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TRAGIC DEATH

Of Man and Wife at the Hands of Haines' Mission Indians.

SHOT DEAD WHILE CAMPING OUT.

Converted Indian Gives Details of the Tragedy.

WERE KILLED FOR REVENGE.

U. S. Marshal, With Posse of Citizens, Arrests Five of the Conspirators.

Skagway, March 16.—Details of one of the saddest tragedies recorded in the history of Alaska have just come to light here through the confession of Jim Hanson, a Haines Mission Indian. Hanson has informed the U. S. marshal of the killing of Bert Horton and his young wife in October last at a point in Lynn canal 15 miles south of Haines Mission.

The Indian who has lately been converted by the Salvation Army of Skagway says that Horton and his wife were killed in revenge for the death of two Indians who were supposed to have been shot by white men.

The Indians came upon Horton and his wife who were camping on the shore of the canal, and both were shot and killed before they became aware of their danger. Yesterday Hanson accompanied a posse of citizens under charge of a U. S. deputy marshal, and assisted in the capture of five Indians who, he says, were implicated in the murder. Five others are named as having been concerned in the crime and all will be arrested. Horton formerly kept a restaurant at the summit of White Pass and was well liked and respected by all who knew him. He had been married but a short time, his wife being a Chere girl.

(Aside from the Styk tribe of Indians the Chilkats at Haines Mission and for 30 miles back on the Chilkat river, are considered the most treacherous and cruel hearted of all the many Indian tribes of Southeastern Alaska. Two prospectors who were en route to the Porcupine country from Haines in the late fall of '98 were shot at, presumably by Indians in ambush, but luckily were not harmed. They dropped their packs and fled, and on returning for them, found they had been stolen. A dozen Chilkats were in jail at Skagway several days last summer for destroying a fish trap and other property belonging to a white man. Among people familiar with their treacherous habits it is not considered safe for white men to venture up the Chilkat river even on the most peaceful pursuits, unless they go in numbers of not less than from five to eight or more. The missionary and teacher at Haines Mission,

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

Rev. Warren, has no influence over his flock for the reason that they claim to have taken him in the act of selling government supplies to a local merchant and of pocketing the money received. As the minister was never able to square himself, an investigating officer was ordered to Haines Mission by the government, but with what results the writer is not informed. But it is possible that the Chilkats think all white men are like their "tender shepherd" and therefore not entitled to longer encumber the earth.—ED.)

For Ratification.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—A perceptible change in the senate's attitude toward the modified Clayton Bulwer treaty has taken place since yesterday, and it is freely predicted tonight that the convention will receive the necessary two thirds vote for ratification. The new turn of affairs is unquestionably due to the influence of President McKinley on the administration leaders in the senate.

Both the president and secretary Hay have represented that the only courses open are to ratify the new treaty or to abide by the undesirable terms of the older compact between the United States and Great Britain.

The Republican leaders in congress have already repudiated two of the president's recommendations, namely, the one for free trade with Porto Rico and the other for reciprocity treaties with France and the British colonies. The Republicans feel that the party cannot afford to disregard Mr. McKinley's wishes further on the eve of a national campaign.

Senator Platt, of Connecticut, an administration leader, who at first expressed opposition to the treaty, came out tonight squarely for ratification. In discussing the matter he said: "It has become apparent to me that our interests would be very well subserved by entering into an international agreement, such as is provided in the present modified treaty. It used to seem as if this country ought to have the privilege of fortifying the entrances to the canal, so that in case of war the United States might enjoy the strategic advantage which this would afford."

"It seems to me now, since we have had time to witness the operations of the Suez canal, which is a neutral waterway, that the country would be as well off with a canal which, by the pledge of all nations, is to be kept neutral, as with fortifications at the approaches, which would have to be guarded very carefully in time of hostilities.

Fortifications are expensive, but an agreement entered into by the powers of the world costs nothing. Besides, one lyddite shell, properly placed by an enemy, is capable of destroying the proposed canal temporarily.

"When England assumed the Egyptian interests she called a conference of the powers, and asked that an agreement be entered into by which the Suez canal should be kept neutral for all nations. The results have been such as to commend this method in other projects of a similar kind.

"I believe that the treaty will be ratified as it should be, and that the agreement of the powers of the world will insure a just and mutually advantageous neutrality."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The present warm spell of weather has rendered traveling and freighting on the creek trails rather difficult.

An infallible sign of spring is the removal of storm doors from the front of entrances to the business houses.

A policeman is stationed on the bank of the river in front of the A. C. Co.'s store for the purpose of enforcing the garbage ordinance.

The California Packing & Teaming Co. has opened on Second avenue, near Second street. They will engage in a general teaming business.

Commissioner Senkler is removing his office to the new building, which has recently been erected directly to the rear of the recording office.

Sheriff Eilbeck will probably be supplied with a 40 foot steam launch, when navigation opens, for the purpose of enabling him to serve legal papers on persons who endeavor to escape to the American side.

A. B.'s Meet Tonight.

The regular weekly meeting of the subjects of "Her Iceiness," the arctic queen, will be held tonight at McDonald hall, when upwards of a dozen candidates already elected to membership will receive the initiation and many new applications will be considered. It is desired that there be a full attendance of all the members.

FREIGHT RATES

On Consignments to Forks Will Jump From 4 to 10 Cents Per Pound Monday.

GREEK CHARGES IN PROPORTION.

From Fifty to Sixty Teams Embraced in the Combine.

POORER TRAILS THE CAUSE.

One Firm With 18 Teams Refuses to Join the Combine and Will Go It Alone.

With the advent of warm weather and the rapid disappearance of the snow, the rising of the water and approaching bad condition of the trails comes the natural sequel, namely: A material jump in the schedule of prices charged for hauling freight from Dawson to the Forks and to hundreds of different points on the various creeks.

The fact that the mild weather of the past few days has very much lessened the availability of the up river roads as to the transportation of freight, the various transportation companies in the city, one excepted, have combined to advance the rate of transporting to freight from Dawson to Grand Forks from the present rate of 4 cents per pound to 10 cents per pound, the new schedule to take effect and be in force on and after Monday, the 19th. A complete schedule covering the various creeks has not as yet been completed, but will be all arranged and a copy placed in the hands of every team owner in the combine between now and Monday morning.

It is not exactly known but it is estimated that from 60 to 70 teams will be included in the arrangement, their owner in every case binding himself to adhere to the terms of the rate schedule.

One man, however, who will have control of 18 teams, has refused to commit himself with the others and will make an effort to "go it alone" in the matter of arranging the rates which will be charged by him. This man is Dick Brown who speaks for himself and Lieut. Adair, and between them they have the number of teams, horses and mules, above mentioned. Brown stated to a Nugget representative this afternoon that he is prepared to contract for the safe and speedy delivery of 100 tons of freight to any point on the creeks at rates very much less than those which will be named on the new schedule of the combine. While in conversation with the reporter Brown was approached by another freighter who wanted to buy hay and as Brown replied that he has a large amount for sale, it is evident that he is prepared to do business and feed his stock for some time to come.

It is estimated that there are now in Dawson 200 tons of freight for shipment to various points on the creeks, and today the stores are filled with claim owners, boarding and roadhouse proprietors from the creeks who are buying heavily in order that they may have their supplies freighted out at once. There is no doubt but that there will be plenty of work for all the teams in the city for some time to come; and there is also no doubt but what rates for hauling freight through mud should be several times in advance of those charged for hauling the same weight over smooth snow and ice.

Territorial Court.

Justice Dugas has decided that Thomas Forrest may be released on \$10,000 bail, pending the judgment of the supreme court of British Columbia, to which tribunal the case has been referred. A personal bail of \$5000 is

required of the prisoner, and \$5000 from two sureties.

The action of Merryman vs. McDonald is to be referred to a referee, who is to determine if there has been any mining on the property in litigation, and if there has been any mining, the referee is to estimate the amount of gold extracted. The referee will be appointed by the court on Monday, if the parties to the action cannot agree upon a suitable person.

The defendant in the case of the Red Cross hospital vs. Johnson has been discharged from the writ of *causis* issued in the cause.

In Frouks vs. Shepovitch, the plaintiff secured judgment so far as the property in the hay is concerned. A difference as to the amount of hay cut exists between the plaintiff and defendant; but it is ordered that five and a half tons be delivered to the plaintiff upon payment by plaintiff of the cost of cutting and bringing the same to Dawson. Each party must pay their own court costs, including the fee of the referee, taxed at \$100, which must be shared equally.

A motion for a receiver was made in Durand vs. Graves et al. Decision reserved.

In Hawkins vs. Wright, an application was made for the money to be paid into court. The delay which was granted in this case, has been enlarged for one week from date.

In De Journal vs. Wilkins et al, it was decreed that the defendant, having appeared by counsel, is regularly before the court. The hearing on the motion, made in the action, was adjourned to Monday.

The motion in Crawford vs. Adams stands till Monday.

In Ashelby vs. Fay the hearing on the motion was continued till Monday, and the plaintiff was peremptorily ordered to produce his affidavits at that time.

In Woodworth vs. Harvie et al, an application was made to have the matter referred to the gold commissioner, in order to ascertain the amount due.

In the matter of the estate of James McLarty, deceased, Attorney Ridley was appointed guardian ad litem, and the motion, made in the matter, will be argued Monday.

The defendant in Wile vs. Brock was ordered to file his defence within four days; and the plaintiff's motion for judgment has been postponed till the defense is filed.

Dawson Water Company.

Col. Word, manager of the Dawson Water Company, reports that the company is preparing to open its well, and that as soon as possible the pumping machinery will be started. It is impossible to state when water will be run through the pipes to the various hydrants, distributed around town; but within a short time the company's tank near the Klondike river will afford carriers and others an opportunity to secure pure water at a moderate charge.

Water Rights.

Yesterday the mining recorder issued three years' grant to J. A. Gerow for 60 inches of water, to be diverted at a point about 1000 feet from the mouth of the pup, entering Dominion on the left limit, at 21a below lower discovery. Said water is to be used for mining purposes on creek claim No. 21 below lower on Dominion.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 11 degrees above zero.

At 9 o'clock this morning the instrument at the barracks recorded 21 degrees above.

At noon the thermometer registered 55 degrees above.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Wanted.

One 15 and one 20 to 35 horse power boiler, new or second hand. Address with description and terms, Allan R. Joy, room 15, A. C. office building.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

COUNCIL MEETING

At Which Very Little Business of Importance Was Transacted.

A PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR DAWSON.

D. A. Mathieson Applies for Incorporation of Fire Company.

SANITATION WAS SAT ON.

Light & Power Co.'s Communication Is Referred—Klondike River Roads Are Discussed.

The council met at 4 p. m., the commissioner presiding.

Present: Messrs. Ogilvie, Clement, Girouard, Senkler, Dugas, Perry.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition was received from the residents and citizens of Dawson asking for the establishment of the town of Dawson into a public school district.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Senkler.

Resolved, That this petition be referred to the municipal committee.

A communication was received from Mr. D. A. Mathieson in reference to the application for incorporation of the Dawson City Water and Fire Company, Ltd. Referred to the committee on private bills.

A communication was received from the manager of the Dawson Electric Light and Power Co. calling attention to their copy of notice of application of that company for the passing of an ordinance to ratify and confirm their letters patent issued in October, 1898. Referred to the private bills committee.

A communication was presented from the Board of Health reporting on the question of a dumping place for refuse and other questions of sanitation.

Moved by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Girouard.

Resolved, That no further action be taken in this matter.

Mr. Justice Dugas gave notice of motion respecting the relationship to the commissioner of federal matters and the responsibility of the council thereto.

A report was presented from the engineer of the alternative routes along the Klondike river to connect the city of Dawson with the present terminus of the government highway situated near the lower ferry. Referred to the committee on public works.

Mr. Clement, from the committee on private bills, presented an interim report of that committee.

Police Court.

For the first time for a number of weeks there were no cases up for hearing this morning in police court. A number of cases are pending the arrival of clients and witnesses from up the creeks. Mike Conlin, the man whom Chas. J. K. Nourse accuses of selling an "overripe" turkey, is out on the creeks and that case is also pending trial. Wage suits are being entered every day, and present indications are that Major Perry will have a busy spring in his court.

Boys on the Creeks

This Is for You...

Hurry Up to Lay in Your Spring Supplies Some Things Are Getting Scarce and Are Going Up. Special Prices to Our Regular Customers Who Outfitted at Our Store, and Liberal Treatment to Everybody.

The Ames Mercantile Co. F. Jansen Res. Manager