

# THE ARREST WAS ILLEGAL.

## Made at Eagle City in the Case of Webb and McNeil.

### Men Are Charged With Stealing Dogs in Dawson—No Warrant Issued Here—Held Pending Papers.

A. McRea, who has just returned from Eagle City, tells of the arrest of a man named Webb on the lower Yukon and his detention at Eagle under circumstances which may lead to serious complications.

A hunter named Hamilton, engaged in freighting game to the Dawson market, had three dogs stolen from him and suspecting two men named McNeill and Webb of the crime, employed a Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Roberts to go with him after these men, they having, it was learned, left for Nome.

The posse made all possible haste after the fugitives, hearing of them at different points on the river, but they reached Eagle City six hours after Webb and McNeil had passed through. Hamilton, upon arrival in Eagle, explained the nature of his journey to Colonel Ray, commanding officer in charge at that station, who offered all possible aid, or as he replied, "soldiers if necessary." The party, however, did not think the soldiers would be required, but obtained from the officer a fresh team of dogs as well as the driver and proceeded in all haste down the river.

At 3 o'clock the next morning McNeil and Webb were found in a cabin occupied by Jack Horne about 32 miles below Eagle. The pursuing party were heavily armed and explaining the nature of their visit demanded the return of McNeil and Webb. They refused, as no warrant was issued for their arrest either by the Canadian or American authorities, but finally were forced to accompany their captors back to Eagle City, where they were placed in custody.

On Jan. 30th they were tried before U. S. Commissioner Thomas McMahon for a crime committed in Canadian territory, and Webb was held until such time as requisition papers could be obtained from Sitka for the return of the prisoner to Dawson. McNeil was discharged. During the trial it was proven that no warrant had been issued for the arrest of McNeil and Webb on the American side and it has been learned that no warrant was issued by Dawson authorities but the fact remains that Webb is in jail awaiting extradition.

#### Weather Report.

Last night the minimum temperature registered by the barracks thermometer was 3 degrees below zero.

At 10 o'clock this morning the needle rose and pointed to 1 degree above. At noon the official reading was 8 degrees above zero.

#### Territorial Court.

The trial of the case of Courtney et al vs. the Canadian Development Co., which was commenced on last Thursday and then adjourned, was resumed before Justice Dugas today. This action will occupy the attention of the court for the rest of the day. The next case, that of Turnbidge vs. Hebb et al., will be reached tomorrow morning.

Yesterday no business of any considerable importance was transacted in the territorial court.

The defendants in the case of Porter and Anderson vs. Burke et al., were given until Friday to file affidavits in the matter of an injunction granted some time ago.

In Turnbridge vs. Hebb et al., the motion made by defendant Hebb to postpone trial and place the case at the foot of the calendar was refused.

In the action of Popeschal vs. Jiskra an argument was heard upon an application for an injunction restraining the defendant.

In Williams Mill Co. vs. Bourke, a

motion was made to amend the defense of Mary Bourke and to adjourn the trial of the cause. The court permitted the defendant to amend, but refused to postpone the trial.

The defendant in Agen vs. Ellis moved that the plaintiff be required to give security for court costs.

A motion for the issuance of writs of foreclosure was made in the case of Conley vs. Morrison and Hebb.

In Power vs. Hebb, the plaintiff applied for summary judgment.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Many stampedes with dog teams have left for Cape Nome since Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon, Chief Stewart gave the fire boys a few hours practice with the hose and engine.

About 30 carcasses of caribou were brought to Dawson yesterday. The animals were killed on the north fork of the Klondike.

The government at Ottawa has concluded to extend the telegraph line now in operation in the Yukon territory to some point in British Columbia.

Laborers are now engaged in the removal of the Martony building from Second street to First avenue. The structure will be placed upon the lot which was occupied by the Hoffman house before the fire.

The restaurant department of the Hotel McDonald changed hands again this morning. Mr. Harry Leonard has retired from the business and Messrs. Tom Chisholm and Harry Edwards have assumed charge.

First avenue is again assuming its old time appearance of activity and the new buildings erected almost cover the entire burnt district. Phillips cigar store is the latest addition and is now reopened with an entire new stock of cigars, candies, periodicals, etc.

Robertson & Baird are to move into the corner of Second avenue and Third street, renaming the old corner formerly called the Grotto, to the Rochester Bar. Their place on Second street will be discontinued, they anticipating a lively trade at their new location. Both the proprietors have a host of friends who wish them success in their new venture.

Jake Kline made a record trip from Dawson to Bennett reaching that point in 10 days. In a letter to his business partner, Mr. Levine, Jake says that he bought four horses in Bennett and will have them all ready to leave for Dawson as soon as he can go down to Portland and purchase the goods for which he went out. Levine expects Jake back in about four weeks.

The largest meeting in its local history was held by the Arctic Brotherhood Friday night. It was the first meeting since the Arctic goat was exchanged for a reindeer and the latter's qualities as a steed were well and truly tested by Mr. Louis Couture, W. H. B. Lyon and Lew Craden. The reindeer does not appear to take kindly to the work, but no serious casualties resulted last Friday night. After all business had been transacted some excellent music, instrumental and vocal, was rendered.

#### Nome Dog Market.

From statements made by Messrs. Knobelsdorf and Campbell who recently arrived from Nome, it is apparent that the dog market at that place does not vary much from that of Dawson. At Nome a good native dog sells for \$150, inferior grades proportionately less. The use to which dogs are put in Nome this winter is principally that of hauling wood, much of which is brought along the beach for many miles. But as wood is not plentiful in that country, the fuel of the future will necessarily be coal shipped from below. Considerable coal was landed there last fall which is demanding fancy prices.

#### Alaska Pioneer Dead.

News comes from Wrangel of the death of Duncan McKinnon, a pioneer merchant of that city, at the age of 52 years. He had, says the Victoria Times, been in ill-health for about a year, but since he returned to Wrangel from this city, a short time ago, after being treated for six weeks, had been in good health and his death was unexpected. Duncan McKinnon was a native of Scotland and came to America when a young man. He enlisted in the regular army and was sent to Sitka with the First United States military detachment, in 1868, when Alaska became a part of the United States. In 1875 he joined the mad rush to the Cassiar gold fields. He returned to Wrangel the next year and started a general mer-

chandise business, which he has since carried on. Two years ago he had a fortune which was lost in bad speculations, during the Stikeen boom. The deceased was probably the most widely known of all Alaskan pioneers.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

Wm. Jones has returned to Dawson. A. McDonnell is a visitor to the city.

G. Roloucel is visiting friends in the city. James Aitchison, a miner, is in the city.

J. S. Nohle is visiting friends in town. W. H. Peters is registered at the Fairview.

Mrs. H. Turner is a guest at the Regina. Joe Barrett, from Dominion creek, is in town.

J. W. Raymond is spending a few days in town. Henry Shoemaker of Gold Hill, is a visitor to the city.

Welfield George of Grand Forks, is stopping at the Regina. G. A. Faulken of Gold Hill, is registered at the Regina.

Walter McNabb and James Kelly left yesterday for Cape Nome.

Mrs. F. Ashland of Dominion creek is visiting her friends in Dawson.

Capt. J. J. Donovan, who is operating on Sulphur, is visiting in the city.

Bert Shuler, from Grand Forks, is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

Mrs. Harry Woolrich and her son, returned last evening from a week's visit to the Forks.

Chas. Metcalf, "Jibboon," accompanied by three or four others, left this morning bound for Nome.

Tom Lloyd, superintendent and manager of No. 17 Eldorado, is in Dawson on business pertaining to the claim.

C. C. Pyne and A. W. Shellington left Dawson yesterday morning on a trip to Peavy City on the Koyukuk river.

Mr. A. J. Williams and his brother, J. N. Williams, will start for Nome tomorrow morning. They are provided with a team of five dogs.

Messrs. Gates D. Fahnestock, general agent of the Empire Transportation Company, and William H. Chisholm, resident agent, will leave for Skagway tomorrow.

Frank McGregor has started for Ottawa on legal business respecting an appeal from the gold commissioner's decision in the case, which involves the title to No. 2 Magnet gulch.

The sickness of Miss Barbier has delayed the departure of Messrs. Parsons and Ames for the outside. As soon as the lady completely recovers the party will start on their contemplated trip.

Graham McTavish left Dawson at 9 a. m. yesterday for the outside. Mr. Mcavish started with a bicycle. He expects to visit Ottawa and other Canada cities and return here in March.

H. C. Ash, Hope Ferguson, J. C. Fortman, F. Robertson, J. L. Bates and Jim Falley left at noon today for Nome. In the party are three sleds and 15 dogs. They are all well equipped for the long journey.

Jim Wallace, the man who made regular trips between Skagway and Athol with mail and express last winter when everybody else fell by the wayside on account of the severity of the weather, arrived from the outside Saturday.

P. J. Sheehan has purchased of W. V. Sommerville a half interest in the Greentree saloon, the firm name being Sommerville & Sheehan. Mr. Sheehan is also interested in property at the Forks and at one or two points, on the creeks.

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