. The traveler without provisions is welcome to use so much as may be necessary during the period he is required to occupy the cabin, whether it be over night or for a longer period, on account of storm, but he must leave a note, giving the date and his name, and must not, under any circumstances, take with him any of the provisions.

"This law is rigidly enforced and I will cite one instance where it was violated and the party received a punishment which, to you, may not seem severe, but those who know the circumstances and who realize the conditions will know what it meant."

MOSQUITO TORTURE

"A Miners' Court" was called to try a man for having stolen provisions from a cache or cabin. He was found guilty and was sentenced to be stripped of his clothing, placed upon a raft, towed to the center of the stream and cast adrift. This occurred in the month of July, when the river was at flood tide.

"The next settlement was not less than 100 miles down stream. The mosquitoes swarmed over the river, in clouds, and when I tell you that I have seen black bears so tortured by mosquitoes that they became blind and in their desperation plunged over a precipice to their death, you will then have some idea of the severity of the punishment inflicted for this particular offense."

"I saw a trial involving the title to a town lot. It was the shortest trial I have ever witnessed. One man had his little tent upon a lot and asserted he was the owner. Another claimed the lot. They exchanged a few words, each drew his gun and the title passed. Both men were dead. Somebody else moved on and the incident was forgotten."

"After my appointment to the bench I had a somewhat novel experience. A United States Commissioner stationed near Point Barrow, with more zeal for the enforcement of the law than good sense, caused the arrest of and brought over to the District Court an Eskimo chief charged with bigamy. His case was brought on for trial and the Eskimo told his story, admitting everything."

ADMITTS HAVING THREE WIVES

"He admitted that he had three wives. He was married to all of them according to the law of the Eskimo, and was living with them. It was quite plain that under the laws of the natives he was committing no offense. It seemed equally true that under our laws, of which he knew nothing, he was guilty of the crime as charged. 'I felt that to convict him or to sen-

tence him, rather, for the offense would be a crime on my part. It took some little time for me to figure out a way to avoid that result. I finally held that, as under our laws we did not recognize the native laws, the man was not married at all, and discharged him."

TELLS GYROS GAME PRESERVES NEEDED

Allan G. McAvity Gives Address at Luncheon—Guy Lordly on Chemistry

More game preserves are needed in New Brunswick, Allan G. McAvity told the Gyro Club at their noon luncheon at the Admiral Beatty Hotel yesterday. Mr. McAvity told of steps being taken by the Fish and Game Protective Association to preserve the wild life of the province.

Deaths

A. J. Estabrook

Many friends will greatly regret to learn of the death of Abraham J. Estabrook, which occurred at his residence, 78 Kennedy street, last night after an illness of about one year. Mr. Estabrook was well known and held in high esteem. He was a son of Mrs. Margaret I. Estabrook and the late F. F. Estabrook and was born in Boston. He had resided in Saint John for about 36 years, having come here at an early age. He was at one time employed as a clerk but of later years had followed the sea and was on the government boats service. He was a member of the Main street Baptist church, and of the Orange and Masonic Orders. Besides his mother he is survived by three brothers and two sisters. The brothers are William G. Estabrook and H. E. Estabrook, of Saint John, and R. W. Estabrook, of Perth, N. B. The sisters are Mrs. J. R. Cowan and Mrs. J. W. McAlary, of Saint John. The funeral will be held on Thursday from his late residence at 2:30 p.m.

Warren Bull

WOODSTOCK, Sept. 14.—Warren Bull, a well known farmer of Woodstock, died at his home on Monday night, after being ill a number of years, aged 81 years. He is survived by his wife, four sons, Willard in Saskatoon, Allen in Northampton, Jewel and Wendell at home. A step-son, Frank Shaw of Presque Isle, Me., a step-daughter, Mrs. Donald Dibblee, Long View, Washington, three brothers, Allen of Wisconsin, Horace of Bangor, and Milton of Grafton, one sister, Mrs. Irsad Kinney of this town. Funeral on Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Grey. Burial at the lower church.

REPORTED AS DANGEROUS

A wooden bridge, running from Gilbert's Lane to Rockwood Park, has been reported by Police Constable Bettle as being in a dangerous condition and needs immediate attention. The constable notified John Henery, park foreman, who promised to look after the same.

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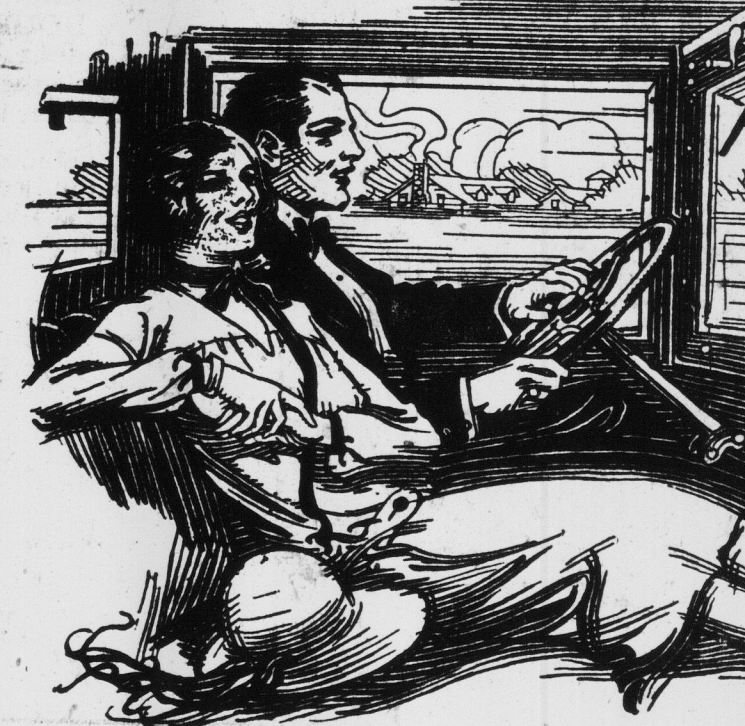
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THORNTON AND HIS BRIDE IN NEW YORK

Preparing For Honeymoon After Getting License in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14.—Sir Henry W. Thornton, head of the Canadian National Railway, and his bride, who was Miss Martha Watriss, West-

bury, N. Y., were in New York today preparing for their honeymoon after a visit to this city yesterday, when they obtained a marriage license.

Reports that they had been married a second time in the chambers of Judge J. Willis Martin could not be definitely confirmed although Judge Martin intimated that he had performed the ceremony.

The reported second marriage was said to have taken place 48 hours after they had been married at the summer home of the bride on Lake Chautauque, near Jamestown, N. Y.

Sir Henry's first wife divorced him in this city recently on the grounds of indignities and continuous incompatibility. Under the New York state law, the respondent in a divorce action based on grounds not recognized by the

divorce law of that state cannot remarry there, no matter in what state the divorce was granted.

In the application for the license yesterday Sir Henry gave his age as 55, 28 years older than his wife.

HOUSEHOLD STAFF OF GOV.-GEN. ARRIVE

QUEBEC, Sept. 14.—C. Ruggles, butler, with his wife and two sons and nineteen other men servants and maids who form the household staff of Lord Willington, Canada's new Governor-General, will arrive at Quebec on Friday by the S.S. Montcalm, from Liverpool. They will not land here, but will proceed to Montreal, taking the train for Ottawa.

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