

### THE MAN WHO SHOT COWIE

Interviewed by the "Nugget" for the Benefit of its Readers.

The Case of the Prisoner and History of his Life—Cowie a 200-Pound Man of Great Strength.

Thursday afternoon a NUGGET representative called upon P. C. Burnett at the jail to see how he stands his long confinement awaiting his trial for the murder of Jim Cowie on board the Ora at the foot of White Horse rapids last August. The prisoner was pleased to meet the scribe and under advice from his attorneys, Pattiolo & Ridley, was most circumspect in his conversation whenever it veered towards the fatal day which cost Cowie his life. It will be remembered that Burnett was pursuer of the Nora and Cowie steward of the Ora. The general impression of the passengers and crew who brought the news to Dawson and whose story was published in lieu of anything more substantial was that Cowie was a very inoffensive old man and Burnett a quarrelsome young one who carried a gun habitually. From various persons who knew Cowie and who are now in Dawson we learn that the deceased was a perfect Hercules for strength and a terror to all with whom he came into fistle encounter which at one time occurred very frequently. Fifteen years ago he owned a saloon in Victoria, B. C., and was a heavy drinker. Under the influence of liquor he would fight like one possessed of a demon, and with his athletic build and enormous strength, it was not infrequently that he would "clean out" a whole crowd of fellows in short order. A few years ago he quit drinking and acquired a reputation for big heartedness and good fellowship. Nevertheless the men who occasionally met him in encounter all had good reasons afterwards to remember Cowie's fighting qualities.

The case for the defense is not known as the prisoner and his attorneys believe it unwise for the man on trial to talk. From other sources it would appear that there are circumstances in the case which do not show Burnett in as bad a light as popularly conceived. The revolver with which Cowie was killed was the property of the boat on which Burnett was pursuer and is one of the kind furnished by the company to each of its pursuers and is usually kept in the office. One of Burnett's duties was to visit the boat below the rapids and assume charge of whatever dust or other valuables were going south and it is supposed that the revolver was carried merely to protect the valuables and gold he expected to carry back with him over the trail to the head of the canyon. On this occasion the company had an office tent on the bank and there the two men met. The story is that Cowie accused Burnett of telling certain things about him and proceeded to punish him most severely. Burnett is a small man, badly ruptured and had the pursuer's revolver with him yet refrained from using it though his eyes were almost ruined in the unequal fray.

Burnett had still to sign receipts, etc., and is supposed to have gone aboard the boat for that purpose. Cowie had preceded him and in a second assault was shot and died next day.

Burnett wanted a trial at once while witnesses of the altercation were plenty, but there was no court in the territory and so he was bound over to the first sitting of a criminal court which should have jurisdiction. His attorneys have applied to be heard at once, but at the request of the prosecution the case has been held over until December.

Burnett is 46 years of age and weighs about 140 or 150 pounds when in good flesh. He talks freely of his past which has been a life of active employment. He has been married 21 years and his wife accompanied him as far as Tagish and returned to the outside just after the calamity which confines him behind the bars. Born in Louisiana he followed steamboating, merchandising and live stock dealing until 1890, when he came west to the state of Washington. Real estate dealing and ranching occupied his time until he ran for sheriff of Whatcom county on the Democratic ticket in '93 and was defeated. Until he started for Dawson last fall he has been the postmaster of Sumas and general manager and bookkeeper of the Puget Sound Sawmill and Shingle Co. From the day he landed in Skaguay until the day of his arrest he was in active employment, except when sickness prevented.

Long confinement is not conducive to either good health nor good looks and, though the prisoner by his own statement has received the very best of treatment he complains of a considerable degree of ill-health. Naturally he complains at the long delay in getting a trial, for he fears his last witnesses may follow the balance up the river to the outside.

**An Revolt.**  
On Monday the Klondike will lose temporarily a man whom the history of the development of the Yukon territory, given in years to come, will mention as of equal importance with the first discoverer of gold on Bonanza. There is a trite saying that "he who makes two blades of grass to grow where one grew before is a public benefactor." If this be true, what title shall we give Mr. J. A. Acklin, the young and energetic gentleman who has demonstrated at his

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own expense the past summer, that this frozen north land is capable of agriculturally supporting a great population long after the last part of auriferous gravel shall have passed through the sluices? With help from none and discouragements diverse and multitudinous he has persisted in a course mapped out for himself, and has proven beyond cavil, not only that scientific gardening is possible but is an actual reality at the present time, for success crowned his efforts, and many a Dawson table the past summer has been dressed with luscious Klondike grown vegetables, equal in quality if not in size with anything ever grown in the sunny land of California, from which state Mr. Acklin hails. The number of experiments which had to be made in the early summer before a successful location for a garden was found, and the enormous price of labor contributed to make Mr. Acklin's first year anything but a financial success, yet with his partner, Mr. Morley, he is preparing on an extensive scale to dig and plant and experiment with every agricultural product of Canada. Even flowers are to be grown; and it is an open question which will give the greater pleasure to Dawsonites, carnations or turnips. Vast green houses are being built in order that plants may be given a good start before the summer sun shall make it safe to plant in the open ground. Large and handsome quarters have been built at the gardens for the owners and employees. Tons of seeds are on the ground ready for planting, and indeed every preparation for the coming year is well on its way.

Mr. Acklin is a gentleman of intensity—that is to say everything he does is done with vigor, with a persistent effort which can have but one termination—success. He goes out on Monday partly to interview the officials at Ottawa in regard to the securing to himself the small fragment of the earth's surface on which he is conducting his experiments. With so many millions of unused non-mineral land lying outdoors in this territory it would be a particularly ungracious act on the part of the government to refuse so modest a request. Indeed, Governor Ogilvie is recommending that it be done, and if the power laid in his own hands would probably have secured the land to Mr. Acklin long before this.

On Thursday evening a large party of friends gathered at the residence of Mr. Acklin to bid John L. Gage and himself farewell. Music and refreshments were provided and the floor cleared for dancing. Toasts to the travellers and to the success of the trip were given, and Messrs. Acklin and Gage will carry with them the recollection of as pleasant an evening as ever was spent either in or out of Dawson.

**The Wondroscope.**  
Pioneer hall has been secured for Friday and Saturday nights for an exhibition of the finest collection of moving pictures ever seen yet. Scenes and incidents in the late Hispano-American war, warships in action, etc., are in abundance and the machine is in the hands of an expert. Mr. Fred N. Tracy, the wonderful singer, will be heard in illustrated songs. The Wondroscope company also has a grand collection of stereopticon views, and altogether it will be the best entertainment ever witnessed for the small sum of \$1. It appears, very fortunately, that some of the ships of Dewey's fleet had moving picture machines aboard and still more fortunate that some of them were just at the right distance to get a panoramic view of some of the main incidents of the battle of Manila. It goes without saying that the capacity of the hall will be tested to the utmost both evenings.

**Red Men.**  
The members of the Improved Order of Red Men will meet Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock to make final arrangements for the fraternal hall entertainment. All are requested to be there. Place of meeting, Dawson Spring & Mattress Factory, East Third street.  
C. S. WERNER, President.

**Called It Off.**  
The race to the coast by Messrs. Acklin and Woods to commence next Monday is off. Each man already had up a forfeit of \$250, but Woods has been losing health for some days and had to abandon all thoughts of a race. Mr. Acklin was entitled to the forfeit money but generously returned it to the sick man.

There is a fine line of patent medicines at the Pioneer Drug Store, E. Shoff, prop'r, cor. Second Avenue and Second Street.

W. M. Wilson, chairman of the committee on printing for the joint benefit of the fraternal societies Wednesday evening, has gotten up a beautiful silk badge for the occasion. They can be obtained at "The Bodoga."

Mr. Geo. G. Centwell late of Juneau, Alaska, is doing the outside photographic work for E. A. Hegg.

### WANTED!

**2000 Letters for the Outside.**

**MONDAY, NOV. 21**  
The undersigned will leave Dawson for the outside by dog team. We will carry a limited amount of mail and guarantee delivery of same. We will also give special attention to the transaction of business that may be entrusted to us and will undertake and guarantee the delivery of drafts in person or at the Seattle post office and we also agree to make a receipt for every letter from the Seattle postmaster and on return to Dawson will publish same in the NUGGET. Our headquarters until time of departure will be

**THE KLONDIKE NUGGET OFFICE.**  
Letters may be left there or given to the agents of the NUGGET on the creeks. A complete list of all the mail will be taken and kept on file in the NUGGET office. Charges will be ONE DOLLAR for each ounce or fraction thereof. Have made the trip from the coast to Dawson over the ice and are thoroughly equipped to make the best possible time. References as to responsibility, etc., furnished on application.  
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**Mail for Forty-Mile.**  
Private mail for Forty-Mile and Eagle City will leave Thursday morning, November 17. Leave letters with Nugget Express in the Phoenix.

**Money to Loan.**  
on gilt edge security. Apply at NUGGET office.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**FOUND**—An overcoat at the great fire; owner can get the same from the police by proving property and paying charges; coat was handed police by unknown man.

**FOUND**—If person who handed his overcoat to a stranger during the fire on Oct. 14, will call at this office he can secure the coat by paying for this ad.

**LOST**—Brown puppy, two months old. Cross between Malamoot and St. Bernard. Leave at NUGGET office and receive reward.

**FOUND**—White and red bird dog; came to my cabin last Tuesday; owner can secure dog by paying advertising charges; Tom Rockwell, Dominion Saloon.

**FOUND**—A grey mare, weight about 1100, owner can have same by applying at NUGGET office and paying charges.

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WANTED—By respectable young lady, position as housekeeper and cook; will go to any of the creeks; apply at this office.

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