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HE USED MARKED CARDS

And Was Caught in the Act By Two Slick Constables.

Held Over in Bonds of \$4,000— Little Sympathy Found for the "Fleecer."

On Friday evening last, as Thos Forrest was dealing his blackjack game as usual, a sedate looking young gentleman sat down and joined in the innocent looking pastime. Stakes were cheap, being from 50 cents upwards, and the stranger "flashed" a comfortable roll. In the crowd, near the stranger, stood the unobserved form of Constable Arnold, in full N. W. M. P. uniform. The game progressed nicely as it has done for weeks and months, with the crowd of players losing regularly. Suddenly the quietly dressed stranger picked up a handful of the cards and demanded the rest of the pack. Protests were loud, but unavailing, for the quiet looking stranger proved to be Constable Cunningham in private clothes. The cards were carried to Constable Boothe, who was handling the case for the crown. Investigation readily showed the peculiar markings by which the backs are read by the dealer to the everlasting discomfiture of the players.

On Tuesday Constable Boothe swore out a warrant for the arrest of Thomas

should be held for trial, and fixed the bonds at \$4000.

The peculiarity of the cards, as pointed out by Constable Boothe, is a dash of color on the backs at either end. The colored spot is but a shade different from the general color of the backs, but amongst the scroll work is a long leaf. The position of the dash of color on the leaf indicated the value of the card, from a one spot to nine. The tens, jacks, queens and kings were unmarked, showing the pack to be specially prepared for black-jack purposes, where a ten and a face card counts the same. By leaving only these cards unmarked, they are just as well indicated as if marked like the others.

There is a special Northwest territorial ordinance under which the case is being tried which aims at the suppression of cheating. It specially mentions marked cards and loaded dice, and the maximum penalty of three years imprisonment can be imposed.

Stage to Thirtymile.

Word from up the river is to the effect that the railroad construction company are about to establish a stage line with their unused teams, the line extending from Cariboo crossing to the foot of Lake Lebarge. It will be remembered that all last spring and during the early summer the construction department successfully operated a stage line from the summit of White Pass to Bennett, over the nearly completed grade of the railroad. This it is proposed to do from Cariboo since the finished grade forms an excellent roadway, besides being a cut-off of many miles of dangerous river and lake.

Lake Bennett is closing but slowly this year, and it is believed that navigation of that body of water can be maintained until at least the first of December.

and one giving Quiner the piece of ground he wanted. This was accomplished by switching the base line around, which gave Quiner an angular piece of ground, with the wide end of nearly 800 feet covering the pay streak to a nicety. Commissioner Senkler decided in favor of Quiner, giving him his claim in the center of the unoccupied ground, leaving an unstackable fraction both above and below.

The result of the appeal is to move Quiner up to the line of 76, and to give Smith the ground below.

Some of the facts brought out at the trial were most interesting. A sister of H. C. Quiner was employed in the gold commissioner's office and some of Smith's first papers in the case were mysteriously lost between Messrs. Ogilvie's and Fawcett's office. There were also new stakes found on the claim which favored Quiner, while some of the old ones disappeared or were changed. Altogether, it was a most interesting case.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The proprietors of the Opera house have repainted the saloon and gambling rooms.

Postmaster Hartman expects several bags of mail to arrive from the outside next Saturday.

The electric light company has been busily engaged during the past week, stretching new wires.

W. Bry has built a road from Flagstaff house on the summit to Amack's discovery on Quartz, at an expenditure of \$1000. The road was built by Mr. Bry for the purpose of getting a quantity of machinery to his property, making it

CAPT. O. S. WAUD DEAD.

Succumbs to a Sudden Paralytic Stroke.

Was Working a Lay on Monte Cristo Hill—His Death Entirely Unexpected.

Capt. O. S. Waud, for the past two summers master of the steamer Ora, of the B. L. K. N. Co.'s river fleet, died on Thursday evening of congestion of the brain. Capt. Waud was a member of the partnership firm of Hester, Hardwick & Waud, all of whom have been for some time working a lay on Monte Cristo hill.

Aside from the fact that Capt. Waud had complained to Mr. Hester once or twice of not feeling very well he had exhibited no sign of illness up until a few hours before his death. On Thursday morning Mr. Hester came into Dawson, leaving Capt. Waud at the claim apparently in as good health as ever. In the afternoon Mr. Hester was summoned back to the claim by the news that his partner was dead.

Mr. F. C. Caples, an intimate friend of Capt. Waud and his family, was on the claim at the time the captain's death occurred. He states that Capt. Waud was engaged in doing some light work about the claim when suddenly he was seen to stagger and start for the cabin. He succeeded in entering the door, but was unable to reach his bed



IN THE ABSENCE OF REGULAR SCHOOL SUPPLIES, THE NUGGET SUGGESTS THE PUBLICATION OF A SERIES OF YUKON SCHOOL BOOKS.

Forrest, and on Wednesday he was arraigned before Major Perry. The defense was very weak, consisting of some of the men who "sat in the game for the house," and who said they could not identify the marked cards produced in court as the same they were using on the occasion in question. They acknowledged that the cards used in the game "looked a whole lot like 'em," but it proved a good thing for the prosecution that Constable Arnold had, unknown to the defense, been an eye witness of the whole affair and was able to corroborate Cunningham.

Before the production of Arnold's evidence the defense conceived Cunningham to be the only obstacle to be overcome, and an attack was made upon his character, it being attempted to be shown that it was simply a case of malice and extortion.

The markings of the cards were almost imperceptible and the defense attempted to convince the magistrate that there was nothing seriously the matter. This view of the matter was helped by the fact that Cunningham, who had made the seizure, was not sufficiently familiar with the cards to pick out and name more than three or four cards by the backs. This was more than counterbalanced by Constable Boothe, who, to the chagrin of the defense, was able to read them all off, even after being shuffled by the defending attorney.

Major Perry decided that the man

SMITH GETS HIS GROUND.

Mr. Senkler Reversed in an Important Case.

The Minister of the Interior Decides Against H. C. Quiner and Gives Smith the Valuable Ground.

At last the claim of W. O. Smith vs. H. C. Quiner has been decided on the appeal to Ottawa. The decision, as received by wire from the capital is in the nature of a victory for Smith. Our readers will remember the hard fought case from the time it was before the gold commissioner. W. O. Smith went to work for Quiner on a lay on 76a below discovery on Bonanza. Quiner had staked at a time when fractions could be taken up, and his claim for 400 feet had been allowed. Smith found that if Quiner was held to the upper 400 feet of the ground it would still leave 250 feet below, which today is of course a full claim. He accordingly staked. Then commenced a hard fought battle. Quiner tried to get Smith out of the cabin he occupied with his wife. Smith obtained the ear of the police and their sympathies. Then there was a reversion of feeling and he was put out.

Two surveyors were produced at the trial, one giving Smith the best of it

unnecessary to travel over the old and arduous trail from 47 Eldorado and Chief gulch, over the ridge by way of Little Blanch, Canyon and Calder creeks.

The lovers of skating, in the absence of a proper rink this season, have cleared a place on the ice in front of the barracks and erected pole structures at either end to be covered with a canvas a wind break.

Geo. Lion, owner of the Villa de Lion at West Dawson, is now engaged in preparing a skating rink on the ice near his establishment. He purposes stringing incandescent lamps across the river and will have a comfortable place built for the skaters to rest and warm themselves when tired of skating. He will be ready to open the rink in a short time.

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and fell to the floor, striking his head in the fall. Mr. Caples and others present rushed in and placed the stricken man in bed and a messenger was immediately dispatched for a doctor. Dr. Barrett responded, reaching the cabin at 4:30 p. m. He made a hasty examination and pronounced it a case of congestion of the brain. The captain lingered only for a few moments after the doctor's arrival, dying at 4:45. Deceased has a family consisting of a wife and three children now living at The Dalles, Oregon. He was well known to the traveling public in Dawson, and possessed a host of friends. He was considered one of the best navigators upon the Yukon.

He was a member of the Elks, K. of P. and Odd Fellows, which organizations will probably take charge of the funeral.

Sunday's dinner at the Cafe Royal will be by far the best in Dawson.

Jack Cavanaugh has gone to Grand Forks with a view of assuming the management of the Dewey hotel and saloon.

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