

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT

May Fields Compelled to Pay Her Laundry Bill.

A Case That Was Not Devoid of Funny Incidents—Motions and Orders in Other Actions.

The risibilities of Justice Dugas—calm and dignified, as he usually is—were affected during the trial of the case of the Model Steam Laundry vs. May Fields. This action was for the recovery of \$18.55, which amount the plaintiff alleged was due and owing from defendant on account of laundry work performed by said plaintiff at the special instance and request of the fair defendant. The cause was commenced on last Friday, but it was then continued until this morning in order to enable the comely May to produce witnesses in support of her defense. When the case was called this morning, Charles Meldner, manager of the Model Steam Laundry, reiterated his testimony of Friday. He repeated that his extra charges for the work which been performed for the defendant, were justified by the fact that her lingerie consisted of silken materials with many frills, and that to cleanse it required extraordinary care. The witness supplemented his oral testimony by the sacreligious exhibition of numerous articles of female wearing apparel, which might create no comment if strung on a clothes line, but which seemed to be incongruously out of place in the sacred temple of justice. Indeed, when Mr. Meldner left the stand the plaintiff's cause appeared to be incapable of successful rebuttal.

The defendant, however, possesses uncommon resources. She has a pretty face and dainty air. Her attire is rich, and, no doubt, designed by a most expert modiste. Large diamond pendants adorned her ears, and her shapely hands were bedecked with innumerable jewels. One would not imagine that she possessed the inclination or vigor to contest an \$18 laundry bill; but she is a wonder in a lawsuit. She testified that, according to the Model laundry price list, she was indebted to plaintiff in a sum not to exceed \$8. She denied that her silken underwear required exceptional care when cleansed. In order to inform the court respecting the quality of her apparel, she produced a night gown of silken fabric, and with many a blush and shy look she coyly submitted the fancy garment as "Exhibit A." The next witness for the defense was Andrew F. Holloway. He testified that the plaintiff's bill was too high; that, under no consideration should it amount to more than \$12.05. Evidently Justice Dugas concluded a judgment for such amount would be impartial adjudication of the matter, and he accordingly found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$12.05. May pouted her pretty lips and nervously pressed the tapering forefinger of her right hand against her front teeth. She had not anticipated an adverse judgment; had not come prepared to liquidate. But Mr. Holloway was still in the room. She whispered a few words to him and smiled ever so sweetly as he withdrew from his pocket enough to satisfy the plaintiff's claim. Meldner was paid, and the comely defendant left the courthouse without deigning to salute a number of acquaintances.

After the trial of the case of the Model Steam Laundry vs. May Fields, a number of motions were made and disposed of.

In Ames Mercantile Company vs. Patterson, the plaintiff moved for the issuance of a restraining order; but the defendant agreed to deposit in court the documents, for the safety of which the order was asked. Costs are reserved until trial.

In Raymond vs. Faulkner, the hearing on the motions was postponed, and the plaintiff was given until Friday to answer defendant's affidavits.

The defendant in Crawford vs. Mullett moved to set aside the writ of garnishee issued in the cause and the plaintiff was given till Friday to produce the mortgage.

In Bonfield vs. Davis, the court ordered that the receiver be paid \$120 towards his expenses as guardian of property in litigation. The questions of rent will not be adjudicated till the trial of the issue.

The plaintiff in Durand vs. Graves et al., applied for the appointment of a receiver. The hearing on the application was postponed till Friday, and the court ordered the affiants to be examined before the territorial clerk.

The motion to continue the injunction in Pospichal vs. Jenkska was continued till 5 o'clock p. m. Tuesday.

In Rourke vs. Clarke and Wilson, the justice dismissed with costs the application to strike out statement of claim, and decided that the evidence produced was sufficient to adjudicate the matter of the les pendens.

In Morrison vs. Hebb and in Clarke vs. Hawkins, the motions for final judgment were dismissed.

In Hawkins vs. Wright, the court permitted an amendment to the statement of claim, and granted a writ of injunction.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Howard Pearse is visiting the city. John S. Stewart is a guest at the Hotel McDonald.

John Herman and Mike O'Keefe left yesterday with five dogs for Nome.

C. W. Wallace came from the creek on Sunday and is registered at the Regina.

Miss Flo Hamburg and Charles Yeager will leave for Cape Nome tomorrow morning.

Charles Paulson, Fred Gadda, Albert Bloom and Gus Bagge left this morning for Nome with two sleds and nine dogs.

Norman Macauley and John Milington will start tomorrow morning for the outside with a horse and sled. Mr. Macauley says he expects to be in Whitehorse by the 7th day after leaving Dawson.

Herman Bruss and Wilhelm Teik left this morning for Nome. They have three fine dogs and are well equipped for the trip. They took with them several hundred copies of the Semi-Weekly Nugget which they will sell at lower river points.

C. G. Finger, J. F. Knapp, C. and W. Dahl, the former from Port Townsend, Wash., the latter three from San Francisco, arrived today at noon 36 days from Skagway. They "mushed" their own sleds and did not attempt to break the record for speed. It is their first visit to Dawson, and if they are not favorably impressed with the place and surroundings they will continue on to Nome. Mr. Finger is an electrician of many years experience, being accounted one of the best ever employed in the Puget Sound country.

That Holdup.

Editor Daily Nugget: Something over a month ago the citizens of Dawson were startled by the report that a young man had been held up, brutally assaulted and robbed of \$1500 on the very threshold of the barracks' guard house. The circumstances at the time were such as to cause grave suspicion in the mind of the public at least, to rest upon two young men familiar with the surroundings and conditions then existing. If my memory does not fail me the Daily Nugget at that time stated that the matter was being investigated by the officers who were then acting in the matter. Nothing has since been heard by the public. The two young men are still under a cloud which will hover over them until it is officially announced that they are innocent. If, by investigation, their innocence, or that of even one of them has been established, then are they or he being worked a great injury by withholding from the public the information which would clear one or both from the suspicion resting upon them. If they are one or both guilty, it is due the public to be informed of it in order that it may not be imposed upon by criminals. In justice to all is a statement due.

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