

# KID WEST IS HERE

## Arrived Last Night in-Custody of Detective Seeley and Guards.

### LOANED TO DOMINION GOVERNMENT

#### By State of Washington Where He Is a Convict.

#### WILL TESTIFY IN O'BRIEN CASE

#### No Stranger to Dawson Jail, Having Done Time for Theft in '99 -He Met O'Brien Here.

From Friday's Daily.

Heavily shackled and under strong guard "Kid" West arrived in Dawson between 6 and 7 o'clock last night, Detective Seeley for the Dominion government being in charge of the party. Officers Treadwell and Cudley guarded West on the journey. One of the officers is said to be from the state of Washington, the other a member of the N. W. M. P.

"Kid" West, who is now the property of the state of Washington, being sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary for theft committed in Seattle, has been borrowed by the Dominion government for the purpose of giving evidence in the case of Geo. O'Brien, who, since early in January of last year has been in custody, first on suspicion and later on the charge of having committed the triple murder at Minto on Christmas day of '99, when, after being repeatedly shot, the bodies of Fred H. Clayton, Lynn Relte and Lineman Olson were presumably robbed and consigned through an open place in the ice to the waters of the Yukon which yielded up its dead the following June.

This is not West's first visit to Dawson, neither is it the first time the strong door of the Dawson jail has been closed and locked behind him, he having served a term of several months here in the former part of the year '99 for theft, O'Brien being a convict at the same time and on a similar charge. Whether or not the two men met there for the first time is not known, but it has since been said that while fellow sufferers in the expiation of crime they concocted a plan for conducting a "road agency" on the river trail the following winter. On his release from jail sometime during the summer of '99 West left Dawson, going out, it is said, by way of the lower river, his alleged arrangement with O'Brien being to meet the latter either in Dawson or up the river after the close of navigation. It is further said that West did not arrive on schedule time and that O'Brien, feeling that the time for bag making had arrived, took the road himself and, many believe with a partner who was killed in the fight on Christmas day or wounded and was later killed by O'Brien to escape the detection that would have surely followed his caring for a wounded partner on the trail. While this was being enacted "Kid" West was in Skagway awaiting news from O'Brien which he later received, the nature of the news being that the latter was in jail at Tagish. West at once conceived a bold scheme for releasing O'Brien by assaulting the guards on their way with the prisoner from Tagish to Dawson but his knowledge of the stuff of which members of the N. W. M. P. are made caused him to reconsider and pass up the proposition. It was while in Skagway, although not fully proven, that West sandbagged a woman named Gertie who was on her way out from Dawson and robbed her of money and jewelry to the value of \$800. Later he went to Seattle and was soon in the toils for theft and a five years' engagement in the Walla Walla jute mills followed, from which place he was borrowed for the purpose of being brought here to testify in the case of his erstwhile fellow convict.

It is said that West was very averse to coming to Dawson and stated his determination to escape on the way down, but his safe delivery here last night and his present incarceration in the Dawson strong house shows that he

reckoned without considering the vigilance of his body guard.

No trouble was experienced with him on the trip down the river during which there always rested upon him the watchful eye either of one of the party in whose custody he was or of some member of the police station where the night were passed. In reality West was in no more danger of escaping on the trip down the river than he is of walking out through the solid wall of the cell he now occupies in the jail.

The date for O'Brien's trial has not yet been fixed but it will probably be held soon. Detective McGuire who worked with the police in the case, and who is said to have made some interesting discoveries while O'Brien was confined in the Tagish jail, is here and ready to tell what he knows of the case.

# MINER'S LIEN ORDINANCE

## Passed First and Second Reading and Referred.

Councilman Wilson's ordinance establishing a miner's lien on claims and dumps was submitted to the council last night by the legal adviser.

The ordinance as drafted provides for a miner's priority of claim over all judgments, executions, assignments, garnishments, or attachments which have been made or issued after such lien arises. The miner is also given priority of claim over all payment or advances made on account of any transfer or mortgage after notice of such lien having been made has been given in writing by the miner to the person making such payment.

The lien does not affect or prejudice the rights of any person having a mortgage or other charge upon the claim or output made and recorded prior to the commencement of the work in respect of which the lien is made.

The ordinance as drafted is long and contains many provisions. In some respects it is said to conflict with the federal statutes and a question has arisen as to whether or not, if passed, it will be held valid.

The ordinance passed its first and second reading last night and will be introduced at the next meeting for final reading and discussion when the legal adviser will be requested to be present to give his opinion on questions in doubt.

# TO EXPLORE THE ARCTICS

## Geological Surveyor Schrader Here En Route North.

Mr. F. C. Schrader, a United States geologist who is leading a geological survey party for the head of the Koyukuk arrived in Dawson last evening by the stage.

Mr. Schrader, in speaking of his trip and its object to a Nugget representative today said: "Our destination is the unknown region between the head of the Koyukuk and the Arctic ocean. We will make a geological survey of the formation of the country with a view of ascertaining its mineral resources and also to gain all the information possible as to its topographic and geographic formations.

"Our route will extend down the Yukon to Fort Yukon, up the Chandlerier river, across the divide into the Koyukuk basin, then northward up some of the principal tributaries of the Koyukuk and across the Rocky mountain divide separating the drainage of the Yukon and Koyukuk rivers on the south and the Arctic ocean on the north. We hope to reach the divide by dog team and from there we will descend some unknown river to the Arctic coast. There is a large portion of the country we are to traverse that white man has never set his foot on and the drainage system on the other side of the divide is not even known.

"After we reach the coast we will extend our work westward from one to two hundred miles and if time presents we will return by way of the Koyukuk. If this, however, cannot be done we will take our way along the Arctic coast to Point Barrows where we will be able to catch a whaler."

There are eight men all told in Mr. Schrader's party, five of whom are ahead establishing a base of supplies. The balance of the party will meet them at Bergman on the Koyukuk and from thence the party will proceed together.

# IT MEANT QUARTZ

## In Ottawa Order Concerning Royalty Reduction.

An order in council dated Ottawa, February 20th amending section 53 A of the regulations by providing that the royalty to be charged on the output of quartz mining claims shall not exceed five per cent.

The order reads as follows: Privy Council, Canada, Ottawa, Feb. 20, 1901.

His Excellency in Council:

Whereas section 53 A of the regulations for the disposal of quartz mining claims, established by order in council of the 21st March, 1898, as amended by subsequent orders in council, provides that the patent for a mining location shall reserve to the crown forever whatever royalty may hereafter be imposed on the sales of the products of all mines therein, and the same royalty shall be collected on the sales which may be made prior to the issue of patent.

And whereas it is now deemed advisable to provide for the maximum royalty which may be imposed on the sales of the products of mines.

And whereas, sub clause 2 of section 43 A of the aforesaid regulations provides that if application is made for a certificate of improvements, any person claiming an adverse right shall within a certain specified time commence legal action to determine the question of the right of possession, and shall file a copy of the writ, information, bill of complaint, or other initiatory proceeding with the mining recorder, and shall prosecute such action with reasonable diligence to final judgment; and section 69 of the said regulations provides that the gold commissioner and the mining recorders shall each have the power to hear and determine all disputes with regard to mining property subject to appeal.

And whereas, a seeming discrepancy exists between these two last named sections of the said regulations, and it is represented that the effect of section 69 would appear to take from the courts any jurisdiction in regard to mining matters while section 43 A would appear to refer directly to the courts of the land:

And whereas, it is not the intention that any dispute which may arise with respect to quartz mining claims prior to the issue of patent should be referred to any court other than that having jurisdiction in mining matters.

Therefore, his excellency, by and with the advice of the king's privy council for Canada, is pleased to order that section 53 A of the regulations for the disposal of quartz mining claims, before mentioned, shall be and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the word "therein" the following: "Such royalty, however, not to exceed five per cent."

His excellency is further pleased to order that section 43 A of the said regulations shall be and is hereby amended by inserting after the words "legal action" the following: "As provided by section 79 of these regulations."

(Signed) JOHN J. M'GEE, Clerk of the Privy Council.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order in council was received in my office March 29th, was posted therein March 29th, and that the said order in council came into force March 29th, 1901.

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

Mr. Pattullo was asked this morning if this was the order referred to in the telegram recently received by the A. E. Co, and which was published a short time ago. He said that no further order had been received and no intimation had as yet been received to the effect that the royalty on the output of placer mines had been reduced. It is his opinion that the above order is the one referred to. For, he said, the question is one of such vital interest to everyone that if the royalty on the placer output had been reduced, there would in all probability have been a number of private wires sent in to the large mine holders and commercial houses as well as the banks, who are interested in the subject.

### Regarding Sanitation.

A meeting of the board of health was held Tuesday afternoon in the commissioner's office, at which it was decided to recommend to the Yukon council that a cable and scows be used to deposit the garbage in the Klondike river as soon as the ice begins to break. The ice in the Klondike river breaks up sooner than in the Yukon and garbage deposited there, it is thought would be carried out into the current of the Yukon.

The medical health officer reported

that the vaccination was completed for the present and that he was getting the returns from the various public vaccinators.

A cabin which during the smallpox epidemic was used as a hospital on Gold Run was recommended to be burned as being the most efficacious method of destroying any infections which might exist.

In respect to the erection of a slaughter house by Mr. A. R. Cameron the commissioner said he understood that a report was to have been made to the medical health officer in this matter. It was recommended that the refuse from the slaughter house be burned and otherwise that the ordinance respecting slaughter houses be strictly enforced. The members present were Messrs. Ogilvie, O'Brien and McArthur.

# MUCH MOOTED MEAT MATTER

## Is Soup Bone of Contention Before Council.

The first of April is rapidly approaching and the days in which moose and caribou may be sold are numbered unless the committee appointed by the Yukon council last night to investigate the situation should make a favorable report extending the time.

A petition from the hunters and others interested in the traffic of game was presented to the council last evening requesting an extension of time in which to dispose of the meat on hand.

There is now on hand in the town a large amount of game which, if the ordinance be strictly enforced, would naturally have to be sacrificed.

At the same time the butchers, having large amounts invested in their stocks on hand, are petitioning for the immediate and strict enforcement of the ordinance.

Mr. Dugas in speaking on the question said: "If we could only be assured that the people would act perfectly honest in the matter and not take an undue advantage of our leniency, I would be perfectly willing to extend the time to allow for the disposal of the stock on hand. But we cannot be assured of that for there are no doubt a lot of people who would take an advantage of us and sell game killed after the time specified in the ordinance. We were asked to extend the time to April 1st, with the assurance that that would give plenty of time in which to dispose of the meat, which we did and now comes the request for a further extension of time. The difficulty of the question now is whether or not it is to the public interest to extend the time. If we are to change our ordinances every week or two we might just as well not make any. In this case we must proceed cautiously."

Commissioner Ogilvie's opinion on the subject was that what is now in cold storage or in town should be allowed to be sold, but that all other be barred.

Mr. Prudhomme thought that a committee should be appointed to investigate the matter to see in whose hands the meat is. He had heard there were a number of people who had speculated in the meat with full knowledge of the ordinance and of its going into effect on the 1st of April, but they had relied upon getting an extension of time to dispose of it.

Major Wood and Mr. Prudhomme were appointed a committee to report at the next meeting of the council. In the meantime the sale will be allowed to go on.

The question was also raised as to whether the restaurants would be allowed to serve game during the closed period. The question had not been raised at the time of the passing of the ordinance and Commissioner Ogilvie said that he had no idea of restricting such sale. No one opposed the question so restaurants and hotels will be allowed to serve game on their tables.

### A Good Pay Streak.

A. M. Kilgore and Harry Laudall recently received good word from their claims 16a and 16b Lindow creek a tributary of the right fork of Bear creek. Messrs. Kilgore and Laudall staked these claims last fall and have had men prospecting them during the winter. A paystreak four feet in depth and about 30 feet wide, running all the way from \$1.25 to \$2.50 to the bucket has been located. The men are naturally very much elated with their success and are making preparation for extensive work this summer.

### Intricacies of Girlish Friendships.

"What brought on this dreadful coolness between you and Viola, Lillian?" "Why, you see, Bertha, she told me a lot of awfully mean things you said about me."—Detroit Free Press.

### RECEIVED BY WIRE.

# IS NOW SERIOUS

## Russians Show Treachery to British Forces at Tientsin

### AND NOW HAS CHIP ON SHOULDER.

#### Seattle Negro Editor in Jail on Criminal Charge.

#### BLUFFING CHIEF OF POLICE.

#### Another Attempt to Capture Aguinaldo—Nome's Judge on Rack at Washington.

From Friday's Daily.

Tientsin, March 23, via Skagway, March 29.—Having reached an agreement, the Russian and British withdrew from the disputed railroad siding but the Russians suddenly returned and planted their country's flag all over the disputed territory and again retired leaving their national emblem behind them. This act on the part of Russia is construed as putting a chip on her shoulder and daring the British to knock it off. The action of the British is anxiously awaited but there is no doubt but that the flags will be pulled up. The situation is very serious.

#### Coon Editor in Trouble.

Seattle, March 24, via Skagway, March 29.—H. R. Clayton the negro editor of the Republican, has been arrested on a charge of criminal libel preferred by Chief of Police Meredith. Clayton is held in default of \$500 bond which the police demand shall be put up in cash. As no one is permitted to see him it is considered an extraordinary high-handed proceeding and Chief Meredith is very apt to get into serious trouble over the matter.

#### Ah There, Aguinaldo!

Manila, March 23, via Skagway, March 29.—An expedition has been dispatched into the interior to capture Aguinaldo.

#### Ticklish for Noyes.

Washington, March 23, via Skagway, March 29.—The case of Judge Noyes of Nome, has been before the cabinet several times and the members nearly all favor his summary removal. The president and attorney general favor hearing the case in full before rendering a decision.

Attorney General Griggs has resigned his position.

#### McKeown Coming.

Skagway, March 29.—Ed McKeown who went to the Yukon with Major Walsh, left here yesterday for Dawson.

#### Stampeding Epidemic.

Stampeding has become epidemic in the Klondike and would-be claim owners are liable at any moment to dash off on a 50 or 100 mile run on the strength of an unauthenticated whisper that three cents to the pan was found on the left fork of Lickeminch, but when that stream is reached some old lone prospector is found at work. He has not struck bedrock nor found a color, but, like all prospectors, his belief is firm that he will strike a big thing further down. The result is that Lickeminch is staked from one end to the other and three tiers back. Then the stamper returns to Dawson and the next day it leaks out that a concession on the headwaters of Pushfinger has been thrown open and, without waiting for confirmation of the report, there is another rush and two days later the recorder's window is eagerly sought by locators.

There is nothing leads up to the general development of a country so surely as the indiscriminate stampedes, but to the casual observer who is too lazy to participate in one they look very foolish.