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SEMPLER HITS THE TRAIL.

Decides Not to Wait For a Hearing.

SAID TO BE ON THE ROAD TO AMERICAN TERRITORY.

Proprietor of the "Sunday Gleaner" Satisfied With One Fine.

Evidently Concludes That Discretion Is the Better Part of Valor—Will Probably be Gleaning at Nome Next Summer—History of One of the Most Peculiar Cases Yet Recorded in the Yukon Territory.

David William Semple is no longer a resident of Dawson, and within a few more hours he will be an alien no longer, but will be on the soil of the country of his allegiance, the United States of America. "Willie" has departed for pastures new and the haunts that once knew him will probably know him no more forever. Monday, shortly after the firing of the noonday gun at the barracks, marked the time of "Willie's" departure, and behind a sled to which were attached two dogs he started down the frozen Yukon towards the international boundary line. While it was known to many of his friends, Semple did not proclaim his intentions from the housetops, neither did he issue a "special" to publish the fact to the common herd. But early in the day he set about putting his house in order and packing an outfit of clothing and provisions, and with no company other than the two canines above mentioned, and his own musings he cast off his lines, hauled in his gang plank, started his "mushers" toward the Arctic Circle and departed as gently as the falling due of a 60 days' note.

Semple's reason for thus shaking the pulverized snow of Dawson from his moccasins is patent, and his friends of whom he had many, are unanimous in the expression that he has done a wise thing. Semple, who is well-known as the proprietor and editor in chief of the Sunday Gleaner, has, as his best friends admit, been, to say the least, most decidedly indiscreet, and by his indiscretion he had offended against the laws of the land. Less than two weeks ago he paid a fine of \$1000 and costs. He had been ordered to appear on Tuesday to answer for a second offence, and having every reason to believe that the doors of the district jail were yawning to receive him, he quietly left for other fields as described above.

Jack Horne, who arrived in Dawson from Fortymile Monday afternoon between two and three o'clock, reports having met a man of Semple's description at a point about eight miles down the river from Dawson. The man met by Horne had two dogs and is said to have been leaving ice behind at a lively pace. He has probably passed Fortymile ere this, as Horne reports the trail to that point as being in fine condition.

David William Semple first came to Dawson in June of 1898, when he at

once accepted a position on The Nugget, as reporter and business solicitor.

Last February he accompanied G. M. Allen, editor of the Nugget to the outside, going by dog team over the ice to Bennett. He returned to Dawson last July, when he severed his connection with the Nugget to engage in business for himself. The result of that business venture was the Sunday Gleaner, which paper he continued to own and conduct up to the time of his departure, the last issue of the Gleaner being volume 1, No. 22, and bearing the date of Sunday, December 17th.

In a few months when the chilling blasts of winter shall have played out their engagement, when the flowers are in bloom, when the noise of the turtle dove is heard in the land and when all nature kicks her heels in the air with glee at the thought that gentle spring has come, many friends of the gone but not forgotten editor will receive through the joint medium of the United States and Canadian mail systems copies of a red-hot, up-to-date newspaper called the *Nome Sunday Gleaner*, and at the masthead will be seen the familiar words, "D. W. Semple, editor and proprietor."

Sentence Day.

In the superior court Tuesday morning, Judge Dugas sentenced Joseph Selix, convicted of having retained in his possession goods which he knew to have been stolen, to two months in the district jail at hard labor. Selix declined to make any statement in his own behalf or to say anything as to why sentence should not be imposed.

Thos. Graham, a man past the meridian of life, and a former resident of Vancouver, B. C., who has already been in jail seven months for having betrayed the trust of reposed in him by James Rosenberger to the extent of \$3000, was given five months at hard labor.

Arctic Brotherhood.

One of the best meetings in the history of Camp Dawson, No. 4, Arctic Brotherhood, was held Friday night.

Constitution and by-laws were reported and adopted. The following named gentlemen were elected to membership: David Le Fevre, Harry Edwards, Macomber, L. R. Fulda, F. A. Ames, P. C. Stephenson, Leroy Tozier, A. H. Clark, Chas. J. K. Nourse and E. C. Allen. Of the above, David Le Fevre received the degree. The other new members and all other acceptable applicants will receive the degree Friday night. The camp is in a most prosperous and flourishing condition.

The Paris exhibition of 1900 will contain the largest theater in the world. According to the report of M. Raulin, the architect who has been intrusted with its construction, it will accommodate from 12,000 to 15,000 persons.

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Uncle Andy Buried.

The funeral services of Uncle Andy Young were held on Sunday last at the Palace Grand opera house. The services were held under the combined auspices of the Masons and the Salvation Army.

Adjutant Morris, of the latter organization, opened the services and in a short but impressive address reviewed the history of the deceased since his arrival in Dawson.

At the conclusion of the religious features of the ceremony, Allan R. Joy read the impressive Masonic burial service. The Masons then took charge and escorted the remains to the graveyard. The pall bearers were as follows: Asa T. Haydon, David La Fevre, G. W. Hanks, W. L. Moore, W. N. Crouch, E. H. Langley and Walter F. Collins.

The floral offerings, the work of H. Wenkel, were beautiful. So exquisitely was the work done that at a slight distance it was impossible to distinguish the various flowers from the natural blossoms.

The arrangements for the funeral were in charge of Messrs. David Bogart and F. J. Hemen of the Nugget.

Sunday and Monday Fires.

At 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon fire broke out in the back rooms of Sanders & King's paint shop on Second street, near Third avenue. An alarm was at once given and in a very short time two streams of river water were playing on and in the building, and the fire was prevented from spreading to the large buildings adjoining. The loss on the building was something like \$500, while Sanders & King's loss on clothing, bedding, bunks and furniture will amount to fully \$800. The real cause of the fire is unknown, but the wily stovepipe flue is suspected.

At 9 o'clock Monday morning the building on Second avenue owned by a party named Amerson and the first floor of which was occupied by Orr & Tukey's office, the second floor being occupied as lodgings was discovered to be on fire, the pipe from Orr & Tukey's office having ignited the ceiling and second floor. The department quickly responded, but were seriously handicapped for some time in not being able to get the water into the interior of the building. After some time an opening was found and the icy aqua of the Yukon did its work. One of the upstairs rooms was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Howe, who were yet in bed when the fire broke out and who narrowly escaped suffocation. Nearly all their clothes which were scattered about the room were destroyed, Mrs. Howe having to flee from the room barefooted. Their bunks, containing their worldly possessions were burned and the contents ruined. A feather pillow on the bed was burned to a crisp but Mrs. Howe's gold watch which was beneath it was entirely uninjured. The loss on the building and property will amount to upwards of \$1000. Mr. Howe who with his wife lost their all is a telegraph operator and was before coming to Dawson in the employ of the W. P. & Y. Ry. Co.

Jury Disagree.

At a late hour Monday night the jury in the case of the Crown vs. Thos. Forrest, after deliberating for five hours, reported that it was not possible to arrive at a verdict. Judge Dugas discharged the jury and Forrest is yet on bail for his appearance at some future date.

Notice.

Will T. Keenan or W. T. Miles call at Nugget office.

A shaft 40 feet deep wouldn't hold the "O, my's!" people drop on looking into the Pioneer Drug Store. It's near Xmas.

Kellogg's steam laundry takes the cake on flannels; try him and be convinced. On scow, foot of Second street, south.

SEATTLE GOVERNMENT DEPOT

The Coast Metropolis to Be Base of Supplies

If Expectations Are Realized Uncle Sam Will Transact His Philippine Business Through Seattle.

St. Paul, Dec. 10.—The St. Paul chamber of commerce has begun an active campaign for the location of a government depot of supplies for Alaska and the Philippines, to be located at Seattle or Tacoma, and today resolutions to this effect were adopted and committees were appointed to set the matter properly before congress. This move has the indorsement of Minnesota senators and congressmen.

The resolutions say that transportation by the northern route from the United States to the Philippine islands by way of Puget sound offers superior advantages, by reason of the distance being much shorter, having a pleasanter climate and freedom from storms, and the direction of the ocean currents making it safer and better for navigation; and Puget sound is acknowledged to have the best harbors in the United States, and the government having its largest dock there and access to the most extensive wharves that can be found on the Pacific coast, considerable saving to the government can be made by establishing its base of supplies for the Philippines at Puget sound, where coal, lumber and grain can be obtained in vast quantities at minimum prices.

Another resolution asks for the establishment of a depot of military supplies at Puget sound and the transportation of troops and supplies from there to the Philippines; the appointment of a board of military officers to make a thorough and impartial investigation of the entire Pacific coast and to make recommendations governing the transaction of the government's military trans-Pacific business.

Wants Another Race.

Geo. Taylor, who won out in the six-days' go-as-you-please race at the Palace Grand, is endeavoring to get another race. Taylor is willing to run against any six men in the country each of the six men to run a single relay of four hours. Taylor will run the full stretch of 24 hours and offers to wager any sum from \$1000 to \$5000 on the result. An effort has been made to secure a team among the dog mushers attached to the N. W. M. P. service, but the effort as yet has proven unsuccessful.

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