

SENKLER AFFAIR

Occupied the Attention of Justice Dugas in the Territorial Court.

THE TRIAL IS FIXED FOR JUNE 2

Attorney Woodworth Engaged By Complainant McTavish.

STRUTHERS PLEADED TODAY.

He Declared Himself Not Guilty and Elected to Be Tried by a Jury.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Matters relative to the alleged misconduct of officials in the recording office were given consideration by Justice Dugas in the territorial court this morning.

In compliance with the judicial order, which was issued yesterday, D. G. McTavish appeared this morning and gave the substance of his proposed charges, and submitted the names of the witnesses whom he proposes to introduce in support of the accusations. Mr. McTavish has retained Attorney C. M. Woodworth, and the latter will conduct the case of the complainant.

Some discussion arose today respecting the manner of procedure, to be adopted by the parties interested in the approaching investigation. Mr. Woodworth stated that his client expected to prove the truth of the charges which were contained in the letter that was addressed to the minister of the interior; and also, the fact would be established that three fractions, located on Last Chance, had been recorded as full claims, and that such grants were issued irregularly and fraudulently, and with the knowledge that the ground was not open for location. The claims were not particularly described by Mr. Woodworth, but he cited the pages of the register in which the records of the properties are contained.

The witnesses whom the complainant will subpoena are Messrs. William Cole, William Somerville, Hamilton Fisher, William Varnon, F. E. Drevold, David McLeod, William Ford, Michael Cane, Thomas J. McDonald, Harry Edwards, Jean La Porte, Harry Diffendorfer and John Graham.

Mr. Woodworth asked for a week's time in which to formulate specifically the charges upon which the complainant proposes to base the evidence of himself and his witnesses.

Justice Dugas granted Mr. McTavish until June 2nd to make his accusation specific; and the latter was also instructed to submit a deposition setting forth the names of his witnesses, and the particular testimony that is expected of each. Saturday, June 2d, is fixed as the day when the investigation will commence, and at that time the following witnesses will be questioned concerning their knowledge of malfeasance in the recorder's office: Messrs. McTavish, Diffendorfer, McLeod, Cane, Ford and Fisher.

Immediately after the disposition of the matter respecting Gold Commissioner Senkler, the defendant in the case of the Queen vs. Fred Struthers was called upon to plead to the accusation which is pending against him. The accused is a young man who until recently was employed as clerk in the office of the gold commissioner. He is charged with the crime of accepting a bribe, and fraudulently issuing, in consideration thereof, a certificate of work which enabled one Robert Brewitt to obtain a renewal grant for a placer claim located on Lovett gulch. The prisoner pleaded not guilty; he elected to be tried by a jury and his case was set for Monday, June 4th.

The civil action of Lynn, plaintiff, vs. Croll and Varnson, defendants, is on trial today. In this issue the plaintiff is attempting to establish the existence of a copartnership between himself and defendants.

From Scott Lindsay's Father. F. W. Clayton, secretary of the Dawson Knights of Pythias Club, is in receipt of the following beautiful letter from the father of the late Scott Lindsay:

South River, N. C., April 5, 1900. To the Members of the Knights of Pythias, Dawson City.

Gentlemen: From the far away Great Northwest, where, for many years our boy found a congenial home and won friends, there came the other day sad tidings of his untimely death. A strong and vigorous manhood, at the behest of Jehovah, quickly gave place to the abiding silence and the lasting rest of the tomb. There was an added element of sadness to our natural grief in the fact that it was necessary for the dear boy to be ministered to by those who, erst while, were strangers. And yet, we are recently brought to realize that, after all, "the whole world is akin." We are, sweetly comforted by the tidings brought us through the Dawson press, which assures us of the thorough appreciation of his worth on the part of the citizens of his adopted city, and more touchingly still are we comforted by the expressions of love and sympathy on the part of the orator to which he owed allegiance—that noble band of brothers, the Knights of Pythias. They not only carefully nursed him while sick, and laid him tenderly away beneath the sod, but placed on record, through the public press, their undying confidence and affection. We, members of his family, desire to give hearty expression to the fullness of gratitude and appreciation which we cherish towards those who loved and respected our dear boy, and paid such loyal tribute to his memory in that far-away city. It may be, and this seems probable, that some of those who were his boon companions, once lived in his native state. If this be true, it may serve partly to explain such generous action on their part. And yet, there were those who had not known him long, and to them we yield an equal measure of gratitude. To one and all of you, allow us to extend the hearty thanks of grateful hearts. Chastened by our sore bereavement, we are keenly susceptible to the sweet and endearing influences which ever prompt men to be kind and generous to their fellows. May God's choicest blessings be vouchsafed to you all. Fraternally yours,

JOHN LINDSAY AND FAMILY.

Steamboat News.

The A. E. Co. are selling tickets via steamer Gustin to St. Michael, first-class, for \$80; second class, \$60; an additional \$20 is charged for the trip from St. Michael to Nome over their steamer Morning Star, which plys between those two points. The company will not board passengers at St. Michael if they should be delayed awaiting the arrival of the company's connecting steamer.

The steamers Zelandia and Humboldt are being operated by this company in the Nome trade, the former sailing from San Francisco and the latter from Seattle.

The steamer Sybil sailed at 2 o'clock this afternoon with the government mail. Del McCord, the U. S. mail carrier between Dawson and Circle City, and Frank Phiscator, are passengers.

The Ora, of the Klondike Corporation, sails for Whitehorse next Friday at 2 o'clock. It is said that this company contemplates putting on another steamer between Dawson and Whitehorse which will be the fastest boat on the river. Capt. Martineau will probably swing the wheel.

The present price for tickets, Dawson to Bennett, is \$125 first-class, and \$100 second-class. This price obtains with all the companies.

The Local Playhouses.

The Palace Grand theater reopened last night under the management of E. H. Porte, and now both play houses are affording excellent entertainment to the public of Dawson. Liberal patronage is being extended to the theatrical enterprises, and the class of amusement is of more than ordinary merit.

At the Grand, the performance commences with the production of an English comedy-drama, in four acts, entitled the "Embassy Ball." The leading role is assumed by Paul Bordenman, whose return to the stage, after an absence of several weeks, was cordially received by the large and appreciative audience. H. E. O'Brien essays the portrayal of two characters, and acquits himself exceedingly well. Louis Traube likewise plays a double role to excellent advantage. Babette Pyne signals her reappearance by playing well a rather difficult part. Marion Tracy displays ability and versatility in the character of a dashing widow. Trixy Fane appears as the heroine. Alf Clark and Tom Rooney complete the cast.

Seven numbers comprise the olio, which is varied and entertaining. Evaline displays the outlines of a symmetrical figure. Jacqueline appears in an amusing burlesque turn. Bessie Pierce, in addition to her cantation work, executes a Persian dance. Marion Tracy renders some excellent vocal selections. Rooney and Forrester produce a skit, entitled "Plantation Life Revealed." Paul Bordenman performs an exceedingly clever turn.

At the Orpheum, the entertainment begins with the performance of "Aristocracy," a comedy in two acts. The part of Jasper Plum is played by Alf Layne. Stephen Plum is portrayed by

G. L. Hillier. Frederick Plum is essayed successfully by Frank Gardner. Fred Breen appears as Toby Twinkle. The role of Sir Arthur Lasell is assumed by Robert Lawrence. Blossom interprets the character of Martha. Dot Pyne and Julia Wolcott appear as Lady Vateria and Lady Letherbridge respectively.

The olio forms an excellent feature of the evening's entertainment. Sadie Taylor performs a turn which is received with favor. Nellie Forsythe sings popular ballads. Dot Pyne is good in her specialty act. Beatrice Lorne renders two operatic selections. Garnatt does a clever song and dance. Eddie Dolan is inimitable in his original number.

The program is concluded by the production of a farce comedy, entitled "Duffy's Blunders." The piece affords great amusement on account of its ludicrous situations and humorous lines.

Frank Simons is expected to arrive in Dawson on the next steamboat, which arrives from Lower Lebarge. The following players comprise his theatrical company: Mabel Cassidy, Ida Wyatt, Mattie Webb, F. Lillian Grant, Ida Miller, Bertha Sanger, Winnie Colfax, the Pearl Sisters, Horace Mann, Frederick Hobbs, John Cassidy and Seymour.

BRIEF MENTION.

Dan Hayes is visiting the city. Martin Kennedy is in town on business.

Charles Dempsey is spending a few days in town.

J. Slater came to the city from the creeks yesterday.

C. F. Kent is enjoying a short vacation in town.

George M. McLeod is registered at the McDonald.

Fred Webster is among the guests at the Hotel McDonald.

Frank Kelly, the comedian, is greeting his Dawson acquaintances.

A. J. Johnson was admitted yesterday to the Good Samaritan hospital.

J. G. Zimmerman is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

Mrs. P. J. Mahoney, of Sulphur creek, is visiting friends in the city.

Capt. Starnes left today for Sulphur creek. He will make the trip on horseback.

Silas Archibald was discharged last evening as convalescent from the Good Samaritan hospital.

William Madlen, mining inspector on Hunker creek, is a patient at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Louis Couture was a passenger today on the Sybil for Whitehorse. He will transact some business there and then return to Dawson.

Tyrell and Greene have removed their offices to the corner of First avenue and First street, where is situated the building part of which is occupied by the United States consul.

In this column yesterday it was stated that the Orpheum theater would open under the management of E. H. Porte. This is a mistake; it was intended to make the assertion regarding the Palace Grand theater.

Numerous Litigations.

A large number of complaints are now being made before the police magistrate by laboring men who, after toiling like exile convicts for several months, are now fearful of not obtaining pay for the same without invoking the aid of the law. It is a fact that in many instances efforts have been made and are being made to beat the laborers out of their hard-earned money, but in the majority of cases the bills are being paid as the gold is taken from the dumps.

Miner's Birthday Sports.

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock the executive committee having in charge the celebration of the Queen's birthday, will convene in regular session at the Yukon Club. It will receive and consider the reports of all of the sub-committees.

In addition to the events which have been advertised, there will occur caber tossing and hammer throwing contests.

The race track for horses will be arranged on First avenue, between the bridge across the slough and a point opposite the C. D. Co.'s warehouse. Several entries have been made, and this portion of the program promises to be quite interesting.

Sybil for Whitehorse.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the C. D. Co.'s elegant steamer Sybil, left here for Whitehorse with the mail and a large number of passengers. It is thought that by the time she reaches Lebarge the ice will all be out and there will be nothing to prevent her making a speedy trip to her destination. The following is the Sybil's passenger list:

Mrs. B. Scott, Jas. Green, A. E. Price, F. Phiscator, J. D. Stevens, Arvid Leed, Dell McCord, Louis Couture, Robert Friesch, C. L. Hogan, A. Schulzanger, S. Schulsanger, Robert Lowry, Ed. Tabor, J. W. Degnan, P. C. Ewing, L. Prater, W. J. Ansted, Mrs. Fustell, N. Paulson, J. H. McKnight, H. M. Martin, H. R. Barbour, Wm. Kraginey, S. Briggs, D. A. Hard, P. Rosell,

A. Rosell, M. Murray, J. Gorman, J. Rose, F. E. Smith, A. Bruce, Wm. Pickard, Tom Dignon, W. H. Connors, G. Kittleson, T. M. Daniels, H. M. Martins and Mrs. C. W. Bowhay.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

The trial of the case of David W. Cullen and Harold C. Blankhorn, plaintiffs, vs. the Yukon Corporation, Ltd., defendant, was concluded by Commissioner Senkler today. This action involves a dispute respecting the boundary between No. 40 Eldorado and the adjoining hillside on the left limit. Decision on the issue has been reserved.

Commandeering.

Commandeering of private property on the part of the Boers began on the first day of the war, and has continued ever since. It has been practiced with all the greater gusto that the chief part of it has so far been done at our expense. It will be much less pleasant to the Boers by and by, when it has to be done in their own territory. To drive them out of Natal and Cape Colony would be no less advantageous as a financial than as a military operation. They would then have brought home to them for the first time the terrible price of the struggle they have rushed into. Until they are driven back on their own soil they will not seriously feel the cost of the war. Hitherto, unfortunately, they have been able to live, to a great extent, on the enemy. It will be a very different thing for their war chest when they have to live on themselves.

Commandeering is a very wide word in the Boer vocabulary nowadays. There is immense scope for it in the republic, not on the field of war only, but wherever seizable property may happen to be. In the international code of the Boers private property has no existence. Everything that can be laid hold of, from a gold mine to a roadside store, is contraband of war. Before the campaign was a month old the Boers practically commandeered the whole of the Rand gold field. It is not often that a belligerent has a chance to loot 10 miles of gold-bearing reef at a stroke. But this fabulous prize has not yielded much to the enemy so far. Evidently they cannot work the mines to great advantage, for they have now started an alternative scheme to tax them from 30 to 40 per cent on their gross output. About a dozen of the richest mines on the Rand are being worked under government supervision, ostensibly for account of the owners, but the gold passes, in the first instance, into the treasury, and the reckoning with the owners may not take place for years, if ever. Meanwhile, the government will have the use of the gold.—National Review.

Went Once too Often.

"I have had many queer experiences with transient boarders," said a lady who has kept a first-class boarding house in this city for a number of years, "but the queerest case came under my observation only last week. To be brief, an old man, at least he seemed to be about 60 years of age or thereabouts, came to me about five or six days ago, if I remember aright, and secured a room in my house for a week. He said he was a lecturer and gave the customary rigmarole in such a nice way, however, that I omitted, very foolishly, to ask him for his board in advance. To make a long story short, he walked out at the end of the week to go to some small town near by, where he was to lecture to young folks on the twin subjects of temperance and honesty, and conveniently forgot where he lived temporarily. The old man must have been mixed up in his dates or locations, for he applied to me again for board here a few days ago for a few days. Foolishly I let him in and still more foolishly decided not to ask him for the price in advance, for out of curiosity I wanted to see if he was still playing the old game. Sure enough at the end of a few days he knocked at the door of my room and informed me that he would not be back for breakfast in the morning, as he was going to give a lecture to young people in a nearby town on the 'twin subjects of temperance and honesty,' but would be back to luncheon. I knew I had him and proceeded to tell him so, probably astonishing him more at his own lack of memory than my excellent ability to remember deadbeats. "Unluckily, however, my room was on the second floor and his on the first, and when he assumed a righteous wrath that I well knew was feigned I could not but let him go to his room to get the 'filthy lucre' that would square us. I say unluckily his room was on the first floor only, because he kept right on walking, and I haven't seen him since. You may exploit the mysteries of boarding house hash, but don't forget that the boarding house mistress has her trials, too."—Washington Star.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

CLOSED DOORS

Shut Out Reporters and Spectators From the Police Court While

CLERK J. FRED STRUTHERS TESTIFIED

In Case of Brown, Who is Alleged to Have Bribed Him.

MIGHT PREJUDICE HIS CASE.

Previous to Order, the Court Room Was Filled With Curious Listeners.

The preliminary hearing of William Brown, charged with giving to a government employe, Fred Struthers, a bribe, is on trial before Magistrate Scarth this afternoon. The first witness was Thomas, the tailor, who assisted Sergeant Wilson in laying the trap into which the three men, Sutherland, Brown and Struthers, so readily entered. Thomas testified to the same account of his connection and knowledge of the affair as published in the Nugget on the occasion of Struthers' preliminary hearing a week ago.

When Struthers was put on the stand this afternoon his attorney objected to having his client give evidence in the presence of newspaper reporters and the public for the reason that his client's story, he said, would be printed and read by men who, might afterwards be called upon to weigh his case. Prosecutor Wade objected to the evidence of Struthers being heard in private and asked opposing counsel to show law in corroboration of his request. The opposing counsel thought there was such a law, as another attorney present had told him of its existence, but personally he could not say if such a law existed. Mr. Wade then pointed out the action he had heard about, but still asked that the evidence be heard openly, as it is an old established rule of courts to do business openly. However, Mr. Wade admitted that the action referred to gave the court option in cases where the testimony of a witness might be prejudicial to his own interests to have it given in private.

In this case the court decided that Struthers' testimony, if published to the world might prejudice his case at the approaching trial, and ordered the room cleared, which order was obeyed and the reporters and curious spectators emerged into the sunlight of heaven.

A Wrong Impression.

Since Sergeant Wilson has placed a gang of prisoners to work on the street many merchants are complaining that when the government lets any of its property for advertising purposes it should call for bids and not show any favors to a particular firm or business industry, but that all should have an equal showing. These objectors are probably honest in making a kick, but they are doing the government unmerited injury, as the "P. P." on the bosoms of the prisoners' pants is hot advertisement for Parsons Produce.

Other Worthless Paper.

M. I. Stevens, who left Dawson at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, is accompanied on his journey down the river by Fred T. Richardson and G. S. Chamberlain. Since yesterday it has been learned that Richardson and Chamberlain, immediately before their departure also negotiated worthless checks among the local merchants. The paper was signed by Richardson and drawn on the Bank of British North America, a financial institution the maker had no funds. The valueless checks were circulated by Chamberlain. Among those who were cheated by the fraudulent scheme are Hamburger and Weisberg; they advanced \$75 to the young scoundrels.

Both Richardson and Chamberlain are well known around the saloons and gambling rooms of Dawson. They seem to have followed no regular profession nor business; and their livelihood was procured from places of ill-repute.

THE ACCURSED

An Ancient Belief

Angels From Heaven With Eggs Worthy and

From Wednes

Several centuries believed that on the sound of sweet bells the sunlit air, taking wings descended from baskets of eggs, with the homes of faithful sons.

Sometimes, how slipped into the egg, which could not from the others. Such a one formed an ancient legend of France. There lived in a village with a dear and named Jeanne, who slipped into the egg, which could not from the others. She used to visit to fortune and the troubles and care for which she received devotion.

One Easter morning from early mass, a beggar woman, who Jeanne gave her the stranger peered hood at the pretty "Beautiful damsel the gift of a poor egg, and before the young and handsome for you in marriage a great lady. On command you to contains a nuptial

Not far from this nets of an old castle remained untenanted year a young knight, estate, and returned shabby rooms. The lord of the day to see Jeanne, beauty, sought her Sir Robert de Vol hand in marriage.

The day was arranged, which was chapel of the castle the bridegroom's arrival. When the feast was guests had departed tower tolled out the of midnight.

The bride and their beautiful rooming her arm from the walked over to a cart brought out a casket dered to be placed there.

Her husband water with great curiosity said: "My dear lord, I break this egg on you and told him its his to wait until morning Jeanne, however, its place. It was a very she let it fall.

An enormous load broken shell, vomited set fire to the curtain tongues of fire soon wall, until the whole melted.

The next day the but a heap of ashes, burned, and all its through the gift of it from the hands of a ton Globe.

The Self

Notwithstanding it does not reflect upon his maker, he is convinced that he is Even if, as may son he is conscious of a prefers them to his responsible for the as to speak, before himself into the ide now behold and able to his account.

It is a constant w others, with no words had to found himself turned out such infer and it is natural, should condemn the that he sees about his But happily for his others sufficiently, greatness by comparison and his strong au By looking within his mental vision an