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SOLD AT AUCTION

Property of Deceased Persons Closed Out by Public Administrator.

SOME VALUABLE CLAIMS WERE SOLD

Lack of Publicity Causes Adverse Comment.

A LIST OF THE CLAIMS

And the Parties Who Purchased the Same—Amounts Realized Were in Most Cases Not Large.

There was an auction sale of mining claims in the interest of the estates of deceased owners at Pioneer hall this morning.

This will be news to the majority of people as no announcement was made in the daily press of the city that a sale was to be held. Considerable adverse comment was made by many who were present on the lack of publicity given to the affair, they expressing the opinion that in a sale of this kind the broadest publicity should be given, particularly as it was by order of the public administrator who was acting for deceased owners.

The terms of the sale were 10 per cent to be paid by the highest bidder at acceptance of bid by the administrator, 40 per cent in ten days, and the balance in three months from date of sale. The public administrator was allowed one bid in the interest of the estate and that privilege was exercised in many instances, many of the listed claims being bid in by the administrator while others were passed, there being no offer made.

The following is the list of claims sold, the purchasers, and the amounts brought for each:

Bear creek—Half interest No. 6 below, \$425; H. G. Wilson.
Bonanza creek—Third interest bill, opp. upper half r. l. 83 below dis., \$55; H. G. Wilson. Upper half No. 70 above, \$10; J. O. Ellis. Quarter

interest No. 69a below, \$475; Thos. Emerson.

Brimstone creek—No. 4 left fork, ascending, \$5; R. Lavery.

Cripple creek—One-half interest bill, adj. upper half r. l. No. 2, \$25; Wm. Roberts.

Dominion creek—Hill, upper half l. l. 123 below dis., \$30; J. O. Ellis. Hill, adj. upper half l. l. 123 below lower discovery, \$400; H. Leonard.

Eureka—Hill adj. lower half r. l. 10 below, right fork, \$25; George Quiril. Foster creek—No. 42, \$5; Mike Day. Gauvin gulch—Hill, adj. lower half r. l. No. 4, \$60; H. G. Wilson. Half interest bill, adj. upper half r. l. No. 3, \$50; H. G. Wilson.

Gold Run creek—One-sixth interest No. 75, \$135; S. Waallstedt.

Hunker creek—Half interest bench, 7th tier, opp. upper half l. l. 70 below, \$10; M. Nieder. Three-quarter interest No. 48a below, \$25; H. Athow. Half interest bill, No. 31 l. l. hydraulic reserve, \$50; H. Hegwall.

Henderson creek—No. 94 left fork, \$5; Wm. Paris. No. 49 above, \$5; J. McLeod.

Irish gulch—Half interest—No. 2, \$50; S. A. Ripstein.

Leotta creek—No. 31 above, \$5; E. Meddlekroph.

Lindow creek—Quarter interest in No. 14, \$450; D. L. Foreman.

Skookum creek—Half interest bill, adj. upper half r. l. No. 12, \$35; Miss M. Morgan.

Montana creek—No. 33 above, \$35; Guy Syford.

Nine Mile creek—16 below, left fork, \$5; A. R. Thorne.

Sulphur creek—Three-quarter interest upper half No. 71 above, \$255; H. Pfister. Hill adj. upper half l. l. No. 52 below, \$20; E. Robertson.

Skookum creek—Hill, opposite lower half r. l. No. 15, \$15; H. M. McLeod.

Quartz claims—Quarter interest "Crampin" mineral claim, \$10; Ripstein.

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THIRD DAY OF TRIAL.

Evidence of Witnesses for Prosecution Being Slowly Heard—Frequent Objections Being Made, Argued and Ruled Upon.

The third day of the trial of George O'Brien charged with the murder of Lynn Relfe began by calling Alexander Pennycook, ex-constable in the Northwest Mounted Police force to the witness box. He was in the police service at Selkirk the 30th of May of last year. He had been sent by Corporal McPhail to a point one and a half miles above Selkirk to where a human body had been reported and where he found it lying in three or four inches of water; the sweater on the body was pulled over the head, the suspenders being unbuttoned in front; there were powder marks on the left side of the face near the ear, and a scar was found on the left wrist; witness looked for scar near left nipple but the skin at that point was torn away; a large wound was found on lower part of left breast, also a wound under right shoulder blade; another wound was found by the powder marks on left side of face near the ear and a corresponding wound on the right side of the face; witness identified the felt shoes taken by him from the body by the mark of bicycle pedals on the soles; he also identified the socks, chamois or goat skin underwear, drawers, pants and other wearing apparel, including a silk handkerchief worn around the neck of the body when first seen by him.

Attorney Bleeker at this point objected to the evidence being given as it evidently referred to some body other than that of Relfe, for whose murder his client is being tried. Mr. Wade admitted that the evidence did relate to another than Relfe, but that it was in his province to prove that in connection with the murder of Relfe other persons disappeared at the same place and time, and that the evidence of the killing of others was relevant. The objection was overruled by the court and ordered noted. Mr. Bleeker gave notice that such objection will be interposed at all times when evidence relative to murders other than the one charged in the indictment is introduced. The court reserved its decision on this point and the crown withdrew its witness until, on the suggestion of the court, the fact the three men were travelled together on the day of the murder is shown. To establish this point Capt. John Fussell who kept the Minto roadhouse at the time was called. He knew one Olsen in the employ of the Dominion telegraph; witness knew Clayton and Relfe; they reached his roadhouse about 5:30 o'clock on the evening of December 24th, 1899, at which time they were on foot, Clayton having a bicycle with him. Olsen had reached his place on the evening of December 23d, and had left the morning of the 24th in company with Constable Buxton; Olsen had returned that evening about 6:30 o'clock, and after Clayton and Relfe had eaten supper, all three stayed over night and ate breakfast together next morning and started on up the river together about 7:30 o'clock; witness had asked them to stay and have a turkey dinner as it was Christmas day, but the travelers had replied that perhaps they would find a turkey dinner at Hoochiku; Clayton was rolling bicycle as it was broken; he said he would get it repaired at Five Fingers on saying "Goodbye." Clayton had hollered back to witness, "It is a hell of a note that I have to take 'Nigger Jim's' mittens out of the country." Clayton had spoken of Relfe as "Nigger Jim" for the reason that Relfe was wearing "Nigger Jim's" mittens out of the country. Constable Buxton and two others started down the river from the roadhouse about the time on Christmas morning that Relfe, Clayton and Olsen had started up the river. The hotel register kept at that time was produced and witness pointed out the names of Relfe and Clayton as written by them in the register on the evening of December 24th, 1899. This evidence establishing the fact that the three men were travelling together on the date of the murder, the former witness, ex-Constable Pennycook was recalled. He recognized the holes in the clothes and said they corresponded with the wounds in the body, that when the sweater was pulled down from over the head the holes in it corresponded in position to those in the body; in the trousers pockets witness had found some matches and two keys,

one of them a bicycle key or wrench; witness had seen Dr. Madore probe the wounds in the head and breast at Selkirk and was satisfied the holes were gunshot wounds; near the left ear were powder marks and on the right side and near the ear was also a wound. In answer to a question by the court witness said he accompanied the body to Dawson and attended the coroner's inquest.

On cross-examination by Attorney Bleeker witness Pennycook stated that John Kehoe, one of the four men who had reported the body at the detachment at Selkirk, had accompanied him up the river to recover the body and bring it to Selkirk; witness was then a member of the police force, but is not on the force now. The body when found on lower part of left breast, but the flesh was not broken by decomposition.

Elmer J. White was the next witness. He had known Fred H. Clayton in life; he had seen him several times shortly previous to his leaving Dawson for the outside; witness had been called before the coroner's inquest to identify a body brought from near Selkirk last June and had testified that it was the body of Fred H. Clayton; a photograph of Clayton as he appeared on leaving Dawson for the outside was recognized by the witness. On cross-examination witness said he had identified the body as that of Clayton by the general outline of the features, particularly of the forehead, jaws and chin.

Ex-Corporal McPhail was recalled by the crown for the purpose of removing an erroneous impression which it was feared had been left by his testimony of yesterday, the crown prosecutor objecting to the impression which he said the defense was endeavoring to leave regarding the testimony of McPhail before the coroner's inquest, he having been recalled at that time. The defense objected to the re-questioning of the witness. The deposition of Capt. Scarth, taken yesterday afternoon was read by the stenographer after which Capt. Scarth who had conducted the inquest was called to prove the deposition of McPhail made at the time of the inquest. The deposition was ordered produced as evidence and shown to be consistent with McPhail's testimony of yesterday.

Recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

On the reconvening of court after recess Thos. Firth was called to the witness box. Firth occupied a cabin in Klondike City during the winter of 1899-90; he and Fred H. Clayton were partners in certain mining property and Clayton had lived with him in his cabin previous to and up to the time of his leaving for the outside; witness recognized the clothing taken from the body, he having given to Clayton the suspenders worn; witness had also seen Clayton perforate his goatskin underclothing with a ticket punch owned by witness and he had identified punch holes in the clothing after the body had been brought to Dawson; witness was not in Dawson at first sitting of the coroner, having been out on the creeks, but viewed and identified the body a few days later; he had requested the physician conducting the autopsy to look on left leg of Clayton for a scar and physician had done so and found it; witness had seen the scar when Clayton was alive. Nothing was brought out on cross examination.

William Clayton was the next witness called. His home is Skagway, Alaska, where he has resided since 1897; the late Fred H. Clayton was his brother; he recognized a photograph as that of his brother, he also recognized a card found on the body as their firm card, witness and deceased being partners; he identified the clothing as having been worn by his brother; the woolen undershirt being double-breasted and double backed, an unusual feature in that article of wearing apparel; the brother was stouter than witness, was slightly bald back from temples; had full face; was stoutly built; had scar on left forearm and on left leg below the thigh; witness had a telegram from his brother on 22d of December, and expected him home on 30th; his brother's bicycle was of model of '97; he could not identify the handkerchief found on his brother's neck. The witness having been called to establish

identity of the body and not to give his main evidence, he was not cross-examined by the defense.

Inspector Cortlandt Starnes of the N.W.M.P., and who conducted the inquest on the body identified as that of Fred H. Clayton, was next witness. The body had been delivered to him by Constable Pennycook, also the clothing from the body; witness swore to a list of names of persons who had identified the body before the inquest as that of Clayton; he had no knowledge of two keys said to have been taken off the body as he had no safe in which to put them; the keys were handed to someone else; the inquest was begun on the 4th of June last year. Cross-examined, witness said he had kept the key to the place in which the body was kept from the time of its arrival and the time the inquest was held.

Christopher Reed, ex-corporal in the N.W.M.P., was next called. He had been on duty last year when autopsies on certain bodies had been held and he had taken notes at the dictation of Drs. Thompson and Hurdman who were conducting the autopsies; witness was present at all three autopsies, those of Relfe, Clayton and Olsen; witness had been hospital steward in the police service for 8 years and it was his business to attend autopsies. On cross-examination witness said the physicians had partially examined his notes but had not looked over every note as made; he was not sure but thought the book containing his notes was handed to Inspector Scarth. He had previously identified his notebook when produced by the prosecution.

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BEAUTY AND LOVELINESS

Throng Decks of Palatial Steamer Susie This Afternoon.

Never was there a more lovely sight witnessed on the Yukon than this afternoon when at five minutes past 1 o'clock the gang-plank of the palatial steamer Susie was hauled in and that steamer backed into the current laden with all the women and children in Dawson, the capacity of the steamer, 275, being filled with adults, children not counting. The array of well-dressed ladies and happy children was a sight worth seeing and which three years ago was not even considered a future possibility. It is also safe to say that not since the spring of 1898 have there been so few women and children in Dawson as this afternoon.

To Capt. Hansen, manager of the Northern Navigation Co., and to the ladies of the Catholic guild are the merry excursionists indebted for the afternoon's outing. The steamer went up the river and later turned around and went down past the city with its valuable cargo, the intention being to land at old Fort Reliance where a big picnic will be enjoyed. This afternoon is an occasion when children were recherche; in fact, instances were noted where as many as four ladies were required to look after one child, but it is gratifying to know that the "little dear" will be well cared for on the trip. A few men, just enough to lead dignity to the occasion, accompanied the party.

The steamer was handsomely decorated for the occasion. Music is being furnished by the Savoy orchestra and everything is being done that can be done to make the afternoon a memorable one. The steamer expects to return about 6 o'clock this evening.

Judge Dugas Misquoted.
In his report of the testifying of Thos. Forrest by Judge Dugas in the territorial court on Monday and in reference to the petition from citizens asking for leniency, the Nugget attributed to his lordship a statement made by Crown Prosecutor Wade to the effect that dictations to the court are not received in the court. The article as published attributed the statement to the judge when it was made by the crown prosecutor.

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Famous London Physician Commits Suicide by Leaping From Three-Story Window.

London, June 6, via Skagway, June 12.—Maitre Labori who gained fame as advocate for Dreyfus at the latter's trial, is in London. He is being entertained by five hundred of England's most eminent jurists. No such tribute has ever before been paid in England to any Frenchman.

Dr. Bond Dead.

London, June 6, via Skagway, June 12.—Dr. Thompson Bond the celebrated physician who for years was Gladstone's medical adviser has committed suicide. He leaped from a three-story window to the pavement below, receiving injuries which resulted fatally. The cause assigned is melancholia.

COMING AND GOING.

The Yukon took several inches in the last two nights.

Ben Ferguson was among the passengers on the Leon.

W. L. Anderson, of 12 above on Hunker, is in town on business.

Con Short of 26 Gold Run, is spending a few days' vacation in town.

Mr. Joe Beck and Walter Noel of 11 Gold Run are spending a few days in Dawson.

Clarence Berry and T. Haumill were passengers on the steamer Leon for Teller City.

G. M. Elliott, of Hunker and W. W. Tinkham of 35 above Hunker, are guests at the Yukon hotel.

The river is again rising rapidly. During three hours today an added depth of four inches was noted.

Archbishop Langevin left Whitehorse on the steamer Canadian and will probably arrive in Dawson tonight.

Mr. Ed Hering, representative of the Nugget on Dominion, Sulphur and Gold Run, is in town for a few days.

Otto Nemitz, Abe Anderson and Wm. Brothick, of No. 7 on the left Fork of Tanana creek, arrived in Dawson Monday evening.

E. J. Conklin, J. L. Hubbard, Dr. Carpenter and Mr. A. Allen all well known mining men left for Teller City on the steamer Leon.

Operation on the boiling apparatus for filling in the barracks grounds have been suspended for a time owing to the water raising.

G. A. Wagner, of 13 Eldorado, W. H. Brown and wife of 21 below Rossignol, Harry Day and wife and Miss C. Spencer are registered at the McDonald hotel.

Mr. E. Jones of the Forks, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ash, Mrs. Bates, Capt. Donovan and wife of Salt Lake City, and Mr. Mike Donovan of Dominion were registered at the Regina yesterday.

Wm. Chapman was before the police magistrate Monday charged with committing criminal assault on Helen Lynch on Sunday night. Owing to the illness of the plaintiff the case was enlarged until this morning. The case came before Magistrate Wroughton this morning and was again adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

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