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FIVE YEARS

Of Solitary Confinement Is the Sentence Given by Judge Craig

TO MOLLY THOMPSON FOR STEALING

Gold Dust to Value of \$411 From Geo. E. Nichols

AT GRAND FORKS ON FEB. 15

When He Bought Her Wine at Her Hotel, The Globe—Will Apply for New Trial.

Saturday afternoon was given to hearing witnesses in defense of Molly Thompson before Justice Craig. All the evidence was in at 5:45 and the court adjourned to reconvene at 7:30 to hear the argument.

Mr. McCaul, attorney for the defense, made a strong plea in behalf of the prisoner, speaking for nearly an hour and a half.

Mr. Wade, the crown prosecutor, answered in one of the strongest and most eloquent addresses ever delivered in this country. He said, in speaking of the past life of which she had so candidly and unblushingly told in open court, that so far as a person's private life was concerned it was not to be interfered with until it became a menace to the public's welfare, and then the law must step in and protect the public. As far as the evidence in the case went he would credit the statement of

John M. Sugrue, who was known to be an intelligent honest man against the evidence of all the witnesses of the defense right down the line who were of the lowest type of human kind.

The witnesses of the defense had been contradictory and the story that such an amount of whisky and wine could be consumed in such a short period could not be accredited by any person of common sense.

The argument was powerful and lasted nearly two hours. At about 11 o'clock the case was given to the jury which returned about 12:30 with a verdict of guilty.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Molly Thompson was taken from the jail to Judge Craig's court where she was sentenced to five years solitary confinement in the district penitentiary.

During all her trial the prisoner bore up remarkably well but broke completely down on receiving her sentence this afternoon.

Before sentence was passed Attorney McCaul for the prisoner gave notice that a new trial will be applied for.

EXCURSION RATES

Were Given Policemen by Madame Renio.

The conclusion of the preliminary hearing of the Madame Renio case, in which she is charged with sorcery, witchcraft and other illegal practices along the line of fortune telling, occurred in Magistrate Scarth's court this forenoon. A number of witnesses were examined, the majority of whom had allowed her to practice her art upon them, their futures having been revealed to them by her through her alleged knowledge of palm reading. No less than five members of the police force had called upon her to have their futures hung out on a clothes line for their inspection. The madame's regular charge for reading a palm was \$5, but she had given the police excursion rates, having on one occasion when Constables Stevenson, Timmins and Smith called in a flock, cut her rates in half and sold fortunes in job lots, three for \$7.50. At another time she had charged Constable Fisher only \$2 while she had charged Constable Russett \$3. In addition to charging the latter an extra dollar she had also told him he is married, which allegation the witness said is not true. Among other things this woman who draws aside the curtain and looks into the future at so much per look, told Constable Stevenson that he would not make a good miner, that he would not make a good gambler; that he had an accident when little and would make a good detective.

Mesdames Watson and Carrie Lowe, both ex-fortune tellers who had gone out of business when warned to do so by the police, were witnesses in the case but appeared to know but little about it.

Chris Sanwickson had paid the madame \$5 to inspect his hand and give a verdict on it, but she had told him very little.

After hearing the evidence the court assured the peruser of palms that it was sufficient to convict her of the charge, but decision in the case is reserved until 2 p. m. tomorrow. In the meantime the woman is out on her own recognizance.

Auctioneer G. J. Gregory was dismissed on the charge of selling four pounds of tea unfit for use.

Officials Go to Selkirk.

Comptroller J. T. Lithgow and Meteorological Observer Al Watson left yesterday for Selkirk on official business via the bicycle mode of rapid transit. They expect to be absent about 16 days.

Hay, oats and chopped feed. Meeker.

WAS HOT HOCKEY.

Civil Service Won By Score of 6 to 3 Points.

One of the best and liveliest games of hockey of the season was played Saturday afternoon between the A. C. team and the Civil Service boys at the Dawson rink. The weather was mild and a large and enthusiastic crowd was present.

The line of the teams was as follows: A. C.—Goal, Obara; cover, Barclay, point, Watts; forwards, Jones, Smith, Kennedy and Miller.

Civil Service—Goal, Edward; point, Blair, cover, Sharp; forwards, McLennan, Nash, Watt and Bennett.

Radeliffe acted as timekeeper for the A. C. team and McLagan for the Civil Service. The umpires were Smith and W. Irish. Referee, Patterson.

The score was 6 to 3 in favor of the Civil Service boys.

During the first half Tom Watts one of the strongest players on the A. C. team was injured and compelled to leave the game from which cause they credit their defeat. The Civil Service boys, however, put up a strong game and in many points out-generated their opponents.

All the forwards for the Civil Service played a strong game, Watt, McLennan and Bennett making some particularly brilliant plays. Obara and Barclay made the strongest plays for the A. C. team.

"It was not so bad as it might have been," said one of the A. C. boys this morning. "We could not find takers for all the money we had to put up, therefore we still have some left."

CAN THIS BE TRUE?

Not One of Fifty Robbed Men Ever Squeal.

"While it is a fact that when a man is robbed of his money and fails to report the same to the officers of the law he becomes an accomplice in crime, it is also a fact that not one man in every 50 ever mentions being skinned by the disreputable women so numerous in this country."

The speaker was a prominent Dawson man who prides himself in keeping "dead next" on current matters. Continuing he said:

"Now, take this Mollie Thompson affair. There is no question but that she skinned Nichols like an oyster, but not one man in four dozen would have squealed especially married men. They would have quietly taken their medicine in preference to publishing the fact that they had been played for suckers and landed. If you will keep close tab on these robbery stories you will find that three of every four squeals come from squareheads, and their sense of shame is not so acute as that of most men. It is an everlasting reproach on a man to have it known that he has made a fool of himself and been worked by one of these female sharks."

"I knew a fellow last fall who had fixed up everything ready to go outside to his family. He had been here two years, was a prominent broker and had quite a neat sum of money to show for his stay in the Klondike. He was liberal in his allowance to himself, so he put \$450 in cash in his pocket and purchased drafts with the balance. The night before he started out he dropped into one of the local theaters with the \$450 in the interior realms of his pants. Towards morning in a dazed and semi-conscious condition he dropped out without so much as a two-bit piece on his person. He had been given a drink of the "business" brand and later had been robbed of every cent he had on him. Well, he knew that if he made a roar and had the woman arrested he would have to stay over as a witness, and he had already written his wife that he would be home by a certain time, so he quietly gnashed his teeth and swallowed the pill. He said he would not be written up in police court report as having been robbed by a woman for \$5000. He knew if he was, it would be off with him as soon as his wife heard of it. And this is

only a sample of dozens of cases I have known in the past year. Men go up against it and are robbed, but the fear of publicity and the shame attached keeps their mouths hermetically sealed on the subject. So far as I am concerned, I would like to see every thief, male and female, in the territory, on the woodpile, and working right along beside them I would like to see the poor fools whom they so easily victimize. So far as I am concerned this class of thieves and their victims belong in the same pews."

A Challenge to Shoot.
Dawson, March 9, 1901.

Editor Nugget:

It having been mentioned to me that some parties in the Yukon have been boasting about their prowess with a gun and as I claim to be a fair shot myself, and to settle an argument, I hereby challenge any man in the Yukon for a general shooting contest for \$1000, or any part thereof.

HUBRICK.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

GLACIER IS GROWING.

Many Cabins on Hill Being Gathered in by It.

Notwithstanding the disagreeably cold north wind of yesterday, hundreds of people, having read in the Nugget of Friday an account of the glacier now forming on the top of the hill, starting about three hundred yards east of the A. C. trail, of people visited and viewed the scene and all expressed themselves as being amply rewarded for the trip regardless of the wind. Of the many cabins embraced in the confines of the glacier two are entirely covered while many others are partially buried.

But as the water is still gushing out at numerous points an area covering an acre or more of the hill, many other cabins will be included within its icy grasp within another day or two as the glacier is not only lengthening but spreading out on all sides. At several places and immediately over what might be termed the fountain heads, solid ice now looms up to a height of from eight to 12 feet, and in the center is a small basin into which the water continually forms itself from below and from which many residents of the hill are now carrying supplies for domestic use. This water constantly overflows, freezes as it spreads out and thus is adding to the size and dimensions of the glacier. The fact that such a massive body of ice has formed and is continuing to form there will serve to keep the trail to the top of the hill muddy all summer, and if the glacier continues to spout water and is still in business when another winter begins, the chances are that it will assume such proportions as to occupy not only all that portion of the hill but also much of the side hill. The large amount of ice already accumulated began to form only about three weeks ago, therefore, it can be readily imagined what the result would have been had the water began spouting with the first part of the winter.

Where is Robert Robertson?

Robert Robertson, a native of the Shetland islands, is inquired for by his relatives. He is supposed to come to this part of the world in May of last year, but has not since been heard from. Anyone knowing of him will confer a favor by reporting such knowledge to the Nugget or to Capt. St. Clair, First street.

Social dance at McDonald Hall, Thursday night, given by Prof. Payne.

Shed, the Dawson Dog Doctor Pioneer Drug Store.

Kodaks bought and sold. Goetzman.

M'CONNELL CASE

Continues to Develop Features of an Interesting Nature.

MRS. McCONNELL WRITES A LETTER

In Which Appears the Word "Retraction."

MAYOR WOOD IS WILLING

To Withdraw His Case on Certain Terms—Gold Commissioner Senkler Will do the Same.

Mrs. Edward McConnell, the lady who has achieved no little fame in connection with the cases instituted against her by the members of the Yukon council, evidently is no exception to the universally accepted rule which concedes to a lady at any and all times the privilege of changing her mind.

On Saturday evening, too late for publication in the Nugget of that day, the following letter was delivered at the Nugget office:

Dawson, Y. T., March 9, 1901
Editor Klondike Nugget:

Dear Sir—I have just read the following statement in today's issue of the Nugget, all of which is a false statement. You will please make retraction within three days. Very respectfully yours,

MRS. EDWARD M'CONNELL.

The "statement" referred to was in the form of a clipping from Saturday's Nugget, which clipping was pinned to Mrs. McConnell's letter, and reads as follows:

"Up to late yesterday there were four complaints on file against Mrs. McConnell for the same offense, but during the afternoon she sent her husband to Major Wood, also a member of the council, with a verbal apology in the form of a statement to the effect that the letter to the minister of justice was not intended in any way as a reflection on the character and integrity of the major and that she had not had him in view in referring to the members of the council."

What particular variety of vengeance it is which Mrs. McConnell purports to let drop upon the Nugget remains to be seen at the expiration of the three days in question. The Nugget is just out of "retraction" type and in consequence is unable to oblige the lady in the way desired. It must be said, however, for the sake of historic accuracy that it was not Mr. McConnell who conveyed his wife's requests to Major Wood. That delicate diplomatic mission was entrusted to no less a personage than Col. Donald MacGregor, hero of a hundred public meetings and spiritual adviser to the community in general.

The colonel, in the capacity of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary conducted the negotiations between Mrs. McConnell and Major Wood and has since acted in a similar capacity in endeavoring to smooth over the difficulty as far as concerns Gold Commissioner Senkler.

Major Wood was shown Mrs. McCon-

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