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MARTIN NO MORE

The Provincial Parliament of British Columbia Has Dissolved.

A GENERAL ELECTION IS CALLED

For Wednesday, the 9th Day of May.

HOUSE MEETS ON JULY 5TH.

The Voters of British Columbia Will Probably Condemn Martin and His Policy.

Victoria, B. C., April 14, via Skagway, April 19.—The difficulties with reference to political affairs in British Columbia, have culminated in the dissolution of the provincial parliament. Some few days ago, Premier Laurier advised Lieut.-Gov. McInnes that he must convene the legislature and select therefrom a government, or dissolve parliament at once. The lieutenant governor has accepted the alternative suggestion. Parliament has been dissolved. A general election has been called for May 9th, and the members of the new house will assemble on July 5th.

The present status of affairs has been occasioned by Joe Martin. Early in March he was called to form a new government by Lieut.-Gov. McInnes. Upon the presentation of Martin's name to the house, a vote of want of confidence was unanimously passed. When the lieutenant governor attempted to speak, the members vacated their seats, and his address was delivered in front of empty benches. Then the legislators were released from further attendance in the house. Martin has made repeat-

ed attempts to form a government; but his efforts have been unsuccessful. The recent action of the lieutenant governor in dissolving parliament is approved by the opposition. All questions are now referred to the people, whose votes will probably be unfavorable to Martin and his policy.

Major Drummond Returns.
Ottawa, April 14, via Skagway, April 19.—Major Drummond, who was detailed for service in the South African war, is now on his way home. He has already sailed from Cape Town; and he is expected to arrive in Canada within the next ten days.

For Officers' Widows
Washington, D. C. March 29.—The house committee on Pensions recommended an increase to \$40 per month in the pension of the widow of Col. Egbert, killed in the Philippines; \$40 to the widow of Col. Haskell, who died from wounds received in Cuba; \$35 to the widow of Col. J. J. Van Horn, who died during the Spanish war; \$30 to the widow of Capt. C. W. R. Well, killed in Cuba; \$35 to the widow of Commander Horace Elmer, of the navy, and \$30 to the widow of Commodore O. C. Badger, of the navy.

Premature Blast.
Spokane, March 29.—One man was killed, another fatally injured and four others were seriously injured this morning on the Great Northern new right of way now being graded here by being crushed under tons of rock. A premature blast exploded on the hillside, hurling many tons of stone down on the labore's working 20 feet below. Five victims have been rescued. This is believed to be all, though there are rumors that more are penned in. The victims are: S. N. Abrundicino, died at the hospital; Guiseppe Aldini, dying at the hospital; Fred Graeco, right leg fractured and body bruised, will recover; Ole Olson, head and body bruised, will recover; Andrew Hiberg, who was putting in the blast, one eye destroyed, both hands fractured and otherwise badly bruised, will recover.

Is Probably Dead.
Spokane, March 29.—Superior Judge Prather and County Attorney Moore have completed one of the most remarkable quasi-judicial proceedings in the history of this country. Webster, condemned for the murder of Mrs. Asplund three years ago, was to be executed here Friday. His attorneys claimed the discovery of new evidence and Governor Rogers referred to the foregoing officials the duty of hearing it. The inquiry took on many of the features of a regular trial. It was completed yesterday afternoon and the officials telegraphed Governor Rogers that nothing new had been developed that would raise a reasonable doubt as to the identity of the man who fired the fatal shot. Webster's attorneys declared that they considered the hearing a judicial proceeding and would appeal to the Supreme court, but Judge Prather said no appeal could lie. There is scarcely a doubt that Webster will be hanged Friday.

Another Concert.
F. W. Zimmerman announces that he will give another concert to be held a week from next Sunday at the Orpheum theater.

COFFEY STABBED

By John Merchant at the Aurora Club Rooms This Morning.

A LARGE POCKET KNIFE WAS USED

The Altercation Arose Over a Bet at Cards.

WOUNDS ARE NOT FATAL.

Both Participants in the Quarrel Are Now Confined in the Barracks.

An affray which might have terminated fatally occurred in the clubroom of the Aurora saloon at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Fortunately, the timely interference of employes of the house prevented the commission of a most serious crime.

The principals in the affair were Charles Coffey and John Merchant. Coffey is well known as gold weigher on the night shift in the Bank saloon. Merchant is a medium-sized man of sandy complexion, who does not seem to follow any regular occupation.

It appears that Coffey and Fritz Ranke entered the Aurora and proceeded to one of the faro tables. Both persons were slightly intoxicated. Coffey started to gamble and an altercation arose between him and Merchant, one of the players at the game, over the ownership of a certain bet. No trouble occurred; for Merchant immediately left the faro table and walked to the rear end of the club room. A few minutes afterwards he was followed by Coffey. The latter addressed harsh and abusive names to Merchant, who retorted by calling Coffey a liar. Then Coffey struck Merchant in the face. Both men clinched and struggled together for a few moments. In the scuffle Coffey had the better of the situation; but he seemed to weaken just as John Campbell, a gold weigher in the Aurora, interfered and separated the combatants. Blood appeared to be flowing from the left side of Coffey's body, for his clothing was discolored. He was assisted to the office of Dr. Good on the second floor of the building, where medical treatment was rendered the injured man. Merchant, in the meantime, had run out of the saloon; he was followed by M. J. McNamara, the porter in the Aurora. The latter overtook the fugitive in the alley to the rear of the saloon building. Constable Stult soon arrived on the scene, and Merchant was placed under arrest. When searched at the barracks a pocket knife with a three-inch blade was found upon his person. He declined to make any statement.

Two cuts were inflicted on Coffey; one about two inches long across the pit of the abdomen; the other wound was made near the nipple of the left breast, and extended about three inches in length down the side of the body. Neither injury penetrated to any of the vital organs; and though the wounds may be painful no serious results are liable to ensue.

Coffey asserts that he cut himself; but his story is incredible. At present he is confined in the barracks. Campbell and McNamara say that the affair commenced and terminated in a very short space of time; neither of them saw Merchant use a knife; and they did not seriously consider the altercation until they observed blood on Coffey's clothing. Some of the witnesses to the affray declare that Merchant, like Coffey, was somewhat under the influence of liquor.

All the facts will be disclosed at tomorrow morning's session of the police magistrate's court.

Alaska Still Hopeful.
Notwithstanding the fact that Alaska's delegate who went to Washington

and demanded a seat in congress was turned down, rebuked for his presumption and sent back to his constituency, the people of that district are still hopeful. The Republicans have called a district convention to be held in Juneau in May, and a Republican club now flourishes at Skagway. As the latter place has also a large number of the disciples of Jefferson, Jackson and Tilden, it is probable that a Democratic club will also be organized there. It is not likely, however, that Alaska's political clubs will have much influence in deciding national issues this fall. As Alaskans have no votes they are only playing politics.

Season Closing.
It is probable that there will be but few additional arrivals in Dawson over the ice this season, the trail now being almost impassable. From a gentleman who arrived yesterday it is learned that on April 3d the water on top of the ice on Lake Bennett was a foot deep in some places, and the rivers are open in many places for miles. The trail from Reindeer on to Dawson is covered with water nearly the entire distance. Many persons are en route with horses and sleds who cannot possibly complete the trip over the ice; and it is feared that many of them will be cornered and forced to stop where no horse feed can be obtained, and that in consequence many animals will die of starvation.

The Firemen's Ball.
The firemen's ball to be given tomorrow evening at Golden's Exchange, will be one of the social events of the season. The large room of the new building will be a tastefully decorated; excellent musicians have been engaged; and the perfect arrangements assure the success of the affair. The price of tickets is \$5. They may be secured at the drug store of Reid & Co., or from any member of the fire department.

Samaritan Hospital Meeting.
The annual public meeting of those persons who are interested in the Good Samaritan hospital will occur tomorrow evening. Four directors will be elected, and other business of importance will be transacted. After the conclusion of routine matters, an entertaining musical program will be rendered. Arrangements have been made for vocal and instrumental selections. Refreshments will be served; and an enjoyable time is promised to those who will attend. The ladies who form the reception committee are Mesdames Perry, Thompson, Hetherington, Naylor, Heron and Fish.

Cable Rates.
Cable messages may now be sent from Dawson to Great Britain, Ireland and France at the rate of 70 cents per word, actual number of words only being counted, including address and signature. Formerly cable messages if only containing three words had to pay the minimum charge from Dawson to Skagway of \$4 in addition to charges from that point to their destination. Now that charge may be as low as 90 cents.

Off for the Creeks.
Manager H. T. Wills, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, with his brother, Dr. Wills, and Mr. T. R. Billett, left yesterday morning for a tour of the creeks. They will include Dominion and Gold Run in the trip and will be gone some time. Mr. Billett is a cheechako and will get his first glimpse of Klondike scenery from the quarter deck of a cayuse.

Watch our prices on high-class clothing. See our announcement on 4th page. Star Clothing House.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

Two bits for joy at Rochester Bar.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

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DAWSON DAIRIES

Will Be Numerous Shortly After the Opening of Navigation.

TEN CAR LOADS OF LIVE STOCK

Left Skagway Yesterday En Route to this Place.

MILCH COWS, BEEF, MUTTON

Stock Will Be Driven to the Foot of Lebarge and Shipped on Scows.

Skagway, April 19.—Ten cars all loaded with live stock left here in one train yesterday for Bennett en route to Dawson. Of the outfit LaFrance & Hastner have ten milch cows, thirty-two beef steers and eight horses.

The Arctic Meat Co. has 375 head of mutton sheep and 50 beef cattle. The party in charge of this stock says the expedition will cost his company \$30,000. They have 75 tons of feed cached along the route at intervals of 15 miles as far down as the foot of Lake Lebarge, to which place the animals will be driven over the ice and where they will be loaded on scows now being built and floated down to Dawson.

L. H. Heidinger has started for Dawson with 15 milch cows and ten calves, the latter being taken to consume the milk on the route and for veal on reaching Dawson. Heidinger's intentions are to operate a dairy on reaching his destination.

From reports received here of the condition of the trail on the upper rivers and lakes it is thought very improbable that the stock can be driven even as far as Lebarge.

Burnham Escapes.

Skagway, April 19.—F. R. Burnham, the American who left here early in January to serve the British army in South Africa in the capacity of scout, and who was captured by the Boers shortly after his arrival, has escaped and, after wandering three days without food or water, reached the camp of the 12th Lancers in a weak and exhausted condition.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 49 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 25 degrees above.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

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