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WEIRD TRAGEDY

Has Lately Been Brought to Light in Norton Sound Country

BY DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL CROWDY

Two Dead Bodies Found and One Man Missing.

HAS BAD LOOK FOR HAINES.

Untimely Fate of Promoters of the Virginia-Alaska Mining Company.

Skagway, April 30.—A weird story of hardships and crime has been brought down from the far north. Shortly after navigation opened in June, 1898, a party composed of D. A. A. Keyser, Wm. W. Wright, of Covington, Virginia, representing the Virginia-Alaska Mining Co., O. W. Scott, of San Francisco and a man named Haines arrived at St. Michael, where they remained for some time, sailing in August for Norton sound.

All trace of the party was lost until late last December when reports of hardships, scurvy and dark hints of atrocious murder reached Nome.

Notwithstanding that a year had elapsed since the men had been heard from, Deputy U. S. Marshal Crowdy left Nome for the Norton sound country to see if he could get any trace of the missing party. From a Kiyuk Indian he learned that the schooner had sailed to the mouth of Iglotulik river, where it was left, the four men going up the river, taking the Indian with them. The latter says that when two days up the river two men were shot, one of them in the mouth and another in the

breast, and that a third whom the Indian says was called "Scotty," ran away. Crowdy took the Indian and went up the river, finding the bodies of Keyser and Wright in a shack where the native said they would be found. On Keyser's body was found a diary which showed that he had lived sometime after being unable to move around. Evidently Scott had returned to the shack, for the last entry in Keyser's diary read: "Scott pulls out and leaves me on my back." How I long for 'Ole Virginny.'"

Some time last year the man Haines arrived at Nome where he told a story about being off on a prospecting trip in the Norton sound country with a man named Keyser, and stated that he had left the latter's dead body in a shack for the reason that he had no tools with which to bury him. Haines worked on the Nome beach last fall and later went below, saying he was going to Portland; but it is believed he went on east. Nothing has ever been heard of Scott and it is supposed that he died of scurvy or starvation.

The strangest feature of the entire affair, all of which is wrapped in mystery, is that Keyser's diary did not state who it was that shot himself and Wright.

Live Stock Coming.

Skagway, April 30.—Burns yesterday shipped to Bennett en route to Dawson two car loads of cattle, one car of hogs and two cars of sheep, all the stock being alive.

A large amount of live stock is already here awaiting shipment to the inside.

Britain Loses Persia.

New York, April 2.—A dispatch to the Herald from Teheran, Persia, says: "British influence and prestige in Persia have completely vanished. Russia is victorious in the diplomatic contest so long continued, and the shah, whose health is now better than some time, is making hasty warlike preparations in his anxiety to demonstrate his sympathy toward Russia."

"The grand sirdariat has ordered the speedy completion of the recruiting of soldiers throughout Persia, according to plans, the carrying out of which has been delayed for years. Reservists will also be enrolled and all officers and privates now on leave of absence will be recalled."

More River Talk.

Several "ready money" fellows who two weeks ago laid wagers on the early going out of the ice, are now endeavoring to hedge their bets. An old Yukon skipper remarked this morning that if this alternating weather continues, the ice will not break before the 20th of May; but that five days of warm sunshine with no freezing at night will cause the bosom of the Yukon to heave very materially.

Fresh goods from the outside at the Star Clothing House.

Happy days at the Rochester Bar.

OUR NEW STORE

A Leader for This Week

Neglige Shirts

Sateen \$1
Cambric \$1
Twill \$1

A New Line of Finely Woven Spring Underwear. Natural Wool and Light Weight.

A New Line of Ladies' Oxford Shoes

A New Line of Gents' Furnishing Goods Clothing and Shoes

2nd St. Opp. Bank B.N.A.

"If You Bought It at Parsons It Must Be Good."

ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River

Sluice, Flume & Mining Lumber

Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike River and at Boyle's Wharf

.....J. W. BOYLE

DECISION GIVEN

In the Case of Wm. E. Thompson, Plaintiff, Vs. Nellie Cashman, Defendant.

JUDGMENT DETERMINES TWO SUITS

Hillside Claim Opposite No. 29 Below on Bonanza

THE PROPERTY INVOLVED.

The Defendant's Ground Is Declared to Be Included in the Claim of Defendant.

This morning, Gold Commissioner Senkler rendered a decision in the case of William E. Thompson, plaintiff, vs. Nellie Cashman, defendant. The action involved the title to a bench claim, left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 29 below discovery on Bonanza creek, for which property the defendant had received a grant. The plaintiff recorded the hillside claim, known as the "Dickey hillside," which is located on the left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 29 below discovery on Bonanza, and he alleged that the "Dickey hillside" of 1000 feet includes the bench to which defendant, Nellie Cashman, had secured title. In addition to the suit of Thompson against Cashman, there is also an action which is entitled Meikle et al., plaintiffs, vs. Cashman, defendant. In this latter case, the plaintiffs, who recorded the hillside claim, left limit, opposite No. 3 Monte Cristo, contend that their hillside extends a thousand feet in length, and includes the ground which is involved in the Thompson vs. Cashman suit. The judgment of Commissioner Senkler disposes of all questions in litigation; and the bench which had been recorded by defendant Cashman is decreed to be included in plaintiff's Bonanza creek hillside.

The text of the judgment is as follows:

"The Dickey hillside location was staked on August 18th, 1898, opposite the lower half, left limit, of No. 29 Bonanza, below discovery. The plaintiff is the present owner of the claim. The defendant obtained a record of the ground on January 25th, 1899. The Dickey claim was staked and recorded as a hillside location. The owners thereof are entitled to all the ground therein contained, with the exception of such portion thereof as conflicts with any prior location. It appears from the evidence that a bench claim staked by one Mousseau opposite 2 and 3 Monte Cristo, left limit, a prior location conflicts with the Dickey claim. The survey of the Mousseau claim is, as far as this point is concerned, the same as Mr. Green's. These surveys show that the front portion of the Dickey claim is connected with the ground in dispute by a neck of ground from 10 to 15 feet wide. The evidence shows that there is a continuous raise from Bonanza to the upper end of said ground, which is less than 1000 feet from the base of the hill on Bonanza; I think, therefore, that as against the defendant Cashman, the plaintiff is entitled to the ground in question, and the grant to Nellie Cashman should be cancelled. The plaintiffs were represented by attorney A. G. Smith; and Mr. F. J. McDougall appeared on behalf of the defendant.

Arrival of Mail.
On Saturday evening, 13 sacks of mail arrived in Dawson from the out-

side. Four of the sacks were consigned to points on the lower river; and they left here in charge of Carrier Downing yesterday morning. The other nine sacks have been sorted; and they are now ready for distribution to the public. The next consignment of mail is expected to arrive in Dawson on Saturday, May 5th. Mr. Davis, of the C. D. Co., asserts that the mail carriers will not be delayed longer than two weeks at any time during the present spring.

Citizens Mass Meeting.

A meeting will be held at the Palace Grand opera house, Saturday, May 5th, 1900, at 8 p. m., to hear the report of the citizens committee to secure representation, and deal with a resolution now on the table, and for the discussion of public questions generally.

The committee has been notified that a motion will be introduced to secure united action of the mine-owners in contesting for the present season the payment of the present illegal and excessive royalty, and also the present proposed illegal and excessive taxation ordinance, and also dealing with the subjects of toll bridges, roads and other public improvements, in the Yukon territory.

Every mine-owner is requested to be present at the meeting which is called pursuant to the adjournment of the citizens mass meeting of March 23d, 1900.

By order

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

Dated at Dawson, Y. T., April 28th, 1900.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

There was only a brief session of Capt. Scarth's court this forenoon, only three cases being up for consideration.

The Blaker case which was held over from Saturday was again continued until Wednesday morning.

In the case of James Mathews, charged with excessive drinking, an order was issued that papers be drawn interdicting him for a period of one year.

Paul Helm, who had sued Chas. Goodwin for \$25 for labor performed, was awarded \$15, it appearing that Helm had not fully carried out his part of the contract.

A Story of Customs.

Mr. James Johnston, formerly one of the proprietors of the blacksmith shop near the corner of Third avenue and Third street, last December purchased a few trinkets of Klondike jewelry which he forwarded by C. D. Co. express for Christmas presents to his wife and children at Telluride, Colorado. Time went on and nothing was heard of the express package which cost Mr. Johnston \$70. Today he received a letter from his wife telling him that she has been informed that the package is still at Victoria, and that it can not be entered into the United States until customs duty to the amount of \$42 is paid thereon. The lady writes that she wrote and ordered the package returned to her husband in this place.

Mr. Johnston does not state which branch of politics he used while on the outside, but if he was a howling protectionist, it is probable that the little jewelry episode will cause him to pause and reflect.

Four More Eagles.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Eagles last night four candidates scaled the dizzy heights and were received into full membership. After the business of the meeting had been transacted the regular social session was in order, at which the usual effervescent time was enjoyed. The meeting was largely attended, the commodious hall being crowded.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

RUMORS OF WAR

From the Philippines Are Something of a Record Breaker.

120 SKIRMISHES SINCE JANUARY 1

Ten Officers and Seventy-eight Men Killed.

1,400 INSURGENTS KILLED.

The Situation Is Gradually Becoming Pacific—Leading Insurgents Surrendering.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—Gen.

Otis has cabled to the war department, probably with a view to correcting the erroneous impressions that exist in this country as to the state of the insurrection in the Philippines, a summary of the rise and development of the campaign since the first of the calendar year. His figures go far toward offsetting a belief that exists in some quarters that since the adoption of guerrilla methods of warfare the insurgents have inflicted substantial losses upon American armies in comparison with the punishment which they have received. A significant sentence in the report differentiates the insurgents and Ladrone, showing that Otis has taken cognizance of the fact that a considerable number of hostiles are not soldiers under the rules of war and may not expect the same treatment. The report, which is dated Manila, April 5, is as follows:

"Since January 1, 120 skirmishes in the Philippines have been reported, mostly slight affairs. Our casualties were 10 officers and 78 enlisted men killed, 13 officers and 151 men wounded. The insurgents and Ladrone loss in killed and left on the field, 1426; captured (mostly wounded) 1453, small arms secured, 3051; pieces of artillery, 165; large captures of other insurgents' property. A number of important insurgent officers are surrendering and the situation is gradually becoming more pacific.

Bank Men Ill.

Messrs. Wills and McMullen of the Canadian Bank of Commerce are both laid up with the grippe. Neither gentleman is seriously ill, but both are feeling sufficiently under the weather to remain within rooms most of the time.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 65 degrees above zero. The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 26 degrees above.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Will the party who took a book from the dressing-room of the McDonald hall, Saturday night, return it to the Nugget office.

Ladue Co.

Has received its beautiful Calendars for 1900 and cordially invite the people of Dawson and vicinity to call and select one for their homes.

Fine Groceries

Our Stock Is Still Complete

..Steam Fittings..

A full line has been brought in over the ice. Special prices in quantities.

Bar Glassware

A Choice Selection

Ladue Co.

Gents' Furnishing Goods Specials

We Have Gained Our Ground	SCARF TIES	Regular \$1.00, Special, 50c.
Our Patronage Is Increasing Daily	BLACK SATIN SHIRTS	Regular \$3.00 Special 2.50
And We Propose To Stand Our Ground.	ELASTIC RIBBED UNDERWEAR	Regular \$8.00 Special 5.00
	OUR WELL-KNOWN WORKING SHIRT	Regular \$2.00 Special 1.00
	BLUE FLANNEL SHIRT	Our Extra Quality Regular \$4.00 Special 3.00
	A Complete Line of Clothing Suits from \$15.00 Up.	JUMPERS

The Ames Mercantile Co. F. JANSEN, Resident Mgr.