

BIG MAIL DUE NEXT WEEK

None Received From Canadian Points Within Five Days.

Movements of the Mail During the Closing of the River—Facts and Figures From Last Year.

In conversation with Postmaster Hartman today it is learned that the mail for the outside will be dispatched with its usual regularity up until the running of the ice compels the cessation of navigation. The contractors are required to take the mail out at least once a week, but considerable latitude is allowed them both at the closing and the breakup of the river. Last year there was an interval of 26 days between the departure of the last mail by boat and the first over the ice, the last to go out by the river having been dispatched October 17 on the Ora. It, however, had to be packed around Thirtymile river. The first to be sent out over the ice left here November 12. Another was sent out on the 14th, all three arriving at Skagway at the same time.

The last mail to arrive by way of the river was brought down by the Chara-Monarch, leaving Whitehorse October 15 and arriving here in the ice October 21. The next to get in came over the ice, landing here November 13. Another followed on the 20th, thence arriving afterward with due regularity.

A big mail is due next week, none from Canada having arrived within the past ten days. The Zealandian leaving about Wednesday will take mail out, from which time on recourse will be had to the smaller boats as long as they continue on the run. During the closing of the river and for a week or so immediately afterward when traveling is dangerous no registered mail will be dispatched. That will be held until the ice is considered perfectly safe. Ordinary mail will be delivered to the contractors whenever called for, but in view of the experience had last fall it is considered useless to start out so quickly after the river closes.

Canada's Population.

There is one feature made prominent by the recent census returns in Canada that is of particular interest to the Northwest. While the growth throughout the Dominion has been disappointingly slight within the decade from 1891 to 1901, the increment in the Northwest has been very marked. In 1891 only 349,846 out of 4,823,875, being 7.2 per cent. of the whole, lived west of Ontario. In 1901, of the 5,338,883 people composing the population in the Dominion, 656,464, or 12.3 per cent., lived in what is known as the western provinces.

It is fortunate for the Northwest that the trend in Canada is westward and that the provinces of Manitoba, Assiniboia and British Columbia promise to continue, if not to increase, their increment within the next decade. At the same time, whether the Canadian lives west or east, what might be called the metropolitan pull is exercised and the twin cities get their full share of Canadians of whom, it is fair to say, they make exceedingly good Americans and valuable citizens.—Minneapolis Times.

Kentucky Labor Riots.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Oct. 2.—Cottages of employes at the Empire mines in North Christian were attacked last night by about twenty-five persons supposed to be union men from camps broken up this week in Hopkins county. A battle between the occupants and assailants followed, over a hundred shots being exchanged. Albert Burton, an Empire employe, was shot through the eye and may die. Guards arrived and the attacking party fled. Monday non-union men returning from work were fired upon from ambush. Tom Bell was shot through the legs and several had narrow escapes. Manager Rutland and several guards and employes are here to testify before the grand jury.

Burns Won.

At the wrestling match last night between Burns and Murphy some very effective work was done by the former who vanquished his man easily, throwing him three times in succession within thirty minutes. Murphy became sick from the rough handling of his opponent and was compelled to retire from the ring acknowledging his defeat. The match was exciting and well worth seeing, but unfortunately was poorly attended, owing to the number of takes pulled off recently. Silas, the colored wrestler, is matched with Burns for some future date, he agreeing to put Burns to the mat three times within an hour.

PEOPLE WE MEET.



J. R. GREY OF THE DAWSON HARDWARE CO.



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PRISONER ESCAPES

Capt. Banks Too Foxy for Nome Deputy Marshal.

R. C. Whidden, a deputy United States marshal from Alaska, reported to the police yesterday afternoon that a federal prisoner, Capt. A. G. Banks, had escaped from his custody and requested the assistance of the department in recapturing him. The deputy was stopping with the prisoner at the Seattle hotel awaiting the departure of a steamer for the McNeil's Island penitentiary. Banks prevailed on the officer to permit him to go to his room for the purpose of getting some clothing and made his escape the marshal says, through an unguarded entrance.

Banks is under sentence of three years at McNeil's Island. He is 40 years of age, five feet ten inches in height, of medium build, has dark hair and mustache, wore a suit of dark clothing and blue sweater. Capt. Banks who was brought from Nome on the steamship Queen is well known in Seattle and was formerly master of the steamship Oregon. He was convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses by unlawfully selling the products of certain Nome coal mines and sentenced to imprisonment by the United States district court. His friends here as well as many people at Nome, it is said, seriously question his guilt of any crime.

He was accused and prosecuted by George Smith, who was long a resident of Seattle.—P. I., Oct. 3.

Eagles Meet.

Owing to the fact that the hall is being used for storage purposes, the F. O. E. will not hold their regular Sunday evening meeting, but will hold a business meeting at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, at the worthy president's office, N. C. Co. building.

Notice.

The members of the I. O. O. F. relief committee are requested to be present at a meeting to be held Monday night at 7:30 o'clock, in Masonic hall. It is important that each member of the committee be present.

DOGIZED CRANKS

Who Persistently Torture the Police With Their Troubles.

The life of the custodians of the peace of Dawson is not a pleasant one. Some people entertain the belief that the officer in charge of the town station has naught to do but listen to idiotic tales of imaginary misdeeds of their neighbors or of their own grievances. Other people can live in Dawson year after year and never have occasion to bother the police in any way.

One of the former class of chronic trotters to the police station called yesterday morning and reported to Sergeant Frank Smith that a malamute dog had been stolen from him the previous night and was confident that the animal had been taken down the river in a small boat. The sergeant obtained a description of the dog and telegraphed the same to Fortymile with the request that a lookout be kept for such described dog. Yesterday evening a wire came from Fortymile to the sergeant informing him that a man with a dog similar to the one described had arrived and was being held subject to instructions from this place. Sergeant Smith at once sent for the complainant of the morning in order that he might swear out a warrant for the return of the dog thief to Dawson. Imagine the sergeant's disgust when his visitor of the morning sent back this message:

"My dog is all right. I found him at home when I returned from seeing you this morning."

Sergeant Smith hastened to the telegraph office and wired the officer at Fortymile to release the innocent victim held there on the disgraceful charge of dog stealing, and the miserable "dogized" biper who had been the means of so flagrantly wronging an innocent man, to say nothing of placing the police officers in a ridiculous and embarrassing position, probably retired last night without a compunction of conscience or a thought that he is a human wart, an ulcer on mankind and a reproach to Him whose footstool he defiles.

SATISFIED WITH LITTLE

Staker Takes Less Area Than Law Allows Him.

Gold Commissioner Senkler yesterday rendered a decision by which a staker of a claim on Golf Hill is entitled by the regulations to more ground than was given him, yet is confined to that which he applied for in his original application. The plaintiffs in the case are C. S. Seitz and B. K. Brockington, who are the successors to T. M. Carper, the staker of a bench claim in the 6th tier, left limit, adjoining No. 2, Eldorado. The claim was staked July 20, 1898, at a time when benches should have been 250 feet square, though 100 square was considered a full claim. Adjoining the Carper claim is the Bell location, also a 100-foot claim. Between the two lies a fraction 100 feet long up and down the hill, 24 feet wide on the down hill end and 18 feet wide on the upper end. This fraction was bought at one of the government sales last summer by Carl, Fred and A. L. Maier, and is the bone of contention in the suit just ended. By the gold commissioner's decision it is shown that if Carper had applied for 250 feet square he would have been entitled to it or as much ground as was vacant up to and adjoining the Bell claim. But he only asked for 100 feet square and he must abide by that application. The decision in part is as follows:—

"It appears from Mr. Barwell's evidence that the Carper claim as located covered somewhat more ground than one hundred feet square, the down stream side of the claim being 124 feet and a fraction in length, and the up stream side being 118 feet and a fraction in length. "It was the custom of the gold commissioner at that time only to allow 100 feet square to every locator on Golf Hill. There is no doubt about this decision of the gold commissioner being incorrect, and if Mr. Carper had insisted upon having a full claim of 250 feet square, or on having the full length as between his location posts, he would have been entitled to it; but in his original application he applies for a claim 100 feet square, and the original grant as given to him described the claim as being 100 feet square.

"I think under these circumstances that the Carper location must be confined to 100 feet, and a reference will be had as to the actual damage done to the Carper location from the lower drift."

Slaughter Was Planned.

Manila, Oct. 2.—The United States hospital ship Relief will leave here tomorrow with one battalion of the Seventh regiment and at Legaspi will embark a battalion of the Twenty-sixth regiment to reinforce the troops in the Island of Samar. The American publishes a telegram today giving an account of the fight in which a majority of the men of company C, Ninth Regiment, were killed near Balangiga, September 28. The fight was long protracted, and the Filipinos were called to commit the slaughter by the ringing of church bells at daylight. They got between the soldiers, who were breakfasting, and their quarters. The insurgents were mostly armed with bolos, but they had a few rifles with them.

TOM McGRADE DISMISSED

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own life, her tears were bona fide and if McGrade remains in town and at liberty she thinks he will execute his threats and attempt to burn down her hotel, she had no malice against the accused and her application was merely for the purpose of protecting her property and the life of her husband.

In the cross examination conducted by Mr. Clark the witness stated she and McGrade had been good friends until she lost confidence in him through him having approached her with a business proposition which she considered dishonorable, that he had been an old friend and on terms of intimacy with her husband; she had not brought the present action before as she did not know McGrade had gone away; she thought he was still in the city and when she learned he had started outside she was badly frightened.

Mr. Clark at the conclusion of Mrs. McConnell's evidence asked for the dismissal of his client, stating that it was impossible for this court to bind him over to keep the peace in so far as he remained within the jurisdiction of the court. It was shown that Mr. McConnell, for the safety of whose life the complainant was anxious, was expected at some time in Seattle and it was thereupon McGrade's arrival that the blowing of the McGrade's head was supposed to take place.

"Surely, my learned friend does not expect your honor to attempt to compel this man to keep the peace all over the world," said he.

"What has McGrade to say for himself?" asked his honor.

McGrade was put in the box and sworn. He stated that he had had no conversation whatever with Mrs. McConnell on or about September 16 or 18, the dates she alleges the threats to have been made, except having met her once or twice on the street he had not seen her for two weeks prior to that date, was in town but was not in the Melbourne hotel where the conversation is said to have taken place; he made no such threats, and had never made any threats what and never against Mrs. McConnell, had never said anything about burning down her hotel; had been friends with

Mr. McConnell for ten years, and if he met him today he would extend to him his hand in friendship.

Mr. Congdon in his cross examination asked McGrade if he would fall upon McConnell's neck and embrace him if he should meet him, and would it not be considered a strange procedure if as he says McConnell owed him \$10,000 and refused to pay it that he (McGrade) should greet him so effusively. Witness replied that the money question was a matter of business and he would not let that interfere with a friendship of so many years' standing. McGrade further stated that the last conversation he had had with Mrs. McConnell was two weeks prior to September 18, and that no one was present at that time unless they were secreted; he never seen Mrs. McConnell in the presence of Mr. Brown.

A. F. George was called by the prosecution in an attempt to discredit McGrade's evidence; but he swore he had not seen McGrade for a year and a half prior to his (George's) return in custody from Whithorse. He had dined with him that evening but nothing had been said to him by McGrade either in reference to the publication or suppression of news pertaining to the McConnell mixup.

Judge Macaulay's findings in the case were short and to the point. He found no evidence to warrant him binding the accused over to keep the peace and he was consequently discharged.

The court-house was filled with McGrade's friends, who pressed about him at the conclusion of the trial and extended congratulations. He leaves again for the outside on the Whitehorse and hopes for better luck this trip.

Returned to Dawson.

Mr. Horace Degenais, at one time with the A. E. Co., and later with the Ames Mercantile Co., and always popular in society circles, returned to Dawson by way of St. Michael, being a passenger up the river on the steamer Casca. He traveled extensively in the States and Canada during his absence. Mr. Degenais will probably accept a position for the winter with one of the big companies.

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Episcopal—Rev. W. H. G. Gendreau, pastor. Regular services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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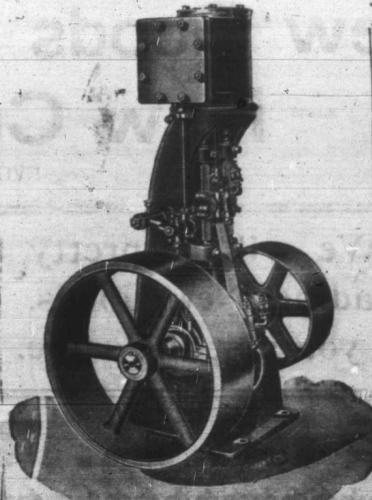
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