

MATTER OF SLORAH APPEAL

Of Which Notice of Argument Was Given Some Time Since

As to Hanging Fire on Account of Funds, Which Is Said Will be Forth Coming.

The friends of James Slorah, recently sentenced to be hanged on the second day of March next for the murder of Pearl Mitchell, are busy raising funds looking to the reopening of the case in a new trial or an appeal.

Attorney Bleeker gave notice after the passing of the sentence, that he would argue a motion for an appeal, but no time was set for the hearing of argument, and nothing has ever been heard regarding it. Mr. Bleeker is very reticent in the matter, but for all that it appears that the stumbling block is a matter of money.

Those who have in charge the raising of the funds, when asked what is being done, merely say that they are busy with the matter and that a sufficient amount will probably be forthcoming for necessary purposes when the time comes.

The time, however, seems to rest largely with the attorney, whose only incentive to undertake cases, in view of the fact that that is the source of his livelihood, is one of monetary consideration. For this reason the "proper time" is when the friends of the condemned man came forward with the money, and although March seems some distance away yet, it must be remembered that a great deal is necessary to be done, and that soon, if an appeal is to be taken.

In the meantime James Slorah, naturally the party most concerned in the matter, is taking life with his customary coolness. His health was very bad for a time after his incarceration, and his appetite was so nearly gone as to give rise to the rumor that he had attempted suicide by means of abstaining from taking any nourishment whatever.

He has recovered his appetite, however, and is in as good spirits as possible for a man who stands with the black shadow of death squarely across his path.

Magellan's "Giants" Rediscovered.

Myth and superstition are long lived, but they are distinct foes to human progress. Therefore we may hope that the voyage of the Belgic, as chronicled by Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the only American aboard, may result in permanently exploding one especially vigorous myth. The Belgic did not succeed in discovering the South Pole, but it practically rediscovered the Straits of Magellan, which run between Patagonia and Terra del Fuego.

Dr. Cook has given us a fund of needed information about these territories that border the Straits. He has met the inhabitants face to face. He has told us positively that they are not giants, although they are, perhaps, the tallest race on earth. Their average height in places at six feet. A few fall below that. A few rise to six or even seven inches above. Now, the legend that the races were of an almost superhuman stature, though repeatedly denied by occasional travelers, has permanently survived in the minds of the vulgar ever since Magellan himself, the discoverer of the Straits, gave it birth.

Magellan, it will be remembered, describes the Patagonians as "so tall that the tallest of us came only to their waists." It is true that the Portuguese are not a tall race. Nevertheless, Magellan's words would indicate that the average height of the Patagonians must have been some nine feet. Later travelers of the middle ages improved upon Magellan. Sebald de Wolf, who visited Patagonia in 1598, describes the inhabitants as being ten or eleven feet high, and so strong that they could easily tear up by the roots trees of a span in diameter.

Then came more moderate statisticians. Byron, in 1764, says that he saw a chief not less than seven feet high, and others nearly as tall. Byron was merely guessing. It was Capt. Wallis, in 1766, who first put the Patagonians to the test of actual measurement. He found a few who were six feet seven inches in height, but the average stature was only from five feet ten inches to six feet. Capt. Wallis and Dr. Cook are in substantial agreement.

The belief that giants formerly inhabited this globe and that they still survive in remote and inaccessible regions has been fostered in Christendom

by the statement in Genesis, "There were giants on the earth in those days." But many Biblical students are inclined to accept the interpretation of St. Chrysostom: "I think that those in Scripture called giants are not of any unusual kind of men for shape or feature, but such as were heroic, strong and warlike."

Deuteronomy describes the bedstead of Og, king of Bashan, as nine cubits in length and four in breadth. A cubit was about eighteen inches. Hence the bedstead was thirteen and a half feet long. But it is quite possible that Og used a bedstead not in proportion to his actual size, but in proportion to his fancied importance.

In which connection one may recall the story of Alexander the Great. In one of his Asian expeditions he caused to be made and left behind him a suit of armor of huge proportions, in order to induce a belief among the people he had conquered that he was of immense size.

An explanation of this sort would not, however, have suited the ancient rabbinical and Arabian writers. They tell delightful stories of how Og survived the Deluge by wading, the waters reaching no higher than his knees. The only inconvenience he experienced during the flood was that he was reduced to a fish diet, his staple food consisting of whales, which he roasted on the disc of the sun.

Legend aside, it is more than probable that the men of today are equal, and probably superior, in stature to the ancients.

The Greeks and Romans were undoubtedly of small size. The helmets and sword hilts that have come down to us from the heroic ages could not be used by the majority of soldiers of the present European nations. Ancient rings also are generally too small for modern fingers.

But the classic writers give testimony enough on this point. Caesar, speaking of the Gauls, says: "Our shortness of stature, in comparison with the great size of their bodies, is generally a subject of much contempt to the men of Gaul." Tacitus also describes the Germans as of robust form and of great stature, and Strabo says that he had seen Britons at Rome who were half a foot taller than the tallest Italians. Yet there is no proof that the men of these nations were any larger in ancient times than they are now. On the contrary, the graves and barrows tell a different story. The remains are usually under the average height of men of the present day. It is the same with the Egyptian mummies. — N. Y. Herald.

The Formidable Lease.

"I'm afraid we can't take this flat at all," said Mr. Weems, regretfully. And, being questioned by the wife of his bosom, he explained: "This lease the agent has just sent up to me to sign has this clause—'This lease is granted upon the express condition, however, that in case said landlord, his agents or assigns deem objectionable or improper any conduct on the part of said tenant or occupants, said landlord shall have full license and authority to enter and have full possession of said premises, either with or without legal process, on giving five days' notice of intention so to do and tendering repayment of the rent paid on account of the unexpired term.'"

"Do you know what that means?" asked Mr. Weems, and answered for himself: "It means this landlord or his assigns have a right to come snooping around my flat and call us down every time we have a Welsh rabbit party or a lobster a-la Newburg session in the chafing dish. We can't put ourselves in the power of a puritanical person like this landlord."

"Let me see the lease," said Mrs. Weems. "Maybe there are mitigating clauses." She found one, reading aloud in horrified indignation: "That the tenant shall not drive picture or other nails into the walls or woodwork of said premises, nor allow the same to be done. Aren't they tricky?" commented Mrs. Weems. "They think we would try to get around that clause by having Lottie do the driving." Then she read on: "And shall, at his own cost and expense, make and do all repairs required to walls, ceilings, paper, glass and glass globes, plumbing work, ranges, pipes and fixtures belonging thereto, whenever damage or injury to the same shall have resulted from misuse or neglect, and shall repair and make good any damage occurring to the building or any tenant thereof by reason of any neglect, carelessness or injury to the dumbwaiters, gas or Croton water pipes, meters or faucets and connections by the tenant himself or any of his family or household, or upon the premises leased to said tenant." What do you think of that? "Why it expressly forbids me to hang pictures on the walls, and as for putting my two old china

plates around the sides of the room, that is impossible. We can't take this apartment."

"Look here," said the prospective tenant, "what do you think of this for high handed dictation: 'And the said tenant shall use only such shades in the front windows of the said apartment as are put up or approved by owner.' 'Did you ever hear of such assurance?'"

"And here's something else," discovered Mrs. Weems. "It says: 'To be occupied as a strictly private dwelling apartment by himself and family, consisting of'—and here you write your name and my name. And what am I to do when it gets time for Cousin Madge to come and visit me? Why, the landlord or his assigns might say: 'No, Cousin Madge's name is not in the lease. She can't come in.' Oh, it's certainly impossible for us to take this place."

"But will you please look at this," said Mr. Weems: "That the tenant shall consult and conform to the regulations governing said house and to any reasonable alterations." Do you know what that means? It means that we are to hold ourselves to the order of the janitor, and that whenever that janitor feels like changing the regulations we have nothing to say. And here's yet another clause giving people from outside permission to tramp through our apartment at all hours of the day and night three months in advance of the expiration of our lease, under the pretext of looking at the flat with a view to settling. I shall go to that beastly agent and tell him what I think of him."

But when he went and told, the beastly agent smiled a large, plump, indulgent smile and said: "Go ahead, my boy. Go as far as you like. Nail up as many pictures as you feel like. Have all the company you want. Give as many Welsh rabbit parties as your salary will stand. Swear at the janitor when you feel like it. Call on me for repairs whenever you need them. That contract's just for prevention of the abuse of the premises. If we didn't draw up something like that we'd be imposed upon."

And Weems signed and hasn't heard anything from the landlord or his assigns. — N. Y. Herald.

Fortunes Made in a Day.

Three mining men who are well known in Seattle have just returned from Cape Nome and the Bluestone district with stories of the marvelous richness of the latter camp. F. W. and Stephen Wilmans, who were pioneers of the Monte Cristo district, and Richard P. Burkman, all well known in this city, are among those who have good prospects in the north. F. W. Wilmans is a director in a bank at Nome, in which a number of local capitalists are interested. The Wilmans brothers own a half interest in No. 8 on Gold Run creek, in the Bluestone district.

Speaking of Cape Nome and the adjacent territory, F. W. Wilmans said yesterday:

"The miners who have prospected the country about Cape Nome have merely scratched the surface. Contrary to the men who have returned with hard luck stories from Cape Nome, I hold that there is no mining region in the United States more promising than Cape Nome and the country tributary. But before any real progress can be made we must get rid of the litigation that has hampered the camp, and take steps to forever prevent a recurrence of the troubles we have experienced during the last season."

From No. 8 Gold Run, over \$17,000 was taken out in 17 hours, according to Mr. Burkman. The latter says he stood by while the treasure was washed out. Mr. Burkman says that the clean-up would have been doubled but for the breaking of a dam, which carried away part of the sluice boxes. — P. I., Nov. 19.

\$3—Mumm's extra dry champagne, \$3 per bottle, at Aurora No. 1.

A Merry Flaking.

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Public Notice.

Under ordinance No. 38, of 1900, an ordinance respecting vaccination, two public vaccinators have been appointed, namely: Dr. Macfarlane, First Avenue, Dawson, for Dawson and neighborhood, and Dr. La Chapelle at Grand Forks, for Bonanza and Eldorado with their tributaries.

All residents in those districts who have not complied with the said ordinance in procuring declaration or cer-

tificates according to schedules A or B of said ordinance before the end of the year shall be dealt with according to the provisions of said ordinance.

Dated at Dawson this 13th day of December, 1900.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a list of all placer mining claims in the Yukon territory which were sold at public auction and which have not been taken up, is being prepared for publication at once, and after the first publication thereof no grant will be issued, under such sale as aforesaid, for any claim so advertised. All purchasers are, therefore, notified to apply for their grants immediately.

(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL, Assistant Gold Commissioner.

Dated at Dawson this 11th day of December, 1900.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following survey, notice of which is published below, has been approved by Wm. Ogilvie, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, and unless protested within three months from the date of first publication of such approval in the Klondike Nugget newspaper, the boundaries of property as established by said survey shall constitute the true and unalterable boundaries of such property, as a result of an order in council passed at Ottawa the 2nd day of March, 1900.

HILLSIDE CLAIM—Lower one half left limit No. 27 gold run creek, in the Indian River mining division of the Dawson mining district, a plan of which is deposited in the Gold Commissioner's office at Dawson, Y. T. under No. 15083 by C. S. W. Barwell, D. L. S. First published October 14th, 1900.

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