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SUITS GALORE

Are Filed in Police Court by Members of the Yukon Council

AGAINST MRS. LUELLE MCCONNELL

For Alleged Criminal Libel Contained in Letter

SENT MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

Messrs Senkler, Dugas, Ogilvie and Wood in Role of Complainants—Hearing Tomorrow.

The letter which Mrs. Edward McConnell wrote on December 29th to the minister of justice at Ottawa in which she referred somewhat "loosely" to the official acts of certain members of the Yukon council, and which letter was turned over to the minister of the interior and by him returned to Dawson directed to Commissioner Ogilvie and by the latter submitted to a meeting of the council Tuesday night of this week, has been the means of stirring up quite a commotion not only in official circles but throughout the city. The members of the council, who at the time the litigation which evidently prompted the writing of the letter was in progress, were active in their endeavor to enact such legislation as in their judgment would best subserve the interests of all parties concerned, very naturally feel that the charges made call for immediate action on their part. Of the five members of the council at that time, Mr. Girouard is now in the east, leaving here Messrs Ogilvie, Dugas, Senkler and Wood, all of whom have instituted proceedings against Mrs. McConnell, their papers having been filed with Clerk Blackman of the police court yesterday. Summonses have been served on Mrs. McConnell notifying her to appear to defend the charges against her, the time for her

appearance being fixed at 10 o'clock tomorrow forenoon.

The cases are eliciting a great deal of interest owing to the prominence of the complainants, the gravity of the charges made in the letter written by the defendant and the further fact that she, being a pioneer, is one of the best known women in Dawson. The charges preferred against Mrs. McConnell are all that of criminal libel.

Mr. Senkler was the first member of the council to institute proceedings, followed shortly after by Judge Dugas and late yesterday afternoon the papers of Messrs. Ogilvie and Wood were also filed, the affidavits of the four complainants being taken by Magistrate Courtland Starnes who will probably occupy the magistrate's chair when the cases are called tomorrow morning.

U. S. SURVEY PARTY

En Route to Arctic Ocean Via Koyukuk.

F. W. Peters, G. P. Phillips, F. M. Hunt and C. H. Stuver arrived in Dawson yesterday afternoon and are now at the Regina. They form an exploration party headed by Mr. Peters who will go up the Koyukuk and journey to the Arctic ocean. Mr. Peters, when seen this morning, said:

"Our party is formed for geological and topographical exploration and is working under an appropriation made by congress to make a journey up the Koyukuk and down the arctic streams to the Arctic ocean. A record will be kept of our journeying and the course of the streams we meet will be mapped and such information as we may gather relative to the country will be published by the U. S. government. Our supplies for the expedition are now at Bergman where they were sent last fall. In traveling on the streams emptying into the Arctic we will use canoes. At Bergman we will meet F. C. Schrader with two additional men who will join our party. Mr. Schrader mapped the Koyukuk two years ago. We leave tomorrow morning by dog team for the lower river."

Steamer Humboldt for Valdez.

From a recent arrival it has been learned that the steamer Humboldt left San Francisco on the 17th of last month, loaded with freight and a considerable number of passengers for Valdez. A great deal of interest is taken in that country and the impression prevails that Valdez will be the coming center of all of Alaska.

Premier Laurier Coming to Dawson.

In a letter received from Mr. Girouard from Ottawa he states that Premier and Lady Laurier accompanied by Mr. Sifton, will make Dawson a visit some time this summer.

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MOLLY THOMPSON

On Trial Today on a Charge of Robbery.

Molly Thompson, proprietor of the Globe hotel at Grand Forks, is on trial before a jury in Judge Craig's court today on the charge of having on February 15th, in her own house, robbed Geo. E. Nichols of gold dust to the value of \$411. The jurors sitting in the case are Thos. W. Crow, J. A. Clarke, A. J. McFarlane, C. D. Grange, G. B. Stenart and G. A. Calvert.

Crown Prosecutor Wade recited to the jury a history of the case as adduced at the preliminary hearing. The prosecuting witness, George E. Nichols, was put on the stand and told practically the same story as told by him in police court except that he went more deeply into detail and explained more fully the drift of the conversation which took place between himself and the defendant when they met at Grand Forks on the day of the alleged robbery and recognized in each other old Montana acquaintance and when, to further establish her identity as the same hot tomale Nichols had known in Montana where she conducted a disreputable house, he testified that she said: "Yes, I am the lady who took Milt Henderson away from his wife." Nichols further testified that during the same conversation Molly told him that she had gone to Nome last year with a man named Ward, but had found that place too hot for her and had returned to the Klondike. Nichols then went on to tell how he had been asked by Molly to buy her wine at her own bar, but had thought straight whisky good enough for her, and at the same time more in accord with his means; that he had taken a little whisky himself and had, several hours later, woke in a bedroom upstairs with his face battered in and all his gold dust gone. On cross-examination witness testified to having seen two men, one named Graham and the other named Fowler, in the barroom at or about the time he alleges he drank the knockout whisky. The case is still on trial this afternoon and may be concluded this evening.

THE QUEEN'S FUNERAL

As Witnessed by a Dawson Man.

Emil Mohr, well known to all old timers in Dawson, is on his way back to this city after an extended tour covering the chief cities of England and the continent. Mr. Mohr was in London during the ceremonies attending the funeral of Queen Victoria and writes to the Nugget a very interesting letter descriptive of that event. The following extracts are taken from the letter in question:

"I herewith send you two envelopes containing one paper each and giving an account of the queen's funeral.

"The funeral of the queen differed in many respects from an ordinary one; there were no flowers, the mourners were not dressed in black—those we could see.

"The king was dressed in red. The people, however—the ladies and nearly all the men were dressed in black. The decorations were purple and white and most gorgeous in many instances. It was very impressive. All through the day the crowd must have numbered into the millions, but very orderly I must say.

"Lord Roberts looked superb and the crowd in many places could hardly keep from cheering him, but others would quickly remind them that this was not a day for cheering and then all would be satisfied with simply raising their hats when he was passing.

"Whenever the music played (the funeral march of Chopin) men would stand with heads bared and out of many a woman's eye, you would see the tears drop, and not the least, there were men as well.

"Again when the gun carriage came along bearing the dead queen, all the men stood with bared heads and then followed one of the most impressive

moments I ever experienced. Such a crowd and such a quiet.

"The German emperor looked well and everybody was very anxious to see him.

"The papers here are not up-to-date like you are; there was not even an 'Extra,' and we had to wait till this morning to get a paper. I mail it at once."

COMING AND GOING.

J. L. Sale has written that he will return to Dawson about the middle of next month.

Mining Expert Powers, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., assayed some promising quartz yesterday which went \$35 to the ton.

Tom Davies and Manager Meed, of the Yukon Dispatch are out on a still hunt for some valuable property up the creeks.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Will Be Appointed by Yukon Council.

The formation of a board of education to consist of the members of the Yukon council with two appointed members was discussed by the council last evening.

The legal adviser was instructed to prepare an amendment to the Northwest territorial act governing educational boards to that effect and present it at the next meeting.

Considerable discussion arose as to the number of members to be appointed, but it was finally decided to limit the number to two, one Roman Catholic and one Protestant.

Discussion then arose as to whether they should be chosen among the clergy or laymen.

Father Gendreau and Dr. Grant were mentioned in connection with the appointment, but it was finally decided to lay the appointment over for one week.

THOUSAND DOLLARS

A Side Bet Made on the Slavin-Duvine Go.

Jimmy Mackison of the Forks, dropped into the Exchange yesterday and deposited \$500 with Tom McDonald against an equal amount of Billy Devine's money the same to be a forfeit if \$500 more is not forthcoming as a wager on the Slavin-Devine go. The terms of the bet was that Devine would not stay seven rounds against the big Australian. Slavin said this morning that he would gather together all the money he could lay his hands on and put it up under the same conditions and expressed a regret that he had recently invested \$1000 in mining property. "For," said he, "it is like getting money from home." Both men are training at the Club gymnasium, Devine working from 4 to 6, Slavin starting in at 6:30 p. m. Both of the men are equally confident of success and a falling hot go may be expected when the men meet in the ring.

Cheap Fuel.

Wood for fuel is now cheaper than ever before in the history of Dawson as the very best dry wood is now being sold at \$12.50 per cord. The decline in price from \$14 per cord is due to the indications that the snow may soon leave when the work of hauling will be much increased, and also to the further fact that there is a large amount of wood on hand which the owners are desirous of selling before the coming of spring and warm weather.

Round steak 50c at P. O. Market.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor Pioneer Drug Store.

COUNTER REQUESTS

Regarding Incorporation Now Repose in Official Archives.

THE "PROS" BEING FILED LAST NIGHT

When John Grant Could Tell Them How to Run Things.

FAST DRIVING MUST CEASE.

Police Court Stenographers Will Still Be Paid—License Law Will Be Strictly Enforced.

The Yukon council met in regular session in Justice Dugas' courtroom last evening with the following members present: Commissioner Ogilvie, Justice Dugas, Major Wood, E. C. Senkler, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Prudhomme. Bids for the government printing from the News and Yukon Journal were received, but not opened. February reports from the registrar of births, deaths and marriages were received and laid over for one week.

A statement was received from Comptroller Lithgow to the effect that the territorial account was overdrawn \$20,400. In the matter of the violation of the ordinance respecting liquor licenses in hotels it was decided that proper means should be taken at once to see that the ordinance be strictly enforced and after three infractions the license be cancelled.

Commissioner Ogilvie stated that the stenographers in the police court were now working without salary, as orders had been received from Ottawa stating that the federal government would not further pay them. A motion made by Justice Dugas to retain the two stenographers and pay them out of the territorial fund was carried.

At this point in the proceedings Councilman Wilson stated that there was a committee present who had a petition which they wished to present to the council, and upon motion the council went into a committee of the whole for the purpose of giving the committee a chance to address them.

C. M. Woodworth acted as spokesman for the committee with Joe Clarke and Mr. Grant behind him acting as prompters. He first introduced to the council the other members of the committee present, composed of John Grant, Dan Rose, Joe Clark and James H. Falconer.

Mr. Woodworth started his speech by stating that the committee had been selected at a mass meeting where about 400 had been in attendance, held January 7, said mass meeting being unanimous in its support of incorporation. At a subsequent mass meeting at which 1200 to 1300 people were present, with the exception of perhaps three or four votes, the meeting had been unanimous in its support of incorporation.

"Now," continued the speaker, "the committee are before the council to find on what terms incorporation will be granted them. We would like a statement from the council as to what requirements..."

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