

ANOTHER KID WEST STORY

The Seattle Times Says He Is in Dawson.

Having Been Brought In Secretly for a Purpose. A Tough Character—Story Doubtful.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Under the heading, "Is Now at Dawson," the Seattle Times of January 1 prints the following story which is not true as late telegraph reports assert that Kid West is still in the Seattle jail, having been brought there from Walla Walla on the proposed trip to Dawson: Kid West, the convict from this state, has ere this undoubtedly given whatever evidence he held bearing on what is known as the O'Brien murder case at the Klondike capital. Notwithstanding that the departure of West in charge of officers was prematurely announced it was intended to be a profound secret until he had appeared at the hearing. West was taken from this city with the utmost secrecy. While his departure was known to several, including the newspaper fraternity, it had been generally understood that nothing was to be said about the matter, as on the quietness of his leave taking depended much of the success of the prosecution of O'Brien. However, through some misunderstanding or breach of confidence the story was published and the knowledge of West's approach reached Alaska. For this reason the officers in charge of West used the utmost secrecy in taking him down the river and carefully avoided even the stations of the mounted police—so carefully in fact that Sgt. Graham, in command of the Whitehorse force of the Northwest mounted police, took a trip to Skagway for the purpose of learning the truth of the statement that West was on his way down the river.

There was still another reason of the avoidance of traveled trails by Detective Seely and his protege besides the fact that the prosecution was unwilling to have O'Briens' attorneys know of West's advent and that is this: West knows the whereabouts of George O'Brien's "plant," and in this cache made by the murderer are supposed to be not only a large quantity of goods stolen from parites along the trail but some evidence of his alleged greatest crime, the murder of Relfe, Clayton and Olson. West, himself, previous to his departure for Alaska, while in the King county jail, told a Times reporter that he was wanted for this trip more because of this knowledge than from any other fact.

"But they will never get that stuff," said he. "I intend to have that myself if any one does. If those people get me into Dawson they're doing more than I think they will."

West went on to state that when his departure had been arranged for in October he had all plans laid for a "get away," including communications with friends who were to help him on the steamer Cottage City. At that time he wrote a letter addressed to his parents in Chicago, stating that the authorities were endeavoring to take him to Alaska to testify against O'Brien and further stating that he never intended to get to Dawson; in the second place, if he ever was taken in he never would testify.

Just how successful the efforts of the Canadian officers will be remains to be seen. West is in charge of some of the best of the Dominion detectives, men accustomed to such tasks. James Seely, who was instrumental to a large extent in getting his story, was one of the party who took O'Brien down to Dawson after his capture. Seely's story of the trip with O'Brien, as he told it to a Times reporter during his stay in this city is interesting in the extreme. The prisoner was taken more in the manner of a guest than a prisoner. He rode in a dog sled heavily wrapped in furs.

"When he wanted to warm up, said Seely, "we'd let him take a run entirely unshackled, but accompanied by a police officer. When we would stop at night, one of the mounted police in the party would sleep beside the prisoner, shackled with him, wrist to wrist, and it was funny to see the way the men hated to have this task assigned to them. They hated it, not because of the danger, but because of the charge on which O'Brien was held. O'Brien was a model prisoner, and we had no trouble. He is a very intelligent man, but said little to any one on that trip. We will take West in the same manner if he goes at all."

From this statement, made some time ago, it is very evident that West, was desperate as he is known to be, will

have a very uphill road to make any dash for liberty.

In connection with the O'Brien murder the following from the Daily Alaskan of December 22 is of interest:

"The mounted police fear that there may be attempts at robbery on the Yukon trail this winter, and are taking every precaution to prevent a repetition of the awful Minto tragedy of last Christmas day.

"The police say that the practice of shuffling of women out of the Yukon saloons and variety theaters has thrown a large element out of employment. Among the women and their consorts, who live from their shame, they say are many who are naturally vicious, and when the boxes in back rooms of theaters and saloons are denied them, it is feared that they may take more desperate methods of raising the money that they will not work for.

Dogs and the Pound.

Dogs that bark and some that growl, some that could not stand the test of an insanity commission, pups and veterans of the trail whose antiquity can be surmised from their appearance, and almost every old breed from the siwash who glories in the soulful name of "Hootch" to the well bred Siberian hound. These are what grace the confines of the pound on Second street near Fifth avenue, where this morning there were 15 doggies, and where before night there is likely to be more than double that number, as Poundkeeper Anderson has put on two catchers who are expected to make short work of clearing the streets of the large number of dogs now at large and apparently harmless.

The statement made not long since to the effect that a shed had been built over a nice cool snow bank for the captured dogs to sleep in, is not true, at least as applied to conditions existing at present, as there is a good warm shelter for dogs, and plenty of warm clean straw for them to sleep in.

Warm food is cooked for them, and between meals there is always horse meat to lunch on, and they are provided with water at regular times each day, so that it will be seen that the poor starving brute met with so often upon the streets daily, is lucky when the pound man gets him, as he is then sure of 30 days in a sinecure, with a home at the end of that time; with a master who will perhaps make him work, but will surely provide him with food, or, what is perhaps the more fortunate alternative, sudden death.

The dogs are kept for 30 days, instead of 20 as has been stated, when, if they cannot be sold, they are shot.

But one case of madness has been thus far encountered at the pound, and that was yesterday morning, when one of the newly captured dogs was found to be a little short on mental poise, and was promptly shot. Fortunately his condition was discovered before he bit any of the other animals, so that no damage was done.

Another mad dog was shot yesterday afternoon by a constable. The owner, whose name is Faulkner, reported his suspicions concerning his dog to the police who called upon Schoff the veterinary to decide the matter. He said the dog was mad and it was at once shot.

An "Out" Whistle.

It is generally the practice in outside cities of sufficient population to maintain a paid fire department to blow a short sharp blast of an engine whistle when a fire is put out or when it is discovered that an alarm, has been false. Yesterday the suggestion was made in the local column of the Nugget that if such a course were followed in Dawson it would save much trouble and anxiety to property owners and tenants.

Especially is this applicable to the winter months when small fires are of frequent occurrence, and the air thick with smoke and vapor hangs in thick folds about all objects at a distance of 50 feet. At such times when an alarm is sounded people cannot tell anything about where a fire is unless it happens to be in their immediate neighborhood, and a large fire might be burning a few blocks away and no one be any the wiser for it.

Chief Stewart of the fire department was seen last evening regarding the matter and coincided with the views expressed in the Nugget, saying that he would act upon the suggestion if possible.

After an alarm of fire it sounded if a single blast of the whistle is heard, it will signify that the fire is out.

For Rent.

Office room in McLennan-McFeeley building. Heated with hot air. Apply McLennan-McFeeley store. crt

Hay and oats in ton lots, 10c. = Brien & Clements, brokers, Second avenue. c23

Salinas Valley potatoes for sale at Lancaster & Calderhead's. crt

Fresh carrots and turnips at Meekers'.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate Scarth opened court for a full house this morning, several criminal cases being up for hearing.

The first prisoner in the box was Dennis Pulford, who was charged with the theft of a gold watch of the value of \$100, the property of Thos. D. Green. The evidence showed that last November Green was out with a surveying party for which Dennis Pulford was cook, and as the cook had to be up and doing before daylight in the morning, Green loaned him his watch so he could get up on time. One day Pulford came to Dawson and "soaked" the watch to Uncle Hoffman for \$20. Pulford pleaded guilty and said he had nothing to offer in extenuation of his act. For the coming two months his name will be Dennis in every sense of the word, while he contributes his time and muscle to the reduction of fuel in the crown reducing works.

Chas. Purdy, Canadian, and Geo. Dennison, American, are partners in a wood permit located on the trail back of the classic town of Moosehide. Charles was in court on the complaint of George that he had used insulting language towards him. It came out during the trial that each man had, in uncomplimentary terms, referred to the other's nationality, likewise his ancestry. It also came out that Dennison is a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief in that he has trouble with almost everyone with whom he has dealings and has to invoke the aid of the police, although, according to his own statement, he is personified peacefulness. Purdy's attorney, Alex Howden, raised the point that the charge was brought under the wrong section, whereas it should have been brought for assault. The point was sustained by the court who informed Dennison that he could lay a new information. The court also warned Purdy to be more careful in applying epithets in the misty future.

William Albert Johnson, a boy 20 years of age, was up on the charge of stealing gold dust from the claim, No. 15 Gold Run. Attorney W. E. Burritt appeared for the boy and as his client pleaded guilty to the charge, asked for leniency for him. The boy's father also testified as to his son's previous good character and the claim owners and foreman asked for a mild sentence, which was imposed, ten days at hard labor being the penalty.

The Curling Club.

There was a good practice game of curling at the rink Monday night when it was decided to begin last night on the previously arranged schedule of games, which was between the teams "skipped" by Mr. Norquay and W. D. Bruce. The score was 16 to 15 in favor of Bruce. Tonight the teams led by "Chief," Wills and Col. Rourke will contest for honors.

The Weather.

There was a remarkable variation in the temperature during the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning, the minimum being 22 below and the maximum 22 above zero in that time, a variation of 44 degrees. The above is the record kept by Sergeant Major Tucker, official weather officer.

From all the creeks reached by telephone come reports of a variation almost as great as that experienced in Dawson. At the Forks this morning the temperature was 16 above, Gold Run 14, Dominion 16, Sulphur 17, Eldorado 17.

Mr. TeRoller Talks.

Mr. Te Roller, chairman of Good Samaritan Hospital Board, when asked what he had to say in reference to a lady patient being refused entrance to that institution, said:

"We positively deny that she was refused entrance, and discredit the report that Dr. Hurdman made the assertion. I am informed that Dr. Hurdman applied for entrance for this lady in behalf of the authorities. He was advised by the hospital superintendent that no provision had been made by the council for cases of this nature, and that it would be necessary that there was some understanding before he could admit her, as was the custom in all cases of an unusual character. Any person with ordinary intelligence will at once allow that special nursing both day and night is absolutely necessary, where mother and child are concerned. Instead of having one ordinary patient, there are two and both needing more than ordinary care."

"With reference to the \$15 per day covering all expenses, will say that this charge was requested of the government and was made on the basis of actual cost and was probably underestimated. I would ask any informed and unprejudiced citizen of Dawson whether he can provide in a case of this nature accommodation, medical attendance, medicines, day and night nurses, laundry and other incidental expenses for \$15 per day? Does any one for a moment imagine that the government authorities would seriously ask the hospitals to undertake the care of such patients for \$2.50 per day? Is there anyone ignorant enough to imagine that there is sufficient profit in \$2.50 per day for the care of indigent patients to allow cases of an extraordinary nature to go at the same rate? It costs most people in this locality more than \$2.50 per day to simply exist let alone pay-

ing for medical attendance, nursing, medicines, etc."

No Outside Mail.

The statement in yesterday's paper that mail left Whitehorse Saturday and was due to arrive here Thursday evening referred only to way mail, as no outside mail has been received at Whitehorse for nearly two weeks nor will any reach that place until the railroad gets over being snowed under and trains can be operated. There is now no outside mail on the river.

ANOTHER CORPS.

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ment to be for three years in the first instance. If not less than 1000 men are raised, special transport will be provided."

Men who have already served in South Africa are preferred. If 1000 or more Canadians volunteer for this service, it is the intention of the imperial government to offer ten captaincies and fifteen lieutenantcies in the force to qualified officers of the Canadian militia.

IRISH TURNS AND TWISTS.

The Uncensurable Humor That Crops Out In the Green Isle.

The author of "Irish Life and Character" says truly that one has only to mix with an Irish crowd to hear many a laughable expression, quite innocently uttered. As the Duke and Duchess of York were leaving Dublin in 1897, amid enthusiastic cheering, an old woman remarked:

"Ah! Isn't it the fine reception they're gettin, goin' away?"

In 1892 Dublin university celebrated its tercentenary, and crowds of visitors were attracted to the city. Two laborers, rejoiced at the general prosperity, expressed their feelings.

"Well, Tim," said one, "thim tar-cintinaries does a dale for the thrade of Dublin, and no mistake."

"Oh, fax they do!" said the other.

"And whin, with the blessin of God, we get home rule, sure we can have as many of thim as we please."

An old woman, seeing a man pulling a young calf roughly along the road, exclaimed:

"Oh, you bla'guard! That's no way to thrate a fellow crather."

"Sure," said a laborer to a young lady who was urging him to send his children to school, "I'd do anything for such a sweet, gintlemanly lady as yourself."

Again, the laborers on a large estate decided that it would be more convenient for them if they could be paid every week instead of every fortnight. One of their number was sent to place their proposition before the land agent, and this was his statement:

"If you please, sir, it's me desire, and it is also every other man's desire, that we resave out fortnight's pay every week."

An exasperated sergeant, drilling a squad of recruits, called to them at last:

"Halt! Just come over here, all of ye, and look at yourselves. It's a fine line ye're keepin, isn't it?"

COMING AND GOING.

W. Long, of Dominion, is down from that district on a short business trip.

Steamboat men are beginning to sign contracts for work during the coming season.

H. A. Slater, a Vancouver merchant, came in from Whitehorse yesterday and is registered at the Regina.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blick, of Hunker creek, are in town or a few days, and are stopping at the McDonald.

The Wilson damage suit is now engrossing the attention of the territorial court.

Reports from the Dome today say the mercury stood at 16 above zero this morning at which time a strong wind was blowing.

E. O. Sylvester, who recently became one of the Dewey hotel proprietors at Grand Forks, came down from there this morning.

The continued rise in the temperature is having its effect upon business as well as travel. The freight movement to the creeks is growing stronger.

A man named Perkins employed on claim 40 Eldorado, fell 30 feet down a shaft yesterday evening, receiving serious though not fatal injuries.

A man was painfully injured on claim 17 on Eldorado, on Monday, but no particulars could be obtained further than that he is on the road to recovery.

Early this morning Dawson was treated to a stiff gale of wind which awakened the sleepers in nearly every house in town.

Caribou Sinclair has been matched to go ten rounds with Ed. Collier, the colored giant. The event will probably occur at the Savoy theater on the first of next month.

Coal of a very good quality is reported to have been discovered in the immediate vicinity of Whitehorse. It is said to stand a very favorable burning test compared with other native coals along the Yukon.

If arrangements could be made by the fire department whereby one sharp blast of the whistle could be sounded when fires are finally extinguished, or when it becomes known that an alarm is false, it would save many an anxious moment for those who happen to have property in town not occupied by themselves.

The sheriff, through the town police station, has notified Third avenue residents that the street must be cleared of its present incumbrances. The sheriff is acting under an ordinance which provides that within a certain period after receiving notification if such things as unnecessarily block the highway, they shall be seized and sold.

I. O. O. F. Meeting.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the Odd Fellows Relief Association of the Yukon will be held in Dr. Cassell's office, A. C. office building, at 8 o'clock tonight. Every Odd Fellow in the city is asked to be present.

Hockey Tonight.

Now that the weather has moderated the hockey fever has again broken out and advantage will be taken of the favorable opportunity for reducing the length of the game schedule. Tonight the A. C. Co. and Civil Service teams will contest for honours. The game will begin at 8 o'clock.

Information Wanted.

A. Turat, acting vice-consul for France, has received some inquiries about A. Prevost Desmarchaix and Leon Liar. Anyone having any knowledge of them please send information. Box 173, P. O.

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