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One Reason for a Young Man's Hurred Flight Hence.

Max Beaver Defendant in a \$10,000 Damage Suit Instituted by Miss Anna Summerfield—The Proceedings Interrupted.

That the Klondike is rapidly taking on the airs and mannerisms of the effete East no one needs be told who is half observant, but that the stage of breaches of promise had been reached and a full-fledged suit of that order sprung upon the unsuspecting public is a fact just a trifle startling. The distinction of occupying the position of "fair plaintiff" in the action belongs to Miss Anna Summerfield, and the alleged shatterer of her affections is a well-known young citizen named Max Beaver, a member of the brokerage firm of Beaver & Lory. Miss Anna, it should be further explained, is still in her minority, and the action bearing her name is brought through Louis Summerfield, "her father and next friend," as the legal phraseology goes.

The foregoing announcements will doubtless have the same effect upon Dawson's public which always attends a case of this kind in the said effete east. It is, therefore, a matter of regret on the part of the *Nugget* that it is compelled to advance the belief that the case in hand will probably reach no further stage—at least, not at any time in the near future. This condition is due to the absence of the defendant and the sensational nature of his sudden disappearance.

It seems that he was accosted on the street not long ago by Mr. Summerfield, who informed the young man in tones intended to be, and which doubtless were, impressive, that he would have to marry his daughter. Max was, therefore, prepared on Saturday last to receive a summons in the action for breach of promise which followed closely upon his refusal to comply with Mr. Summerfield's demands. Coincidentally, it occurred to Mr. Beaver that he had urgent business and social duties demanding his personal attention on the outside, not the least important of which grew out of the recent death of his mother at her home in the Indian Territory. These proved so influential with Mr. Beaver that he at once bade a temporary adieu to the Klondike, not waiting, in fact, for the comforts of one of the Yukon's floating palaces, but embarking in a handy and friendly skiff.

Mr. Lory, the business partner of the defendant, explains Mr. Beaver's sudden departure by saying that his immediate presence on the outside was imperative and that he could not afford to be tied down by the restrictions of a lawsuit which, at the earliest, would not be called for until before September. He believed, he said, that Mr. Beaver would return after attending to his business affairs on the outside and meet Miss Summerfield's charges.

The complaint of the fair plaintiff sets up that Mr. Beaver had promised to marry her after the spring clean-up, but that he had since refused to do so, and that by such refusal she had suffered in the sum of \$10,000. Clement, Pattullo & Ridley are counsel for Miss Summerfield.

'Twas Fairies' Night.

Frank Simons' female extravaganza made a decided and instantaneous hit at the Opera House on Thursday night. Long before the doors opened a crowd of impatient humanity thronged the outer quarters, and when entrance was finally gained the whole lower floor was filled by the waiting crowd. Not less than 700 people crowded in, among them being a fair sprinkling of women and many gentlemen of standing in the community. It was an enthusiastic audience, and the company discovered at once that they were among friends.

The honor of opening the performance was given to Miss Annie Graham, who sang one number with much effect, but was overcome by timidity during the encore. When she gets used to Dawson people she will be a favorite. Nellie Miller followed with new songs and a grace of person that won from the go. Jennie Riggs, a stunning creature in alabaster shoulders and low-cut black waist, won her way to the hearts of her audience with her presence and some catchy new songs well rendered. She was given a curtain call in addition to an encore. Hastings and Hall, two lady balladists, carried the house by storm, so to speak, the audience evidencing that they couldn't get enough of them; Miss Hall, in particular, has a voice of rare merit and high culture. The two promise to be strong favorites with Dawson's playgoers. Ida Rosetta, a little woman with cultivated toes, a pleasing voice and a chic which seems to have been not long from across the water, became a favorite easily. Following was a contortion act of the highest nature by Bessie Pierce, who also brings to her aid a most shapely and fascinating figure. She was applauded to the echo. The Pyne sisters followed with songs and witticisms and made a decided hit. They are smart girls, with talent in their every move. Miss Graham followed with a series of negro songs that took well, though it must be said that it was due in part to a pleasing personality. The Boardmans followed in specialty and came in for their full share of approval.

The show throughout was clean, spirited, sprightly and new; the orchestral renditions

were fine, the costumes were new and fairly stunning, and—but what more is needed. The call bells from the boxes kept up a continual jingle, the popping of corks from wine bottles punctuated every number, liveried waiters were kept on the jump and in other ways was evidence given that the opening was a strong success. Manager Frank Simons came in for a little favorable comment on his display of managerial and executive ability. Taking the house on Monday night at the conclusion of the glove contest, he transformed the place in forty-eight hours into a modern playhouse, with a commodious stage, twelve private boxes and a seating capacity for 600 people, etc. He couldn't put on the finishing touches, of course, but that wasn't expected, and they will come later. Frank has taken an interest with Messrs. Bakke, Wilson & Peterson in the front business, too, and the four will make a team that will be hard to beat.

Four Men Drowned.

The steamer *Florence S.*, a craft of small dimensions but great pretensions in the time of speed, arrived from Bennett Friday under command of Capt. J. E. Fairbairn.

The captain reports that on Saturday last four men, whose names he did not learn, were reported to have drowned while attempting to shoot the White Horse rapids with two scow loads of cattle.

The passengers also reported that the fight between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries had been won by the first named in the first round; but as other reports of the fight, giving conflicting

consummated by July 1. It is estimated that the lumber alone for the flume, which will have to be whipsawed at a cost of \$180 per thousand, will amount to 25,000 feet, and that the entire cost of the ditch and flume will not be less than \$17,000. Mr. Thompson will furnish water for sluicing at a cost of \$1 per inch.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A false alarm from the establishment of Bartlett Bros. called out the fire department on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Crans of Circle City, who had been a guest of Mrs. Ely Weare, left for her home on the John J. Healy Thursday.

It is understood that the regulation prohibiting the use of blinds, curtains and screens in saloons during prohibited hours is to be rigidly enforced hereafter.

Rev. H. A. Maylor of Forty-mile will fill the empty pulpit of the Episcopal church until a regular rector is assigned. He arrived Thursday with his wife and baby.

A number of well-known sporting men left on the John J. Healy for the Cape Nome country, among them being Tom Fluke, Lee Little, Charlie de Long and the Skagit Kid.

John H. Hughes, a Seattle merchant, left for the outside on the Eldorado Wednesday, and upon his return will establish a branch house here for the Seattle Commission Company.

A man with the Jimjams was found on his hands and knees on First avenue busily engaged, in stabbing imaginary snakes on Wednesday. He was taken to the ways by Corporal Wilson.

Mr. L. Cramm, late manager of the Bank of British North America, has been transferred to Ashcroft, B. C. A number of friends gave him a farewell luncheon at the Royal Cafe before his departure, the company consisting of



THEY WILL OBSERVE THE FOURTH.

details had been previously received, the public will need confirmation for this before accepting it.

Court About Over.

The territorial court will probably be called off next week for the summer vacation. Sessions will be resumed Monday, but will probably be continued for a few days only, then will come the long rest until September. Judge Dugas has, as everyone knows, been a hard and conscientious worker, since he went upon the bench, and has justly earned the brief respite from his arduous duties.

Nothing of public importance took place in court this week except the argument in the injunction against the free ferry, and judgment is pending in that.

Drowned in Sevent-Mile.

C. Rondeau, a miner, was drowned in Seventy-mile river on June 5, at a point 32 miles above the mouth. He was working on a bluff overlooking the river, and missing his footing was precipitated into the stream below. His partner rushed to the scene but was unable to lend any aid and the unfortunate man was carried away. The body was found 14 days later, 12 miles below the scene of the accident by Wm. Kerr and Wm. Johnson; these men, assisted by L. Pease, F. Worden and A. E. Gordon took charge of the body and gave it burial on a mound overlooking the river. The effects on the body consisting of \$188 cash and several unimportant articles was left with Mr. Feil, agent for the A. C. Co. at Seventy-mile, to be turned over to Rondeau's partner, Heckodoy.

The deceased leaves a wife and daughter at Tacoma, Wash.

An Expensive Ditch.

Engineer Buck has just completed the survey for a ditch one mile long and a box flume one and a half miles in length to follow from Boulder creek to the benches fronting on Monte Cristo gulch, designed to carry sinice water to the last-named point. A Mr. Thompson is behind the enterprise, which will be

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Corporal Wilson found \$2000 worth of spoiled fish at the Gold Star upon its arrival here this week. He took the health officer, Dr. Good, on board, and the latter condemned the whole consignment.

Most people in Dawson don't know it, perhaps, but it is a fact that Bob Fitzsimmons, the world's champion, made his first appearance in an American ring with Frank Allen, of this city, who gave him a "try out," as it is called.

Through the public spiritedness of certain citizens, who donated \$500 to the cause, and to a like contribution by the Yukon Council, Second avenue from Second to Third streets has been substantially covered with slabs and saw-logs, making a fairly good thoroughfare where bottomless mud once existed.

A rare find was made at No. 23, Eldorado, on the claim of J. McDonald McGe, a few days ago. It was the first remains of an old-time revolver containing one cartridge, which lay on the bedrock at a distance of 32 feet from the surface. There were no indications of a previous excavation there, and the manner in which the old firearm reached the place where it was found is shrouded in mystery.

Klondike enterprise was clearly exemplified on the night of the 21st. When the weary mountaineers who were seeking the mountain night sun, reached the summit of the mountain the first thing to greet their sight was a varied assortment of candies, nuts, cigars and varied drinks offered for sale on the highest obtainable point of land and at correspondingly elevated prices. It is needless to say that the enterprising proprietor drove a lively trade.

The Situation Improved.

LONDON, June 7.—A high authority of the colonial office has informed the Associated Press that the negotiations with reference to the Alaskan situation are in the easiest possible condition.

Notices.

DAWSON, YUKON TERRITORY, June 21, 1899.—We, Frank C. Lory and M. T. Beaver, formerly the members of the firm of Beaver & Lory, carrying on a mining business and other general business, as set out in our articles of partnership, duly filed, at Dawson, in the Yukon territory, under the style of Beaver & Lory, do hereby certify that the said partnership was, on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1899, dissolved, and Frank C. Lory will collect all monies due and pay all indebtedness.

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LEGISLATION FOR LOCAL CURRENCY.

The Yukon Council Tackles a Most Important Problem.

Solicits Relief From the Widespread Ottawa—The Government May Ship Out a Number of Paupers—General Council Proceedings.

At a meeting of the Yukon Council on Thursday evening the pressing question of providing transportation out of the country for a number of paupers was taken up and discussed. As a result a resolution was passed instructing the comptroller to ascertain from the transportation companies what they would charge for taking out their share of the poor. It was also decided to make some arrangements for sending out the insane patients here and having them cared for at some of the British Columbia or Dominion asylums.

The decision of the council to abide by its determination of March 24, that the government shall not be responsible for any patients remaining in the hospitals after June 30, was reaffirmed.

CURRENCY LEGISLATION.

The next matter taken up is of even greater importance and is embodied in the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the commissioner be authorized to report to the government at Ottawa, the deplorable condition of the currency in the Yukon territory generally, setting forth that, at present, gold dust is the principal circulating medium, and that it would appear from observation that every advantage is taken against the producer of the gold dust in the handling of it; and the Yukon Council would respectfully suggest that the provisions of article 275 of the criminal code be amended so as to exculpate all officers and magistrates in the Yukon territory, for violation in carrying it out, and that some provision be made for the proper reception and account for the valuation of gold dust in the Yukon territory.

Just what means will be employed in dealing about the distressed and in the interests of the miners, was left undecided. One plan suggested is to have a public assayer who shall place a value upon all the gold dust in exchange, in order that the miner may get the full value of his dust. Some one has suggested, too, that the use of gold dust as a medium of exchange be prohibited. The council will evidently look to the Ottawa authorities for a solution of the knotty problem. The reference to article 275 of the criminal code is intended to secure relief from the operation of a law which prohibits the buying of gold dust except under certain conditions, and which is in necessity violated by almost everybody in the country, including the officials and employees of the government.

A NEW FIRE ENGINE.

A letter was received from the Mechanics' Association recommending the purchase of another fire engine, and the establishment of a new board of fire commissioners, also the imposition of a \$500 license on transient traders. After a full discussion it was decided that the A. C. Co. be requested to buy a steam fire engine with a capacity of 4,000 gallons per minute and three thousand feet of the best quality of hose.

In response to the petition of Felix Desjardis, asking for improvement to Fourth street, it was decided to bear half the expense, according to the plan in such cases heretofore followed.

It was decided to extend the box drain on Third street in case the necessary funds were found to be available.

Dr. Merryman brought a suit to recover \$1700 for medical attendances upon Mrs. Jack McQuestin and children at Circle City during the winter of 1896-7, and it was laid on Thursday. Before a judgment was given, however, Mr. McQuestin settled the case out of court by the payment of \$1000.

On the Down.

About 150 people, many of whom were ladies, climbed the steep bluff in the rear of town on Wednesday night in search of a view of the far famed midnight sun. Owing, however, to intervening mountains or a prior engagement or some other equally good reason the sun failed to materialize at the appointed hour, much to the disappointment of those who had made the climb.

The beautiful view which takes in the Yukon and Klondike valleys for miles was sufficient compensation to repay the enthusiasts for their efforts in ascending the hill.

At midnight the crowd was brought together by bugle call at a point where American and British flags had been raised, and a programme was rendered, the leading feature of which was an oration by Captain Jack Crawford. Mr. Tennant acted as master of ceremonies.

After the speeches the crowd divided into groups, and lunches which had been brought along were quickly disposed of. When the last of the stragglers had reached Dawson on the return trip it was well along toward 4 o'clock in the morning.

Masonic Banquet.

All Masons are reminded of the banquet to be held at the Regina hotel Saturday evening, June 24, '99, at 8 p. m., in observance of St. John's day.

A pleasing program has been arranged. Tickets can be had from E. H. Langley of the N. A. T. & T. Co., or McWhirran & Johnson.