

IN MAJOR PERRY'S COURT.

Less Wage Litigation and Increase of Drunkenness.

Bright Weather Conducive to Conviviality—John Doe in the Toils—Wood Butchers Increasing.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Looking as though he had a dark brown taste in his mouth, Jack Riley was before Judge Perry Tuesday on the charge of being drunk. Jack did not appear to remember much about it, but the statement of the arresting officer was to the effect that Riley needed a rudder in order that he might walk straight on the street Tuesday night, and not having it he wobbled like a young calf. He had also manifested a disposition to lay down on the street for a sleep. He paid \$10 and trimmings.

Information was filed against and warrants issued for 26 "knights of the green," making 60 including 34 issued Tuesday. As the schedule price is "56 per," considerable money will be transferred from the cloth to the royal exchequer very soon.

Theodore Beckard, of whose attempt at speculation by advancing to Lester McNeil \$565 for cariboo meat which was described as being cached 105 miles up the Klondike, mention was made in the Daily Nugget three weeks ago, was in court with a story to the effect that McNeil, having skipped the country, his brother, H. G. McNeil refuses to deliver to Beckard the meat. But as the latter bought and paid for it, McNeil No. 2 will either have to prove that his brother did not own it or will have to turn it over to Beckard. If he proves the former he will by doing so brand his brother Lester as a scoundrel of the first water. Lester McNeil is one of the two men, McNeil and Webb, of whom notice was made in Tuesday's issue of the Daily Nugget as having been arrested below Eagle without warrants or any information other than the statement of a man named Hamilton, that they had stolen three dogs from him before they left Dawson; but on preliminary trial at Eagle McNeil was discharged from custody.

Yesterday was a dull day but last night was more lively as three men were before Major Perry this morning on the charge of being too drunk to care for themselves; and if three men reached that stage of intoxication, the number who were "half shot" was doubtless large. William Green and Ed Zappenelmer were arraigned in turn and each was fined \$10 and costs. Then came that man with whom every one is well acquainted, John Doe. It pained the reporter to hear John deviate from the truth as he did by saying "Your honor, I never was drunk in my life," when to the reporter's own knowledge John Doe has been drunk in every state, territory, district and province on the American continent. In some places it is not unusual to see half a dozen copies of John Doe up on the charge of drunkenness at one time, and when a fine of \$10 is imposed Richard Roe is usually on hand to help out his running mate. But "Dick" was not there this morning, so John joined the two who preceded him in falling in line for the royal woodpile.

Court Clerk and Stenographer R. B. Switzer was not in evidence this morning, which fact might have given rise to grave apprehensions for the reason that the time for the payment of monthly fines is now here and during the same period of a month ago it will be remembered that Robert was handled as though he were a football and relieved of about \$1500 in "spot." It is to be hoped that Robert's failure to materialize in the flesh at the usual hour this morning was not due to another holdup.

Last Night's Lecture.

Carl Knobelsdorff lectured again last night at the Palace Grand theater. The audience was large, and evidently appreciated the discourse. The lecture was the same as that which was given on Tuesday night. Mr. Knobelsdorff and his partner, Campbell, will leave for the outside tomorrow. Both will return to Nome in the spring.

Live Cattle for Dawson.

A representative of the Daily Nugget was shown a letter today received by late mail from Seattle by a prominent meat dealer in this city which states that Pat Moran, Donahue and Brooks are now en route to Dawson with 50 head of choice beef cattle. The cattle were to be shipped by rail from Skag-

way to Bennett and driven over the trail from that place and landed in Dawson on foot. The letter stated that the party was making an effort to reach Dawson with their stock by the 15th of the present month.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

At 2 o'clock this morning 16 sacks of Dawson mail started on its way to the outside.

J. L. Sale & Co., jewelers, at their old stand, Front street, next to the Dominion.

At least 20 dog teams and about 50 people left for Cape Nome since yesterday morning.

Mr. C. N. Pring is arranging to give a sacred concert on Sunday evening at the Palace Grand theater.

At 5 o'clock Tuesday evening the Dawson-bound mail passed Selkirk and is expected to arrive some time Friday night.

Samples of Nome gold, which have been tested by government and private experts, have assayed \$18.86 to \$18.57 per ounce.

Many cabin owners in Dawson are preparing to avoid the spring "wash-out" by removing the winter's accumulation of snow from the roofs of their domiciles.

The Skookum roadhouse at 30 below on Bonanza has been purchased by Bob Birch, proprietor of the L. B. roadhouse on the same claim. Mr. Birch will manage both establishments.

The Yukon council is holding one of its regular weekly meetings this afternoon and evening, a full report of which, through the courtesy of Dr. J. N. E. Brown, clerk of the council, the Daily Nugget will be able to give to its readers in the issue of tomorrow.

Any one having books and periodicals and would like to contribute them to the Salvation Army reading room for the public benefit will please call at the reading room on Second avenue, south of the Melbourne hotel, and leave their address with the captain and he will be pleased to call for them.

Theosophical Club.

The Yukon Theosophical Club was largely attended last evening by an unusually intelligent and appreciative audience of ladies and gentlemen; the subjects were as usual interesting. The chairman read the aims and objects of the club, and the third principle, or "Prana," the life, was fully explained. Many questions were asked and answered and many beautiful ideas clearly portrayed.

Dr. Burry explained the law of Karma in its relation to man. Mr. Rudolph explained the general features of theosophy as generally applied to the universe. Mr. Solomons dilated on the philosophy of theosophy and its relation to human thought and action, all of which was thoughtfully appreciated by the sympathetic audience. The consideration of the perfect man, as expected at this meeting, had to be deferred to a future meeting when the genus homo will receive the attention he deserves from the club. The club meets again on next Wednesday evening, when the subject of the power of thought will be carefully considered.

PERSONAL MENTION.

John Wick is visiting Dawson.

F. Kelly is stopping at the Fairview.

A. Lockworth is registered at the Fairview.

C. G. Johnson, of Hunker, is at the Hotel McDonald.

Sid and Will Walker left Dawson for Nome Tuesday morning.

Charles A. Taylor, a miner from Eldorado, is a visitor to the city.

Ed. E. Welch contemplates a trip to Seattle in time to catch one of the first boats to Nome.

John B. Millburn, proprietor of the boarding house on No. 17 Eldorado, is in town on business.

Thomas Lloyd, superintendent and manager at No. 17 Eldorado, is among the guests at the Hotel McDonald.

Mr. Hyde and wife departed for Nome Tuesday morning. They were provided with six good dogs and a light outfit.

Word has been received here that Pat Malloy, an old sour-dough, well known in Dawson, died in Cheney, Washington, on Christmas day.

C. S. Sargent telegraphed his partner, A. F. Piska, Tuesday of his safe arrival at Skagway and departure for Seattle on the steamer Dirigo.

C. S. Spenny, formerly bookkeeper at the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s store, and Mr. C. Sawyer, arrived safely in Bennett on their way out, January 10th.

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PACIFIC CABLE.

The plan now contemplated by the United States government of laying a cable to Honolulu and thence to the Philippine islands is one of the most important pieces of public work that Uncle Sam's government has undertaken in some time. The effect of cable communication between the States and the new possessions in the South seas will be most salutary in so far as the commerce of the Pacific coast is concerned. In addition to this most important feature of the undertaking the government doubtless has in mind the necessity of frequent and quick communication between the federal capital and the new colonial possessions. Problems are bound to arise in the establishment of a permanent form of government and in the administration of the laws that will require frequent instructions from head quarters. This can only be accomplished satisfactorily by the laying of a government cable. Congress, it appears, looks with favor upon the enterprise and in all probability will carry it through.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY.

It is altogether probable that some regulation will be passed by congress whereby the location of mining property in Alaska by virtue of power of attorney will either be entirely disallowed or the privilege as it now stands materially modified.

There can be no question, we think, in the minds of fair minded men that the law as it has been applied in Alaska has been woefully abused. Large sections of country have been staked off and withheld from development by the use or rather the abuse of the right of location by power of attorney. Originally this law was passed with the expectation that it would assist in opening up and developing new country. As a matter of fact its effect has been exactly to the contrary. Thousands upon thousands of claims have been recorded along the Alaskan Yukon river by powers of attorney more or less shaky in nature and the great majority of these claims have never been touched and never will be until they become available for relocation.

So it has been around the Nome country. Miles and miles of territory have been taken up under powers of attorney, many, perhaps the majority of which were of a questionable character, with the result that all manner of legal complications will arise which will give the country a set back for years to come.

Even now, cases are in the United States courts involving the title to some of the best ground yet discovered, and until these cases are decided the ground of necessity must remain idle.

No law which may be passed by congress will effect claims already located by powers of attorney, which comply with the legal requirements. It is for the future, however, that care must be taken. Alaska will grow more important each year and demand more and more attention at the hands of congress. Above all things the great American territory needs the right kind of laws. The power of attorney nuisance may well be given early attention.

It is very peculiar in what different ways political disputes are settled in

different parts of a country. In the Northern states the men that win in a hot political battle will buy their erstwhile opponents a drink and under the mystic influence of the glass that cheers, sore spots are healed and good fellowship prevails. But down in the blue grass country where, to be less than a colonel is to be nothing at all, winchesters and six shooters seem to be the only satisfactory means of settling such disputes. As a result of this pleasant custom the governor-elect of Kentucky now lies stricken with a mortal wound and how many other similar casualties will occur before the opposing elements conclude that the amende honorable has been entirely made remains yet to be seen. It is altogether probable that the feud engendered as a result of the late Kentucky election will live for years to come, and yet cost many a valuable life.

We publish elsewhere today a portion of the recommendations relative to changes in existing mining regulations, as determined upon by the committee on mines and mining of the Board of Trade. The committee has worked long and earnestly upon the report which has been handed in and a perusal of the same is commended to everyone who is interested in the future welfare of the mining industry in this territory. While there will be a considerable difference of opinion as to a number of the recommendations which the committee advances, it cannot be doubted that material has been brought forward by the committee which will prove most valuable as a foundation upon which to reconstruct the present mining regulations which are unanimously agreed are absolutely unsuited to the requirements of the country.

Our esteemed contemporary, the News, published last evening what was evidently intended as a cartoon. To the public at large the aforesaid cartoon was entirely inexplicable. The fact, however, that there was a general "hard luck" look about the picture leads us to imagine that it had some connection with one of the numerous hard luck stories that our contemporary has been giving out of late. We are of the opinion, neighbor, that an explanation is in order.

The little poem which appeared in a recent issue of this paper, entitled "Our Cap," we think would have done credit to the great Kipling himself. Whether the merit of the poem, however, is due entirely to the genius of the author or to the inspiring qualities of the subject, is a matter open to debate. We are of the opinion that the deeds of this warrior of the Yukon might form the foundation for an epic poem which would put the Iliad or Aeneid to blush.

Such weather as this makes the reactive Nomad crazy to be on the trail. It must not be forgotten, however, that blustering March is ahead of us yet, and may bring on some weather that will cause all the pilgrims en route to Nome to seek cover.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 3 degrees below zero.

At 9 o'clock this morning the official thermometer registered zero.

This noon the weather continued to moderate, and the instrument read a few degrees above.

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