

TOOK EVERYTHING IN SIGHT.

A Cock and Bull Story Told by the Accused.

Claims He Bought Some Stuff Like It From a Man at Nome and by Mistake Took the Wrong Tent.

H. W. Bracken is particularly unfortunate. Of considerable renown in the United States by reason of certain mining and hoisting devices now in use, he came to Alaska in time to be frozen in on the down river route. A brother was sick on his hands and finally died and was buried. Coming to Dawson last summer he found himself without funds, and, being of middle age, not able to readily get into the rut which leads on to fortune. Indeed until last Thursday night he was occupying a tent on the beach when not engaged in traversing the creeks.

On the Thursday night in question he returned from a long tramp both tired and hungry. His tent struck him as so cold and cheerless he determined to invest one of a few scant dollars at a good restaurant. At 7:30 he went to the tent ground to light a fire. To his utter astonishment he found the tent and everything it contained had disappeared as if swallowed by the earth. Sleeping bag, blankets, clothes, supplies, cooking utensils, stove—indeed everything had gone excepting the few clothes actually worn by Bracken at the moment.

Next morning he repaired for breakfast to a second hand store and restaurant kept by a Mrs. Cecilia Johnson. He related the story of his loss. Mrs. Johnson was astonished and wondered if some goods purchased by her the night previous were not part of the stolen articles. Bracken identified the sleeping bag, blankets and a shirt, and the police were called on to discover the whereabouts of the Frank Rogers who had sold them.

In court on Saturday Rogers called for a summary trial before his honor, Major Perry, "to get through with what they were going to do with him," as the prisoner remarked. The identification of the goods was most complete, the shirt pocket containing letters and bills bearing Bracken's name.

Rogers really attempted no defense except a most ingenious story given on his own supported word. He said he bought a tent and contents from Ed McKay, since gone to Nome. He paid McKay \$15 in the presence of Mullen, but does not know where he is. He thought this was the tent and the other night took out the sleeping bag, blankets and shirt and sold them for \$8 to Mrs. Johnson. Didn't take the tent nor any of the other things which had gone and didn't know of their whereabouts.

His honor told the ill looking prisoner flatly that he didn't believe a word of the story, and sentenced him to six months at hard labor. The goods were returned to Bracken, who now has neither house nor tent to receive them. The prisoner still persists in disclaiming any knowledge of the whereabouts of the other goods, but may think better of it after a while.

Later.—The police report the stolen goods have now all been recovered and returned to Bracken, excepting some underwear and the tent, among other things recovered being a coat found to have been left by some stranger at the Grotto saloon.

There is an immense amount of petty thieving taking place in Dawson and vicinity just now. For some unexplained reason but a small percentage of the thefts are reported to the police, or it reported, are not reported at the town station, where the men detailed for such work are kept. The results are somewhat curious. People have called at the town station some days or a week after they have been robbed and found their goods had been captured by the police, but the thief had not been detained because no owner for the goods could be found.

The police of the town patrol suggest that while the pile of recovered stolen goods in their possession is large and constantly growing, much more of the lost property could be secured and the thieves unmasked if complaints were laid promptly of the theft. To allow a robbery to go unreported for weeks enables the property to be disposed of and the thief to disappear among the 35,000 people thronging the creeks.

Three Days in a Police Court.

In Burns vs. Hopkins, the latter admitted owing \$50 in wages. "Pay up

by Tuesday or seven days," remarked his honor.

Brown says Parks owed him \$155.06. The magistrate thought so, too. Result, Parks doesn't owe it any more. Wages.

Charles McDougall wanted to climb a telegraph pole and stand on his head. Only one cure is known for this peculiar complaint on Sunday nights—\$10 and costs.

Gus Russell was cold nights. Dr. John Brown had a nice warm wolf skin robe. Then Russell had it, along with some other goods. Now the police have it—and Russell, too—until the higher court shall dispose of the case.

In Queen vs. Thos. Oliver the charge was dismissed. Cunningham, ex member of the crew of the Yukoner, complained that the said Thos. Oliver did actually harm him bodily in the Pavilion dance hall. The evidence did not bear him out, with results as above.

The same Gus Russell was in want of a ride. King's dogs are good "mushers" and appeared to Russell to be leading an idle existence around King's cabin. This is wrong, where a dog team's board costs as much as a man's. But then, a man who borrows a dog team without the owner's knowledge should not sell the team afterwards. His lordship will be asked to decide this fine point in social etiquette.

GRAND FORKS ITEMS.

Mrs. White is disposing of her personal property, preparatory to her trip out on the ice.

There is quite a joke on some ladies on Gold Hill. They had prepared a turkey dinner last Thursday, Nov 23, thinking it was the last Thursday in the month.

The Y. M. C. A. held the liveliest debate of the season on Saturday evening, Nov 25th. The house was packed to the doors. Standing room was at a premium. The subject was "Resolved, That it would be beneficial to the United States of America to form an alliance both offensive and defensive with Great Britain." The names of the speakers in the debate were: Affirmative side, Mr. McDougall and Mr. Graff; negative, Mr. French and Mr. Wills. Messrs. Hayward, Ask, Difen and Steel rendered vocal selections. Mr. Johnson gave a reading, then the chairman gave the floor to the debaters. The gentlemen of the affirmative opened the debate with a very strong argument in favor of such an alliance. Mr. French of the negative side rebutted Mr. McDougall in a fine manner. Next came Mr. Graff. He only occupied the floor a short time and closed with the remarks that he did not think there was much need of argument, as his side would win hands down. Mr. Wills, of the negative side, the strongest speaker of the evening, arose and all were as quiet as a mouse. He went on to explain the fundamental principals of the two governments and things commenced to get rather warm. At this stage of the debate the chairman, Rev. Cock arose and debarred the speaker from the floor on these lines, so there was a general upheaval, and a motion was made to close the debate. The motion prevailed, and thus the question still stands undecided. M. C. F. B.

SHIPWRECKED AT NOME.

Small Boat Plying Between Nome and St. Michael.

Had on Board the "Nugget's" Newspaper Plant—Extent of the Damage Not as Yet Known.

Special to The Klondike Nugget.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25.—The steamer Roanoke on her last trip from Cape Nome reports the wreck of a small steamer plying between St. Michaels and Nome. On board the steamer was the printing plant owned by the Klondike Nugget of Dawson, which had been sent to Cape Nome for the purpose of establishing a newspaper. A portion of the paper stock was damaged.

(No further details of the above accident have as yet been received, other than contained in the dispatch. The plant was sent from Dawson in September in charge of Messrs. Geo. E. Storey and Cole Burke, two experienced newspaper men, both of whom had been connected with the Nugget for a considerable length of time.

They left Dawson on the steamer Tacoma of the Empire line and were last heard of as having reached the Yukon flats in safety. No further word was received until the arrival of the dispatch, via Seattle.

DR. BOURKE'S HOSPITAL.

Construction, equipment and staff equal to any hospital outside. Scientifically heated, especially to maintain an equable temperature. Trained nurses in attendance. Inspection invited. Terms from \$10 a-day, including medical attendance. Cow's milk and other delicacies required by patients administered. Separate room for each patient. Medical and surgical advice at hospital, \$5. Medicines and stimulants extra. Yearly tickets, \$50.00.

FORREST AND CUNNINGHAM.

Major Perry Submits to an Interview on the Subject.

A Gambler Accuses a Policeman and a Policeman Accuses a Gambler—Before the Territorial Court.

Major Perry, in command of the mounted police in the Yukon territory, was interviewed on Saturday by a representative of The Nugget regarding the sensational charges floating about that Policeman Cunningham attempted to blackmail the proprietors and operators of the Aurora saloon and gaming rooms during the past month.

"Major Perry," said the knight of the pencil in introducing the subject, "the public of Dawson is strangely interested in learning your attitude toward Constable Cunningham, who is accused in certain quarters of having attempted to extort money from the gamblers and proprietors of the Aurora by trumping up a charge of cheating with marked cards."

"Very well; what do you wish to know?"

"We would like to know if anything is being done toward sifting the matter. That the charge is being bandied about unrebuked is taken by many as proof positive of its truth. That the constable, thus accused remains apparently uninvestigated must derogate from the past prestige of the force, and is certainly losing for that body much of the high estimation in which it has been held."

"The delay is rather apparent than real," replied the major. "You may say that the matter will be properly aired. The fact is that pending the trial of Thos. Forrest, our hands are bound. To anticipate that trial by examining the very witnesses who are to be called would be improper. The trial of Forrest is set for the first of December, which is but a few days longer, after which our task will be simplified. It is possible that much of the evidence will be right to the point at issue. To show you the impossibility of our taking up the case of Cunningham before the trial we will hazard an instance. Suppose a jury should find to its satisfaction that no marked cards had been used by Forrest. That would somewhat conclusively prove the guilt of Cunningham, would it not? And then vice versa. Should Forrest prove to be guilty as charged, our task with Cunningham will be much simplified."

"True; but proof of the guilt of Forrest would not necessarily imply the innocence of Cunningham," was urged.

"You mean that both might be innocent or both might be guilty?" The reporter admitted that was what he meant.

"Well, of course that could be so. You will recognize my reasons when I tell you that I cannot tell you the evidence which will likely come up at the trial. That evidence may be of such a character as to set all doubts at rest as to the guilt or innocence of either party. Till then I can only say I can do nothing."

A fine Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the Cafe Royal on Thursday, \$1.50.

Get a chest protector if you are subject to colds. Reid & Co., chemists.

City Editor—Well?

Reporter—Can I have fifteen minutes off this afternoon?

City Editor (frowning)—For what?

Reporter—I'm to be married.

City Editor—Well, hurry up. And (absently) get the name of the bride and all that, and if there's anything sensational, enlarge upon it; I shall expect half a column. Get a hustle on.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Saturday night, between Cafe Royal and A. C. warehouses, ladies' gold watch, initials L. M. on back of case; marquise ring, opal and diamond setting, attached to chain. Leave at this office. Reward.

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FOUND—Brindle hound, on bench 21 above Bonanza, right limit. Pay for advertisement. R. Smith.

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GERMANS AND BOERS

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He has all his plans laid for the organization of the session and will be ready to announce the committees immediately upon the organization of the house. Reed's rules will be retained for the government of the house. This leaves the speaker practically in control of legislation as he is enabled to give precedence to any measures which he may favor. Owing to the heavy drains on the government resulting from the pension rolls and foreign war expenditures, the financial bill will be reported from the ways and means committee at a very early date.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Two new patients were received at Dr. Bourke's hospital during the week. Mrs. A. Black and Harry W. Agner. Mr. C. J. Wagner was discharged as cured.

A movement is on foot looking to the compulsory registration of all dogs at police headquarters. The theory is advanced that such registration will aid largely in detecting dog thieves who are expected to be much in evidence when the expected stampede to Nome begins.

Give the girl a swell dinner at the Cafe Royal on Thursday. Turkey dinner \$1.50.

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