

SKAGWAY PIONEER

Geo. A. Brackett Now
in Dawson

Constructed and Operated Wagon
Road and Trail to White
Pass Summit.

Former Skagwayans are pleased to see on the streets of Dawson Mr. Geo. A. Brackett, who accompanied the senatorial party to this place. Mr. Brackett came to Skagway from Minneapolis with the first rush in '97 and soon thereafter began the construction of his famous wagon road from Skagway to White Pass City, a distance of 16 miles, and a pack trail from White Pass City on to the summit of White Pass, a distance of 4 miles. Although a toll road it was a great convenience to the public and it was largely instrumental in the early development of the Klondike.

All the freight coming to this country via Lynn canal was handled either over Brackett's wagon and pack road or the Chilkoot trail until they were both superseded by the White Pass-Railway Company which purchased the rights and franchises of both.

Mr. Brackett, after disposing of his road interests became heavily interested with his son Frank at Atlin in a hydraulic proposition to which place he expects to go direct from Dawson. He has great faith in the future of the Atlin country.

Mr. Brackett's family is now at their old home in Minneapolis.

On a Grand Scale

Washington, July 1.—Details of the splendid finale of the festivities at Kiel in honor of the American squadron reached the navy department today in the following cablegram from Rear Admiral Cotton, dated Kiel, June 30:

"Yesterday, commanding officers, staff, launched with Admiral von Goetter, commander-in-chief Kiel station. In afternoon self and officers of squadron gave reception on board kearsarge, attended by Prince and Princess Henry, their suites and distinguished officials of state, navy and army. Late afternoon self, staff, commanding officers took leave by special appointment of the emperor on board Hohenzollern, at which time he expressed warmest and most cordial sentiment for the president and the United States, regretted our short stay at Kiel and hoped that this would soon be repeated. Evening our ambassador, self, staff, commanding officers were guests at dinner of Kiel Yacht Club, at which emperor and Prince Henry were present. Fine electrical and searchlight display by German and American squadrons. This morning the emperor left for Eckernforde to return tomorrow. As Hohenzollern passed flying royal standard, our squadron manned rails and saluted with thirty-three guns and German ensign at main, which was recognized by Hohenzollern tipping her ensign as she passed our squadron. Squadron sails at six o'clock today, to arrive Portsmouth July 7. Will stop two days at Kallimburg, Denmark. Machias goes through canal today to rejoin squadron off Portsmouth."

Baseball Challenge

The following challenge to combat on the diamond was received in Dawson by the last mail from the lower river:

Goodpasture, April 23, 1903.

Manager Hickey,
Dawson Baseball Club
We hereby challenge your team to a game of baseball, 1903 rules, to be played at Goodpasture Grove, July 10th, 1903, at 2 a. m. Following is the line-up of our team:
Coldfoot Joe, catch salmon or prying. Goodpasture Nit-pitch, with cakum and boots. Slim/Fat, 1st base—base or granite. Bearskin Pete, 2nd base—without granite. Cariboose Sam, 3rd base—with or without. Long Lean, short stop—warranted to stop short. Wrong Ray, right field—good grazing. Middle Straw, center field—not working at it. Wright Oats, left field—and never came back. Substitute, Darling Nat—pet of the squaws.

Issued by consent of club by Manager Nat Darling, formerly of the Juveniles of Dawson, for \$280 unpaid; 10 off for cash accepted. Address all mail to Nat Lieblich, manager Severbath Baseball Team, Quality Guaranteed, expressly put up for the Klondike, 1898 expression which now reads expressly done up in the Klondike.

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Not Healthy.

London, June 27.—There is no more jealous guardian of its country's well being than the Lancet. This week it draws attention to the hitherto unsuspected danger which is threatening the British race, and with anxiety in behalf of the proper perpetuation of that race which would surely command the sympathy of the President of the United States, this leading medical journal raises its voice against baby shows.

It is needless to say that the Lancet does not desire to discourage babies. It does not even object to baby shows per se. The mischief lies in the principle whereon the awarding of prizes in these shows has been based. From time immemorial the first prize has always been given to the fattest baby. Last week at the Walthamstow show fifty babies born in last March competed. The winner turned the scale at 16½ pounds.

The Lancet points out that this is all wrong, and, turning the cold, scientific eye upon such a prize winner, does not see why a fat baby should be the pride of its mother's heart. On the contrary, it regards such an infant as a "carbohydrate or sugared infant, with a curiously translucent, almost opalescent, appearance of the tissues."

Fat babies, the Lancet says, are "hypertrophic, square-headed infants. To the touch they are cold, gelatinous and flabby, with none of the elasticity and tone characteristic of a vigorous, healthy, breast-fed baby."

The paper goes on to argue that for this reason the prizes should not be awarded to the fattest, but to the medically fittest baby. It goes on to say: "Then, perhaps, mothers will be disabused of many of their misconceptions, among others of their admiration for hypertrophic, pathological types, which Raphael and others among the masters have perpetuated on canvas as pleasing standards of vigorous babyhood to be copied and admired."

Says He Must Go

Olympia, July 1.—The supreme court has wiped out the last hope of George Roberts that he would not have to go to California to answer the charge of grand larceny. The court today denied the application for a writ of prohibition to restrain Superior Judge Bell, of King county, from giving Roberts into the custody of Thomas H. Ryan, the state of California's agent in the extradition

of Roberts. The decision also ends the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Roberts and out of which the application for the writ of prohibition grew.

On the hypothesis that habeas corpus in this case was a criminal instead of a civil action, his attorneys did not file an appeal bond within five days of the time of taking the appeals in civil actions. The court holds, after quoting several authorities, that a habeas corpus is always a civil action, although frequently made use of by persons charged with crime. On this basis the court concludes as follows:

"The effect of the relator's position is to ask this court to issue a permanent writ of prohibition commanding the respondent to refrain from doing a thing which from the record before us is now manifestly beyond his power to do, since the appeal is ineffectual to stay proceedings. This would lead to an absurd result, and the position of the relator cannot be entertained."

Davis Is Enjoined

Chicago, July 1.—George Davis, shortstop of the New York National League team, by the terms of President Pulliam's edict, has been enjoined from playing in Chicago with the New York team. An injunction was obtained today by Sharp, Meagher & Whitney, who are supposed to represent Charles Comiskey and other owners of the Chicago American team.

The question of the legality of serving the injunction notice on a holiday, as would have to be done in this case, inasmuch as the New York team is scheduled to play two games here on July 1, and one on the 5th, is causing considerable anxiety to the lawyers of the American League. The general opinion, however, is that such action would be entirely within the law.

The Nome jury in the case of the United States vs. J. J. Jolly, charged with the murder of former police officer James, returned a verdict of not guilty in less than 40 minutes from the time they retired. The first ballot was an informal one and stood 10 to 2 for acquittal. The next one was unanimous.

Jolly was chief of police and had dismissed James from the service for alleged "crookedness." He plead self-defense.

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Claim of Insanity

Hamilton, O., July 1.—In the Knapp murder trial today Police Officer Motion testified to the vain search for the box Knapp said he had thrown away at Lindenwall. Prosecutor Gordon then rested, and Darby, of the defense, moved the court to order a verdict of "not guilty" on the ground that murder was not proven. Judge Belden overruled the motion and the defense began.

The chief defense will be insanity. Knapp's mother, Mrs. Susan Knapp, was called. Her testimony strongly tended to prove that Knapp was insane as a result of injuries received in youth. The mother said that a colt had kicked him in the head when he was six years old at their home in Porter county, Indiana. He was unconscious for days, and always thereafter complained of pains in the head.

Later Knapp fell off a mow, and again injured his head. Brain fever followed the accident. He was struck on the head by a baseball bat at Moline, Ill., and again seriously hurt. The mother said she regarded Knapp as insane after these attacks.

Once he went away and said he was in San Francisco. His condition became so noticeable that the boys called him "Looney" Knapp. He wrote a play and tried to make his sister wear wings and impersonate an angel.

This afternoon Mrs. Knapp detailed her husband's action about the time of the alleged murder, relating numerous wild assertions and acts tending to show insanity. In reply to a direct question by lawyer Darby, she said that she thought Alfred was insane. Prosecutor Gordon in cross examination tried to show that Mrs. Knapp's memory was not reliable. He succeeded in involving her in repeated contradictions and errors as to the date of accidents and other circumstances.

The deposition of Mrs. M. T. Marshall, Knapp's former teacher at Madison Ind., was read after Mrs. Knapp left the stand. Mrs. Marshall said that Knapp was a dull, disobedient boy, incapable of learning and lacking, in her opinion, all discrimination between right and wrong. She thought that he was unbalanced. He was often sick in school and subject to bad headaches.

Cyrus Knapp, of Cincinnati, a brother, said that on the date of the alleged murder he visited Knapp, who

acted irrationally, sitting with his head in his hands. Knapp told him that he was an actor and he expected to be the next mayor of this city. Answering a direct question he said that he regarded Alfred Knapp as insane. Court adjourned.

Another Crusade

Berlin, June 27.—Mrs. Theodore Duimschen and Alfred Neumann have just published a book which is intended to start a crusade against the Standard Oil Company in Germany. That company always has been a subject of attack, but nothing before has

been so fierce and so determined as this book, which undoubtedly is arousing a strong feeling. They argue that the Standard Oil Company is "the greatest American danger." They say there once was a flourishing German petroleum trade, but it is dead, and in a year or two nothing but the ships and tanks of the Standard Oil Company will be seen. "King" Rockefeller will have placed his heel on his German competitors and Germany will fall completely under his sway.

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