

MR. NOEL SAYS BLACKMAIL

Was the Cause of the Charges Brought This Morning

In the Police Court Against Women of Fourth Avenue—Dick Brown Not a Policeman.

In the police court this morning Capt. Starke guided the destiny of people and things from the bench, and imposed a few fines and some warnings for the guidance of future actions on the part of some of the people before him, and others who had no desire to come before him.

The principal case was that of Lilly Germain charged with keeping a house of ill-fame and being herself a common inmate of the same and with selling liquor without a license.

She pleaded not guilty to both charges on the advice of her council, Auguste Noel, who stated that the charges as he proposed to show them were the result of blackmailing schemes of parties who had told her that she could avoid going to court if she would refund \$150, of which she was accused of having stolen from one Charles Mace.

Mace, who said he was a sea-faring man, without explaining in detail how he comes to be so far from his home on the rolling deep, testified that he had gone to the house of the accused where he had bought two rounds.

"Rounds of what?" asked the court, evidently not knowing whether the witness referred to two rounds of drinks or the same number of circular evolutions in a local glove contest.

"Whisky," replied Mace, and the court said, "Oh!"

Constables Stutt and James testified to having arrested the woman on the charge referred to, and in cross-questioning Constable James Mr. Noel wanted to know if Dick Brown had not been with them when the arrest was made, and if it was not a fact that the accused had been given to understand by their words and actions that she could escape coming before the court by restoring to Mace \$150.

"Certainly not," replied the constable, "she was not arrested on a charge of theft, as there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and she would have been arrested on the present charge just the same. You are trying to implicate me in a blackmailing scheme."

"Certainly I am not," was the reply. G. Comelle, a freighter testified that one morning he met Dick Brown on the street, who asked him to come into a Third street drug store where he told him to go to the accused and say that if she wanted to settle "that matter" she must do so at once or go down to the police court. He had done as he was told because he believed Brown to be a government detective and he was afraid to refuse.

Lilly took the stand in her own behalf and stated that late one night Brown had come to her house with Mace and threatened her with arrest if she did not yield up to Mace \$150, which he claimed she had robbed him of during a former visit. As she had not been guilty of the charge she had refused.

Mr. Noel said that Brown was thought by many to be a government agent, and that to some extent at least he posed as such.

Capt. Starke said that such things would have to cease, as Brown was in no way connected with the police force of the government, and he did not want the town station to have anything to do with him.

Brown denies the whole matter. The woman was fined \$1 and costs, and two others who were up on the same charge regarding their mode of life were fined \$25 and costs. In the matter of selling liquor without a license a fine of \$25 and costs was imposed.

Shot the Wrong Dog.

Yesterday while residents in the neighborhood of Fourth avenue and Sixth street were eating their lunch they were startled by the sound of a pistol shot, but as no further alarming sounds were heard no more attention was paid to it.

Later the mysterious shot was explained by a man named Oliver, who shot not wisely, but too well, at a dog, which he thought belonged to him, but which afterwards turned out to be the property of a neighbor who objected to having it punctured, even by mistake. Mr. Oliver explained his position in the matter by stating that his own dog was strongly suspected of being

mentally unbalanced and altogether incapable of distinguishing between friend and foe. The reason this suspicion had fallen upon the dog lay in the fact that the night before the dog suddenly flew at Mrs. Oliver and attempted to bite her, but only succeeded in rending her raiment in several places and then was frightened off, whereupon Mr. Oliver decided that it were better the dog should die. Accordingly he lay in wait for him and yesterday at noon he proceeded to execute the sentence.

He fired the shot and the dog at once decamped and was followed by the executioner, who soon discovered that he had shot the wrong dog. As the animal was not seriously hurt the matter will drop, but this still leaves a presumably dangerous, if not mad dog at large in the community.

Lace Mill Girls Strike.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 23. — Two hundred and fifty girls employed at the Wyoming Valley lace mills, in this city, have notified the management that they will not report for work tomorrow. They go out in sympathy with the weavers of the mill, who have been out on strike for nine months. The failure of the girls to report for work will necessitate the total suspension of the plant.

Regarding Dogs.

So far as any interpretation of the law on the subject up to the present time is concerned, nothing indicates that it is compulsory for owners to provide a shelter for dogs during the winter months, but on the other hand, and aside from all questions of sentiment or the humanity owed in common decency to the brute creation, comes the question of expediency.

A veterinary surgeon was asked yesterday to give his professional opinion based upon local observation, as to the cause of the prevalent mania among dogs, and he replied:

"We have some very peculiar pathological conditions here, and this is one of them. There is no doubt whatever that we have mad dogs here in plenty, notwithstanding assertions to the contrary, but the madness is far from being hydrophobia.

"I should say—and I have studied the matter—that it is spinal meningitis. Not cerebral meningitis, mind, because that is a somewhat different matter; but I consider from what I have seen of it that it is an affliction of the spine. That is, to be more explicit, an inflammation of the spinal cord and its coverings.

"I studied one case for upwards of two hours one day, before the animal was shot, and from experiments, found that anything effecting the spine would cause a snapping of the jaws, whether or not there was anything in reach to snap at. The slightest pressure upon the end of the tail would cause the animal to snap viciously.

"In my opinion this condition results from cold and exposure. The weather gets very cold here and dogs for the most part are provided with no shelter whatever, but lie out, or constantly run about to keep from freezing, so that the result is as you see.

"There is a great deal of talk about the native dog's ability to stand almost any kind of weather, but there are a great many of them which do not look as if the conditions were particularly agreeable, and as for the domestic dog, imported here from warmer climates, it is preposterous to suppose that they could undergo such extreme cold without suffering and without showing the effects of it in some way."

Tornado in Alabama.

Macon, Miss., Dec. 23.—News was received here today that a tornado passed through the eastern edge of Nuxubee county, and the western part of Pickens and Sumpter counties, Alabama, last night, doing great damage. Telephone news is meager.

One house on the Sparkman plantation was destroyed. A residence on the Ross place near Cooksville was wrecked and its furniture destroyed. On the Beal place several houses were blown away. On the John Windham place the storehouse and barns were destroyed and a negro and several mules killed. On the Nancy place a house was destroyed and a negro killed.

The fire never touched us. We are doing more business than ever. Murphy Bros., butchers. cr5

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof for an act to amend the act respecting the Dawson City Electric Company, Ltd., and to extend the time limited for the commencement and completion of the electric railway and tramway by said last mentioned act authorized to be constructed.

BELCOURT & RITCHIE, Solicitors for the Applicants. Dated at Ottawa, this 10th day of December, 1900.

Cyrus Noble whisky. Rochester. Go to Denver market for fresh meats and vegetables. cr0

Good feeding; good eggs. See Meeker. Denver market for fresh cabbage. cr0

COMING AND GOING.

George O'Brien was again remanded yesterday for eight days.

Wm. D. Strong, of 17 below on Sulphur, is down from that creek on a visit to the city.

Mr. T. C. Healy expects to leave Friday or Saturday of this week for the outside. He will go to Seattle on business and will return at once. He expects to be back in Dawson by the 15th of February.

Corporal F. F. McPhail, of the N. W. M. P., who has been an inmate of the barracks hospital for the past week, where he is confined with a sore knee, is rapidly improving and will be out in a few days.

James Webster was brought in from Hunker this morning suffering from pneumonia, and taken to St. Mary's hospital. He has been ill for several days but is not thought to be in danger. The other cases in the hospital are convalescent.

It is stated by those whose experience with dogs should entitle their opinion to some weight, that the probable cause of dogs going mad at this time of the year is the fact that so many of them are wholly uncaired for in the matter of food and shelter.

Edward Touch, of the gold commissioner's office, is lying between life and death at the Good Samaritan hospital. Mr. Touch was recently appointed mining recorder and timber agent for Fortymile, where he was prevented from going the first of the month by his present illness. He has pneumonia.

Sam Worden and wife came down from 33 Eldorado Monday and are stopping at the Regina. Mrs. Worden leaves by stage today for a visit to her old home in Seattle, where she will spend the rest of the winter, returning here in the early spring.

W. H. Parsons, of Ames Mercantile Co., left for the outside this morning. He started on his journey at 7 a. m. During his absence the affairs of the company will be in the hands of Chas. H. Maas and James L. Gray. Mr. Parsons will not return to Dawson until next May or June. Mr. Ames will come in probably in March and leave this point for Nome at the opening of navigation.

Artist Kohm, who is an enthusiastic A. B. and member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, has contrived a device by which the driver of a basket dog sleigh may ride on the rear end of his conveyance without bringing enough weight on the points of runners as to materially increase the weight of the load. It consists of a pole hinged from a point well forward on the bed of the sleigh and working across a pivot in the center, the driver standing on the rear end which brings the weight upon the center of the sleigh.

What Caused the Fire.

In contradiction of the statement made Monday that the fire of last Monday morning was due to carelessness of Mrs. Moore who moved out of the room where the fire is said to have started on the morning in question, leaving the stove pipe opening uncovered, E. A. Smith, who moved the belongings of Mrs. Moore away, states that he is prepared to take oath that the opening was closed as he himself replaced the covering and that he then considered it safe, and does not believe the fire originated in the way stated.

They Carry Yellow Fever.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 23. — Dr. Clark, of this city, has received a letter from John J. Moran, dated "Experimental Sanitary Camp, Quesnados, Cuba," in which the latter says that he has volunteered to test the theory that the germs of yellow fever are carried by mosquitoes.

He says he will be placed in a house built for the purpose and sleep there every night, in a room with 45 mosquitoes that have been with yellow fever patients. He says that two men bitten have taken yellow fever and that the theory bids fair to be established. Moran was formerly a coachman in Youngstown, and enlisted in the hospital service at the outbreak of the late war.

The Pacific Cold Storage Company paid the collector of customs in Dawson \$10,000 duty on the cargo of fine meats they are now offering to the trade.

Fresh oysters at Denver market. cr0

Films of all kinds at Goetzman's.

Goods sold on commission at Meeker's.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

When in want of laundry work call up 'phone 52. Cascade Laundry.

Mummu's, Pomerey or Perinet champagnes \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

Thoroughbred white Leghorn eggs at Meeker's.

Eggs 75 cents at Meeker's.

The Weather.

Last night was milder again, the coldest record for the time since yesterday being 21 degrees below zero.

Seagram, '83, at Rochester Baf.

Goetzman makes the crack photos of dog teams.

Eastern oysters at the Postoffice market. cr1

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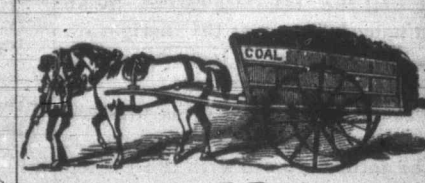
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