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A MERCHANT ARRESTED

Joseph Selix Accused of Receiving Stolen Goods.

THE YUKON IRON WORKS IS BADLY VICTIMIZED.

The Goods Were Taken From the Iron Works By James O'Day.

And Resold by Selix to the Juneau Hardware Co., of Which Selix Was a Partner. The Partnership Dissolved and Selix Arrested. Prisoner Quickly Released on Bail.

On last Wednesday morning, Joseph Selix was arrested upon the charge of receiving stolen property from James O'Day. The accused is an equal partner with Frank Golden in the Juneau Hardware Company, located on the east side of Second avenue, between Second and Third streets. They also own and conduct the Yukon Bakery, situated across the street, directly opposite the hardware store. Joseph Selix and his partner Frank Golden are both young men, of pleasing demeanor and temperate habits. They have been associated together for the last six months, and the firm has been considered reliable and trustworthy by fellow merchants. The undisputed facts of the trouble are that Selix bought about \$150 worth of steam pipe fittings from James O'Day. The latter for some time past and until Tuesday evening, was an employee of the Yukon Iron Works. Until a few days ago, he bore a good reputation for honesty and integrity. Since the arrest of Selix, O'Day has concealed his whereabouts, and the police are unable to locate him.

Frank Golden, in speaking of the difficulty, said: "About the 21st of October, I visited the creeks and remained away for several days. When I returned my partner Selix informed me that he had purchased about \$90 worth of steam pipe fittings. I was aware that this class of property was very scarce, and naturally concluded that the goods had been bought from some scow which had recently arrived. A few days after my return, Selix bought a similar lot of fittings. I was not in the store at the time. Then afterwards he purchased a third lot, and I asked him from whom he obtained the goods. He replied, 'They have been stolen from the Yukon Iron Works.'

"I informed him that I would not continue to do business in that way, and suggested that he reimburse the Yukon Iron Works, and that we dissolve partnership. Several days later, in fact on Tuesday morning, I drew up articles of dissolution, and gave them to Selix to consider. The articles contained terms on which we had practically agreed. I was to receive \$1000 in cash, take the Yukon bakery, with its assets and liabilities and Selix was to retain the hardware business. During the day, I ascertained that Selix paid about \$400 in debts of the hardware store, and this fact made me suspicious of having stolen part of the partnership receipts. Tuesday evening, I told Selix that I would not settle on the terms which I had proposed in the morning. I intimated to him my suspicions, and submitted that we have a receiver appointed for our partnership affairs. We came to no conclusion then. On Wednesday morning I brought Mr. Walther, the manager of the Yukon Iron Works to the store, and he identified the stolen goods. Selix was present. He denied knowledge of the prop-

erty being stolen, but declared that the firm had received the benefits of the transaction, and that each partner should stand for one-half the amount reimbursed to Mr. Walther. I refused to comply. He declined to permit the removal of the property. Then I swore out a warrant for his arrest, and the police recovered the stolen goods, and turned them over to Mr. Walther. My

I told him that our hardware firm owed several small bills which were overdue, and that if I assumed the control, I would require the loan of \$250. He consented to carry me for the \$2000, and advanced me \$250 in cash. I had some ready money of my own and immediately settled several debts amounting in all to between \$300 and \$400. That evening I expected that Golden and I would execute our papers of dissolution. He surprised me by withdrawing the proposition, which he had made in the morning, and then insinuated that I had stolen from the funds of the partnership. Wednesday morning he and Mr. Walther entered the store, and the latter identified a portion of our stock as stolen property. I declined to give such property over without further consideration. Wednesday noon I was arrested, and three hours later, Messrs. McLennan, McFeeley and Mr. Timmons, of the Cafe Royal, secured my release upon a bail bond of \$2000. My trial will be heard on Saturday. I purchased the goods, which Mr. Walther identified, from James O'Day, who I always considered honest. Now, I am convinced that he stole them from the Yukon Iron Works. The total value of the stolen property will not exceed \$150. I bought innocently. This is the first trouble in which I ever became involved. I shall secure an acquittal, and then I suppose that it will be necessary to have a receiver appointed for the partnership interests of Golden and myself."

James O'Day has disappeared and his young wife claims ignorance respecting his whereabouts. Joseph Selix is a



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intention, at present, is to prosecute Selix, and have our partnership affairs placed in the hands of a receiver."

Mr. William J. Walther, manager of the Yukon Iron Works, corroborates the statements of Golden respecting the steam fittings. Mr. Walther said that his company has lost by theft about \$1000 worth of such materials, and he is of the opinion that O'Day is the culprit, and that the latter peddled the wares to various merchants of Dawson. Joseph Selix, in explaining the trouble, said: "The relations between my partner Golden and myself were amicable until last Tuesday. On the Saturday previous he expressed a desire to withdraw from the hardware business. I told him to submit his proposition. On Tuesday morning, he gave me a written unsigned article of dissolution. I took the paper, and, a few hours later, submitted it to Messrs. McFeeley and McLennan for approval, as I did not want to make any changes in our business without their consent, for the reason that we owed to them some \$2000. Mr. McLennan and I talked over the matter,

married man. His wife resides with him in Dawson. She is the young woman who was wedded to John Gannon a little over a year ago, and at the time, the latter had a wife and two children in Victoria. Gannon left the Yukon country last spring, and about two months ago his plural wife was married to Selix.

BRITISH ON THE OFFENSIVE.

Defeat Boers in a Number of Engagements.

Scene of Latest Fighting Is Transferred From Natal to Kimberly—British Uniformly Successful.

Cape Town, via Skagway, Nov. 3.—The British are now on the offensive. They defeated the Boers on Tuesday on New Vores road in an artillery engagement.

The bombardment of Mafeking has been commenced on a large scale. The defense, however, is sharp, and 500 Boers have been killed and 1000 wounded.

The Boers have suffered two defeats at the hands of Col. Turner and Gen. White, the former engagement taking place near Kimberly and the latter at Butfontein.

Fighting has quieted down in Natal, but hostilities are in full progress at Kimberly. A report which seems well authenticated as reached Cape Town that a British force of 600 has met and routed 4000 Boers. The Boers were encountered seven miles north of Kimberly, and were defeated at the point of the bayonet. The British are using the armored trains effectively. Reinforcements have arrived from Glencoe for Gen. White at Ladysmith. As soon as all his forces are mobilized he will make instant preparations to give battle. Bester's station in the Orange Free State, will be his first objective point.

The report of Gen. Symon's death has been corroborated.

President Kruger fully realizes the seriousness of the conflict, and is bringing all the resources of the Transvaal to bear upon the struggle. An invasion of Natal by 10,000 Boers is planned.

He Kicks Again.

Say, Nugget, said the old timer, what do you think has struck the burg anyway. Here is some "giesers" going to run the town by machinery. Every blooming miner now has to get one of those tooting steam bilers or they ain't in it. No more wood chopping seances either; you must get a whirling saw mill, or if you want a bucket of water out of the shaft you scoot it up in a pipe with one of those Worthington tumtums.

"What are you talking about, anyway?" said The Nugget man.

"Oh, that Artic Machinery Depot. It would give you a fit to see the bilers, engines, pumps and all kinds of filgree business they are sending out to the mines. You can just put the gang on, that your uncle is saving up his shekels to spend for trolley-car rides."

The Bank Cafe.

On Wednesday last the New Bank Cafe was opened under the management of Collie Vaughn. Judge Davis, well known as one of Dawson's large realty holders, is the proprietor. The Bank will be a first class restaurant in every respect and will cater to the best trade. As a place to secure a fine lunch the Bank has no superior in Dawson.

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