

WOODWORTH IS DISMISSED

The Evidence Not Being Such As to Warrant Conviction.

Two Witnesses Swear Banks' Reputation Is Unsavory—The Second Charge Quashed.

At the beginning of the afternoon session of the court, F. B. Joslin, of the Electric Light & Power Co., was called by the defense. Mr. Joslin testified that he would not believe Banks under oath if his own interests were at stake.

The next witness called by the defense was Walter Lion. He testified that Banks' reputation for veracity was poor.

This made up the case for the defense. The prosecution called Banks to the stand in rebuttal. Banks testified that during the month when Woodworth claimed the building was untenable the rent had amounted to more than during any month since.

With this the prosecution closed and counsel for the defense began his argument, stating that so far as he had been able, with the limited means at disposal, no precedent for the charge could be found. He admitted that within a technical point the document was signed without warrant in law. Then he proceeded to define forgery under the law and cited authority.

Mr. Wade cited authority in the matter of false documents and what goes to constitute a false document. Then he went back over the facts of the case bringing out his points with clearness and precision.

Immediately on the close of the prosecutor's argument Judge Craig began briefly summing up the case. Although the judge said the document was false, no one appeared to have been greatly injured through its agency, nor did Woodworth seem to have been much benefited by it. Therefore he did not feel that he would be justified in pronouncing conviction against the young man, thereby bringing upon him the far-reaching and deplorable results which would follow such a decision. He might, he said, have something to say concerning the conduct of Woodworth were it not for the pending civil action of Banks and Woodworth coming before him this morning. As it was he would dismiss the case. On motion of Crown Prosecutor Wade the second charge was also dismissed.

Will Go to Circle.

Mr. J. L. Green, one of the best known and most popular men in Dawson, recently made a trip to Circle City, from which place he returned on the steamer Hamilton a couple of days ago. In view of the fact that Circle is the gateway to the Tanana country, which country bears indications of being rich in gold, Mr. Green has fully decided to leave for there in a few days where he will engage in the practice of his chosen profession, that of the law. Mr. Green formerly practiced in Seattle, but has turned his attention to other pursuits since coming to the Klondike. Mr. Green and his estimable wife will be a great acquisition to the city of Circle. On his return to Dawson the attorney was accompanied by Mr. Geo. F. Bemis, a pioneer resident of Circle who has valuable claims in the Tanana country. Mr. Bemis, who conducts a jewelry store in Circle, is here on a business and pleasure trip. He has great faith in the future of the Tanana country and believes that it will develop into one of the most extensive gold-bearing districts in the northwest.

The Market.

The meat market is badly demoralized; so much so that no dealer will quote a price to hold good for a longer time than the immediate present. Beef is quoted this morning, by the side, at 30c, which is said to be about 5 cents less than cost. It can be bought retail at 40c and upwards. Veal is scarce and is held at 70c to 80c retail and 50c wholesale. Eggs are quoted at \$1 1/2 per case, or 65c by the dozen. Mutton is selling retail at 50c and pork about the same. Potatoes can be had at 8c and cabbage at 15c to 25c. Radishes are offered at two bunches for a quarter.

Business Demands vs. Scenery.

The demands of trade and commerce are so respectful of scenery and that is why, owing to the fact that the river is now being shut off from view from the business part of the city, we will not know when the ice leaves next spring until the matter is reported from Moosehide unless otherwise accidentally discovered. The big warehouses now erected and being erected on the water front would be a credit to any outside

city of ten times Dawson's population. But when it is considered that Dawson's supplies for the year must all arrive and be cared for within the short space of a little over four months, the necessity for capacious warehouses is very apparent. Scenery is a luxury, while canned goods and rolled oats are necessities, therefore, the latter must be cared for even at the expense and exclusion of the former.

Robbery on Bonanza.

On Monday evening a family, a man and his wife, whose name was not learned, locked up their cabin which is located near the 86 roadhouse on lower Bonanza, and spent the evening with some neighbors. On their return they found the door of their cabin had been forced and that gold dust to the value of \$500 was stolen. Several large nuggets and a lot of jewelry was left undisturbed, probably for the reason that the thief feared they, if taken, might be identified and lead to his apprehension.

Off Weather.

In no other country north of the south pole is there more continuous summer sunshine than in the Yukon country, hence yesterday and today were distinct deviations from the generality of summer weather in this country, there having been less sunshine within the past 48 hours than during any similar period since the first of May.

Three of a Kind.

"I was cashier of a bank in Pennsylvania a good many years ago," said the man who was traveling on a deadhead pass, "and after a couple of years I made up my mind that things were too slow for me. In other words I decided to gobble up what money I could and skip for Europe, and go into business on my own hook. I bided my time, and one night when I knew I could lay my hands on about \$90,000 I prepared to bid the town goodby. I had a key to the bank and another to the vault, and as we had no watchman inside I had no trouble in getting in. It was about midnight when I made my raid, and I hadn't opened the vault yet when the president entered. He had an empty carpet bag under his arm, and got weak in the knees as he saw me. We hadn't passed a question when another key clicked and the manager entered. He also had an empty carpet bag, and he also got weak in the knees. The three of us sat down, each with an empty bag at his feet, and looked at each other for a long time. It was the president who spoke first, and he said: 'I was worried about the funds in the vault.'"

"So was I," said the manager.

"So was I," I added.

"And hadn't we better see if they are safe?"

"I think we had."

"So do I."

"Then the president unlocked the vault and the three of us stepped inside and assured ourselves that the funds were all right. As we came out and the doors were locked behind us, he said: 'I found this carpet bag on the street as I came along.'"

"And I found this," said the manager.

"And I found this," I added.

"There was an interval of painful silence and then we all walked out together. The outside watchman came up as we did so, and the president observed:

"Special meeting, you see, James. You'd better get inside for the rest of the night."

"Yes, inside," said the manager.

"Yes, inside, James," I added.

"James was locked into the bank," continued the ex-cashier, "and we had each other good night and separated. It was an even-up thing as far as it had gone, and it ought to have been so to the end, but the honest man is always the one to suffer. Next day I got the bounce. The president said that he and the manager had been thinking things over, and had come to the conclusion that I had been tempted to rob the bank, and would doubtless have got away with every dollar if they hadn't happened to show up. I was honest in acknowledging it and had to go and I believe they had their salaries raised for their zeal and solicitude!"—Boston Herald.

A Rose-Hued Story.

The following from the Alaskan would indicate that Dr. H. C. Bowers has a few claims which he would like to let lay on the coming season: H. C. Bowers, M. D., who arrived from the Klondike country, where he has been mining, says that the Klondike camp will be good for ten years, and today affords as good, if not better, opportunities than it has ever offered. The doctor is on his way to California. He said at the Dewey:

"The output of the Klondike this season probably was greater than that of last, and the promise is it may be larger next."

"A great deal of summer work is be-

ing done now on the creek claims, and much of the most important work will hereafter be done during the warm season. The ground of course has to be thawed the same as in the winter, but by working in the summer the earth has to be handled but once. In the winter it has to be handled twice, thus increasing expense. Furthermore, work is done at a disadvantage in winter because men have to withstand the rigor of the climate and be bundled up while on duty. Four months of summer work are equal to if not better than eight of winter.

"By working in summer one knows just what the claim is yielding, whereas, in the winter the amount of pay in the earth is somewhat problematical. It is more satisfactory to know just what is in that part of the claim under immediate development.

"Steam thawers employed in summer as well as winter, not only are of service in loosening the ground, but the boilers which supply the steam also furnish power to operate pumps to keep the claims free from water.

"I have been working on Gold Run and I believe it is the second best creek in the Klondike. Not a layman on the creek during the last winter made less than wages, and some, cleaned up thousands. The creek on the whole is a payer. No. 34, the banner claim, yielded over \$100,000.

"The reported quartz strike of fabulous wealth on Indian river not far from Gold Run, has not been proven all some may have stated. The outcroppings are not very rich but what there is deep in cannot be said. The lead has been traced, I believe, two miles or more. Being near the reported strike I have naturally kept watch for something big, but I cannot say that it has been made in this strike."

The doctor is accompanied by A. O. Solberg, a Gold Run property owner, and others of the same creek, all bound out. They agree in general with the statements of the doctor. Mr. Solberg has shown his faith in Gold Run, he says, by reinvesting in property on the creek.

Like the Rest of Us.

"George, dear," she said a night or two before the wedding, "do you think it possible that our love and our married life can become the commonplace, coldly practical love and life of the married people we see around us? Oh, George, my heart would break if I thought so!"

"But it will not be so," said George passionately. "We love each other too tenderly, too fondly for that. Our love is not of the ordinary kind, my darling, and our lives will not be so. Ah, no, no, my angel; that can never be!"

And the other day she said: "I say, George, how would you like pork for dinner with apple sauce? You would? All right, then, and don't you forget that feeding bottle for the baby or I'll send you back after it, and mind that you don't keep dinner waiting."

And he, with the falling off of the passion of ten years ago, replied: "All right, Lou, and I wish you'd sew a button on the back part of those striped trousers of mine. You'll find them hanging over a chair in our room. Don't have the pork as dry as last time, and you watch the baby's cold. That watering of the eyes looks like measles to me. Goodbye."—Pearson's Magazine.

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