

CHAS. HILL WAS ARRESTED

Last Night on a Writ of Capias for Avoiding Debt.

Issued at the Instance of Dr. George Merryman—Amount Involved is \$2135—Fees for Medical Services.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Upon an affidavit which was filed by Dr. George Merryman, Justice Dugas issued a writ of capias against Charles Hill. The defendant is a well known resident of Dawson, and for some time past he has been connected with the New Pavilion saloon. The writ was served last evening about 7 o'clock, and Hill was required to remain in jail until noon today. The amount of money which Dr. Merryman alleges to be due from Hill is \$2135. The plaintiff's cause of action is based upon medical services rendered during the year 1898 to the defendant and to one Stella Hill. It will be remembered that in the spring of 1898, Hill was very sick; and soon after his recovery to health, Stella, a woman with whom he was associated, contracted a severe illness. Dr. Merryman claims that the defendant contracted to pay for the medical treatment given to Stella.

The plaintiff's itemized bill is as follows: Professional services rendered to defendant from April 5th, 1898, to August, 1898, \$1750; professional services rendered to Stella Hill, \$500; medicines supplied to patients \$250; total, \$2500; credit by cash, \$365. Balance due \$2135.

Doctor Merryman sets forth in his affidavit that Hill is about to depart from the territory with intent to defraud his creditors. The defendant's bail was fixed at \$2235. He gave bonds this noon and was released from custody.

Last winter, Stella Hill committed suicide, and at the time of her death it was reported that she took her life because Charles Hill had forsaken her for another woman.

Seward Territory.

A movement is on foot to divide the district of Alaska into two or more territories, making the Southwestern portion, everything below Mount St. Elias, Seward territory. This would include nine tenths of Alaska's population, aside from those who are located at Nome. A late Washington City telegram says:

"The senate committee on territories considered a bill creating three judicial districts for Alaska, and for revision of the laws of the United States applying to territories. A number of Alaska men were present and made suggestions which they desired to be incorporated in the law. They were asked if there was any sentiment in favor of dividing the territory at Mount St. Elias, making the southeastern portion the territory of Seward. Their reply was that the people believed that such a division would be necessary at some future time. The judicial bill was referred to a sub-committee."

Territorial Court.

The case of Thomas Victor et al. vs. Addie Butler, is occupying the attention of Judge Dugas today. The action will not be finished before this evening. The next case set for trial is that of Callahan vs. Johnson.

Library Entertainment.

Last evening the Dawson Library and Reading Room directors gave their regular fortnightly entertainment. The program was excellent, and thoroughly appreciated by the large audience. The different numbers were as follows:

Recitation, "For England," Private Green; banjo selection, Mr. Atwood; duet, "Larboard Watch," the Messrs. Hanbury; reading, "How Bateest Came Home," Mr. Luckwood; song, "Mona," Mr. Finney; recitation, "Siege of Lucknow," Mr. Martin; song, "Will He Come," Dr. McDonald; recitation, "Boatswain Tight," Private Green;

song, "Hush, Don't Wake the Baby," a lullaby, Mr. Denman; duet, clarinet, Mr. Denman and Bugler Walsh; God Save the Queen.

Among those who were present were Mesdames Alex. McDonald, Perry, Stearns, Burke, McDonnell, the Misses D'Labelle, Robinson, Freeman, Pratt, Bean, and Dr. Tugard. Some of the gentlemen were Commissioner Ogilvie, Major Perry, Dr. Hurdman, Dr. Thompson, Messrs. Lynch, Doig, Culbertson, Stewart and D'Labelle.

Who Knows Allan P. Russell.

A letter lately received by the Daily Nugget asks for information concerning Allan P. Russell, a young boy who is supposed to have left Bennett for Dawson on a C. D. Co. scow late last fall. Any one knowing of the boy will confer a favor on his anxious relatives by addressing Ed. C. Russell, editor Daily Record, Juneau, Alaska.

Another Washington Celebration.

A number of prominent American citizens have arranged to celebrate the anniversary of Washington's birthday by giving a banquet at the Hotel McDonald. Invitations to the affair have been issued, and the committee will be prepared to accommodate 50 guests. The gentlemen who have actively interested themselves in the celebration are Senator Lynch, Edwin C. French and George Byrne.

POLICE COURT.

The courtroom was crowded this morning, wage cases being the attraction. The first thing on the docket was a charge against Chas. Wallace of violating the street section of the Yukon health ordinance. As Wallace was not in court the case was continued until this afternoon.

John Collins was out for a high old time last night and he got it. John filled up on hooch and started out to paint the town a brilliant vermilion. He began at the Bank saloon, where he was prepared to "lick" any and every man in the house. A policeman thought differently and arrested him. Collins objected to the indignity of arrest with the result that he was handcuffed and hauled to the guard room on a sleigh. This morning he had the usual seal brown taste in his mouth and was looking as meek as the little lamb that Mary is alleged to have had, but which is not generally believed. He had no recollection of his actions of last night, but was fined \$20 and trimmings, or 14 days on the royal wood pile.

The case of Saml. Bell, who put an "h" in front of his vowels, against Ildo Ramsdale for labor performed on a Last Chance claim, to the amount of \$180 was a long drawn out affair. A great deal of counter testimony was introduced which upon being assayed by the court showed traces of a bedrock contract and a verdict was so rendered, the costs being charged to the plaintiff.

Ed Latham instituted suit against McGinnis, Smith & Sutherland, mine owners, for pay for labor performed.

W. H. Schwartz, the big German who was sentenced to 30 days labor on Saturday for picking up a letter with gold nuggets, the property of J. U. Nicol, has been released on the payment of a fine of \$50.

The case of Patrick Whalen vs. Dr. Thompson for \$288 labor performed on the latter's claim, is on trial.

Application for Water Right.

Mike Bodjoga has applied to the mining recorder for authority to use and divert for one year 60 inches of water of the stream entering Dominion creek on the left limit between Nos. 9 and 10 above lower discovery. It is the applicant's purpose to use the diverted water for mining purposes on claim No. 9 above lower discovery upon which property the applicant has a lay.

New Banks.

Two new banking institutions have opened their doors for business in Skagway within the past month, one of which is a branch of B. M. Behrend's Juneau bank, the oldest financial institution in Alaska. Upwards of a year ago the Canadian Bank of Commerce opened a branch in Skagway which has ever since enjoyed a fine business, and the new institutions will have to "show the people" before they will do much business. Skagway had some very costly experience with a Jim Crow bank a few months ago.

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IN A NEW ROLE.

It was announced at the concert last evening that the program which is to be rendered next Sunday evening will first be submitted to Gov. Ogilvie and such numbers as receive the gubernatorial approval will constitute the evening's entertainment. This will be his excellency's debut, so to speak, in the role of histrionic critic and the result will be awaited with much interest. There are numerous little matters of detail in connection with the local stage upon the propriety and desirability of which we have often wished that some one whose opinion would carry with it the weight of authority might pronounce judgment. For instance, we would suggest from his excellency a decision as to the exact limits which our local queens of the terpsichorean art should hold themselves in performing their bewildering and intoxicating evolutions. We would consider it advisable that a maximum heel and toe elevation should be established (to coin an expression suitable to the emergency) and any attempt made to exceed the limit should be summarily vetoed by virtue of gubernatorial authority. We are of the opinion that any decision which his excellency might render in a matter of so great importance would be received with acclaim on the part of the public.

While the matter is under discussion we would suggest that a ruling might be made determining the minimum quantity of fabric which it shall be allowable to use in the construction of stage apparel. The most careful consideration should be given to this particular point. Dawson prices on such materials are excessively high and it would certainly work a hardship upon our fair footlight celebrities should they be asked to materially increase the number of square inches of material now considered sufficient for a stage costume. His excellency may be relied upon, we think, to satisfy both the patrons of the theaters and the artists themselves, should he deem it wise to give the matter consideration.

There are numerous other little matters of seeming unimportance, but yet which could very well be given attention and settled once for all. The seal of executive approval placed upon the program presented at a public entertainment would serve to relieve any little misgivings which might arise in the minds of the ultra particular as to the propriety of giving the affair their patronage, and carping critics would find no further field for their original malignant flings.

On the whole the Nugget congratulates his excellency upon this new and most commendable departure.

THE WAR SITUATION.

War news in today's dispatches indicates very plainly that Lord Roberts has entered upon an aggressive campaign. With 50,000 men at his immediate disposal, it may be expected that news will very shortly be received that will place quite a different color upon the situation from what we have recently become accustomed to.

How strong the Boers are in front of Roberts is left untold in the dispatches. It is not probable that they are very

numerous owing to the extraordinary efforts which they have been making to prevent Buller's advance upon Ladysmith. The total Boer forces now in the field is estimated at 64,000 men, of whom a large proportion are engaged in operations around Ladysmith. With the forces now engaged around Kimberley and at other points, there is left but a comparatively small number to oppose Roberts, who is pressing up with a comparatively fresh army.

With Buller's moving in upon Ladysmith and Roberts turning the enemy's flank and splitting him in two, it looks very much as though a radical change will soon take place in the tone of the press dispatches.

COL. STEELE.

A recent arrival from the outside informs the Nugget that not less than twenty ex members of the Northwest mounted police were met en route to the outside to join Lord Strathcona's horse. The desire which seems to have taken such general hold of the boys to secure service in the Strathcona contingent is due very largely to the feeling of loyalty to Col. Steele than whom no commander of men was ever more honored and respected by his subordinates.

Col. Steele during the time he was stationed at Dawson made for himself a record which will stand for all time as a bright spot in the history of the Yukon territory.

At a time when official influence was notoriously prostituted for purposes of personal gain, the staunch integrity and robust manhood of Col. Steele stood out as a rebuke to official wrong doing. With such a commander and such men as can be recruited from the ranks of the N. W. M. P., the Strathcona horse is destined in all probability to become the most effective body of men now in the British service in South Africa.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

An application is now pending before the Yukon council for a telephone charter. A system such as is proposed by the promoters of the enterprise would greatly facilitate the transaction of local business and be of material aid to persons having interests to be looked after on the creeks. Dawson is large enough and certainly has the requisite number of progressive business enterprises to justify the construction of a first-class modern telephone system. A telephone has come to be regarded as a necessary adjunct in the conduct of business affairs. Its value is so well known and so universally recognized that comment thereon is entirely unnecessary. One point, however, should not be overlooked. In order to serve the public properly the cost to the patron of the telephone must be made so low that general public use is possible. The mistake that has been made by the company now doing business in Dawson has been in the excessively high tariff charged. The monthly fee for the telephone service has been so high that very few have been able to afford the use of a 'phone, and for this very reason the utility of the service has been nominal. The service must have general patronage if it is to prove of any considerable value to the public.

We should consider that the rate [to be charged] ought to be a very important feature in determining what privileges it may be advisable to grant the applicants for the charter now pending before the council.

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