

THE NEW JUDGE OF ALASKA.

The Recent Appointee Hails From the State of Montana.

His Appointment Was Very Much of a Surprise to the Coast Congressmen—Special Meeting of Council.

Concerning the appointment of the new judge for Alaska, a late Washington telegram says:

"The nomination by the president of Melville C. Brown as United States judge for Alaska, was a great surprise to all members of the Pacific coast. Only one or two had heard of his candidacy. Senator Foster and Representative Jones and Cushman were of the opinion that no appointment would be made until the Alaska bill passed, but Judge Johnson, who presented his resignation some time ago, insisted that he be relieved without delay.

"Judge Brown has been a practicing attorney at Laramie, Wyo., for the past 25 years, and is nearly 60 years of age. It is said he was supported by Senator Warren, of his own state but not by Senator Clark. He was a candidate against Clark at the last session of the Montana legislature.

"Perhaps the most powerful influence brought to bear in Judge Brown's behalf, came from New York. Judge Dillon, of New York city, a famous attorney in so many railroad reorganization matters, wrote a strong letter to the president in support of Judge Brown, whom he had known in Wyoming as an attorney for the Union Pacific when Judge Dillon was its chief counsel in New York. He has also two relatives in California who hold prominent positions on the Southern Pacific system.

"It is the pending bill for the creation of three judgeships in Alaska is passed, the Washington delegation hopes to secure the appointment of Judge Wick-ersham, of Tacoma, to one of the additional judgeships."

Special Council Meeting.

Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the members of the Yukon council held a special session.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition was received from Messrs. Wiley and associates asking for incorporation. Referred to the committee on private bills.

A communication was received respecting a sick and destitute person on Adams gulch, and asking for instructions. The clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Primrose to have the man brought to Dawson and placed in the hospital, if he considered that this should be done.

Mr. Clement moved the third reading of the ordinance respecting taxation (Dawson). The debate on this was adjourned until the next meeting.

Wood Goes Up.

Fire wood is higher in Dawson today than at any time during the past winter when \$22 per cord was the highest figure reached. Two weeks ago it dropped down to \$16 per cord, as those who had supplies on hand wished to dispose of it in order to get it delivered while the roads were in good condition for hauling. But suddenly the snow departed and the price of wood, which had been at \$16 only two days, jumped to \$25 per cord, the price now asked. People who invested during the short period of cheapness are now intimating that they are smarter than ordinary folk.

Hester at Skagway.

The gilt edge figure of 50 cents a pound will be paid for hay and oats in Dawson before the opening of navigation. Feed that was blocked along the river will be at princely prices. The plungers who are taking great quantities of meat to Dawson run the risk of losing big sums of money. The time limit for starting from Dawson to Nome over the ice is up, and the Klondike dog market is expected, as a consequence, to fall flat. This, says the Alaskan, is the report given in short by R. M. Hester, a trader who arrived yesterday to buy stock in Skagway for the Klondike market.

Mr. Hester gives an interesting review of the conditions at Dawson when he left, two weeks ago, and of the trail and the great ceaseless caravan of fortune hunters, traders and others he met on his journey. He says:

"By actual count I met more than 500 horses on my way from Dawson to Bennett. There were no doubt more between the two points than I saw, because I came by way of the cutoff from Whitehorse to Caribou, and nearly all freighting teams are going around by Tagish. Five hundred horses, of course,

also means 500 men and many tons of freight on the road.

"I met quantities and quantities of beef. By the time the bulk of the meat now on the way to Dawson is laid down there, the price will be below the profit point. Meat will not be worth anything, and some of the traders who have plunged heavily will be bankrupt."

An Extensive Traveler.

Mr. R. C. Deihl, who arrived in Dawson for the first time last August and who left in a few weeks for Nome, reached here over the ice from Bennett Saturday evening, having gone south from Nome on one of the last steamers to sail from that port last fall. He brought a cargo of merchandise with him on this trip, which he will dispose of and return to the coast over the ice. He hopes to reach Seattle in time to take passage on one of the first steamers sailing from there to Nome. Mr. Deihl at one time owned and managed opera houses and theaters in several of the principal cities of Colorado.

Matlock's First Consignment.

The first consignment of merchandise from the four scows owned by Hon. W. F. Matlock which were frozen in up the river last fall arrived in Dawson Saturday evening and consists of all 16 Oregon draught horses could haul over the ice. With usual behavior on the part of the weather and river trail, Mr. Matlock expects to have all his stock transported to this city within a short time.

T. M. Daniels Appointed.

The Yukon Flyer Transportation Company has commenced active operations for the season and on April 1st will open a permanent office on the Aurora dock. Mr. T. M. Daniels has been appointed agent of the company at Dawson and is now busy engaged in completing the necessary arrangements for the sale of tickets and reservation of state rooms.

Over the Ice.

A party composed of seven prominent Seattleites arrived in Dawson yesterday over the ice from Bennett. They are J. Y. Ostrander, A. A. Lindsley, Col. Powers, Messrs. Murray, Hastings, Downs and Knopstein. They traveled by horse sleds and had a pleasant and uneventful trip. They expect to remain in Dawson until the opening of navigation and possibly throughout the summer.

Cashier Maynard Leaves.

Mr. Arthur E. Maynard, formerly cashier of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in this city, left this morning on a bicycle for Closeleigh to assist in the operation of a branch bank which will be established at that place. If there is not too much water on the trail Mr. Maynard thought of attempting a record breaking trip up the river as he makes some pretensions of being an adept at wheel riding. Mr. Maynard leaves hosts of friends in Dawson who wish him all imaginable good luck in his new field of labor.

Free and Accepted Masons.

Thirty members of the Masonic fraternity responded to the call for a meeting in Fraternity hall Saturday evening. A temporary organization was effected, with H. Douglass, chairman, and Hospital Sergeant McIntosh, of the Yukon field force, secretary. A great degree of interest was manifested and the organization will doubtless be made permanent. Another meeting will be held Saturday night of this week at the same time and place.

Will Keep Cool.

A party of "rear rangers" is now busy cutting ice from the river and filling the several royal ice houses in the neighborhood of the barracks in order that when the piercing rays of the summer sun pour down the residents on the reservation may keep themselves as cool and placid as though they lived in a sylvan glen at the base of some glacier. A number of the prisoners have been transferred from the fuel factory to the river and are now engaged in carving out crystal blocks whose purity is in striking contrast to the "mug" of the carver.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 36 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time, was 22 degrees above.

More Money Wanted.

The present outlook for sluicing on the various creeks is such that the operators expect to be compelled to save water once used and train it back into their reservoirs or dams for use again and again. One big operator is authority for the statement that this economic use of water will necessitate the employment of many more men on the "tailings" than would be otherwise required and in case there was an abundance of water. Just at present it looks as though the supply of water will

be so limited that as to greatly retard the work of cleaning up the big dumps with which the various creeks are dotted from end to end as what little snow fell during the winter is oozing so rapidly now as to leave but little, if any, for the time when the water found by its melting will be so greatly needed.

Wheel Brigade Coming.

Geo. D. Travis, a Vancouver commercial traveler, who is in the city en route to Dawson, and five others who are coming from the south, will make the journey with him from Bennett on wheels. Others in the party will include: R. P. Ritchie, a representative of English and Scotch capital interested in Klondike; Mr. Ritchie, a brother, who will be manager for one of the concerns represented by his brother; Dr. Washburn, a physician and mining man; and Mr. McLellan, member of a big Dawson mercantile firm. The men will travel from roadhouse to roadhouse, and have their freight taken in by White & Adair.

There are four others now at the Mondamin who will leave on the next train to Bennett and travel the rest of the journey to Dawson on wheels, namely, Fred Crewe and his son Fred, C. G. Cather and Joe Schultz.—Skagway Alaskan.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. Goodman is a visitor to the city. M. Jones is spending a few days in town.

H. L. Myers is confined at St. Mary's hospital.

Mrs. Meder is an inmate at St. Mary's hospital.

Mrs. A. G. Smith, of Dominion, is registered at the Regina.

C. N. McKay is enjoying a few days' visit in Dawson.

E. McWilliams, from Grand Forks, is stopping at the Fairview.

George W. Temple, of Portland, Or., is a recent arrival in the city.

Darby Graham, of Grand Forks, is visiting friends in the city.

Joseph Belair is fatally ill with heart disease at St. Mary's hospital.

W. H. Armstrong came to town from the creeks yesterday afternoon.

Joseph Felt was admitted to the Good Samaritan hospital on Saturday.

Angus McDonnell is in town from the creeks, and will remain here for several days.

E. A. Smith, of Grand Forks, is in the city on matters pertaining to business.

Shel Wattach and Tommy Anderson, caterers of Grand Forks, are in the city on business.

Dan Lawrence and Adolph Carlson are being treated for pneumonia at St. Mary's hospital.

Judge J. Y. Ostrander, ex-United States commissioner at Juneau, arrived in Dawson yesterday. He is at the Regina.

POLICE COURT.

The dog case in which Chas. Swain is prosecuting witness and J. L. Andrews is defendant was before the police court this morning for the seventh time and was again continued until tomorrow morning, at which time the magistrate stated, it will be irrevocably dismissed if the prosecution fails to appear with its witnesses. The accused is anxious to have his hearing as soon as possible.

In connection with the above case Dick Gardner, the well known actor and miner, asked for information on a point of law. Gardner's 15 year-old son was notified by an officer of the court to be present last week as a witness in the dog case, but as the notification was a verbal one and the boy being a minor, his father advised him to not appear. The boy followed the advice with the result that a bench warrant was issued for him and he was confined at the barracks for a few hours until his people and friends could be notified. The point of law on which Gardner, senior, desired information was as to whether or not a verbal notification in the absence of a summons or subpoena is obligatory on the person so notified, and further if, in case of a minor, it is not required to notify the minor's parents or guardian, instead of the child. Gardner did not admit being from Missouri, but evidently they "must show him." He stated that he had some money to spend to learn if his position is properly taken. The court told him to go ahead and learn all he could, but cautioned him to have his son in court tomorrow morning at which time he will be wanted as a witness. And the man who seeks information passed out into the spring climate.

Owing to a relapse of the severe cold with which he has suffered for the past two or three weeks, Major Perry was not able to preside in the court this morning, the judicial chair being filled by Superintendent Primrose.

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familiar to Dawsonites during the winter, but in its place an outline of snowy whiteness which shows that the Merwin is being fully prepared to offer attractive and comfortable accommodations for her long trip. The Merwin will be the first boat to leave Dawson, and no change will be made in the price of tickets before April 1st. Two-thirds of the stateroom accommodation has already been taken. All those who have spoken for passage, without buying their tickets are hereby notified to close the arrangements during the present month.

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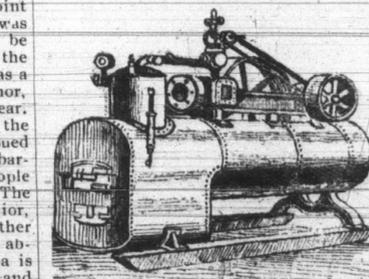
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