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PRECEDENTS.

In the Nugget of Saturday the statement appeared to the effect that precedents have already been established in Canada by virtue of which aliens possessing certain property qualifications are permitted to participate as voters in municipal elections.

In this connection it is pertinent to cite the law bearing upon the case, in effect in the Northwest territories.

In the municipal ordinance of the N. W. territories, chapter 70, section 18, under the sub-head Qualifications of Voters', the following occurs:

"The persons qualified to vote shall be the men, unmarried women and widows over twenty-one years of age who are assessed upon the last revised assessment roll of the municipality for income or personal property for $200 or upwards, or who are named upon the said assessment roll as either occupants or owners of real property held in their own right or (in the case of married men) held by their wives for $200 or upwards, and whose names appear in the voters list founded upon such roll."

It will be seen that the right is given to property holders irrespective of nationality by the above quoted municipal ordinance, and that right is not destroyed by the oath taken at time of voting. The following is the oath, which at the request of any candidate or his agent may be required to be gived at time of voting:

Section 29.—"You do solemnly swear that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of ..... on the voters' list now shown to you; that you have not before voted at this election, and that you have not received or been promised any consideration whatsoever for voting at this election, and that you have paid all taxes in arrears due by you to the municipality of ———; that you are of the full age of twenty-one years, (if a woman) that you are unmarried or a widow."

It will readily be seen from the foregoing that there is excellent precedent for the Yukon council to follow in the matter. It has been suggested that the property qualification be increased from the sum of $200 as required in the above quoted ordinance to $1,000, and in this suggestion the Nugget heartily concurs. The principal argument on behalf of permitting aliens to vote lies in the fact that they are called upon to pay the larger share of the taxes and consequenstly they have a pecuniary interest at stake which should entitle them to no little consideration. We believe, however, that the property qualification should be made comparatively high, and the sum suggested does not appear to us to be in any manner unreasonable.

MORE EFFRONTERY.

As might have been anticipated, the White Pass railroad company does not intend complying with the demands of the government without a struggle. The octopus has been so long accustomed to playing at the game of bluff that it is unable to understand the fact that the government is actually in earnest. It is now proposed by the railroad to make the concessions demanded provided the government will guarantee that no charter will be granted to a competing line. This offer is to be made under the threat of raising the rates from Skagway to the summit sufficiently to make up for any reductions made on this side—if it is not accepted.

A more astounding exhibition of corporate effrontery can scarcely be imagined. Not satisfied with having enjoyed two years of uninterrupted monopoly, the White Pass Company is determined to perpetuate its hold upon this territory, and for the accomplishment of that purpose it is quite evident the railroad company will not hesitate to make use of any means within its power.

Should its threat to raise the rate from Skagway to the Summit sufficiently to offset the reductions which the government of Canada will require, be carried into effect, a direct appeal must be made to the United States government to interfere.

It is not to be expected that any material assistance will be given from Skagway in enlisting the aid of the American government, as that town is essentially under the control of the railroad company, and moreover, its interests will not be affected no matter at what figure the rates are established.

It may rest, therefore, upon this community to continue at Washington city the fight which has been attended with such splendid results at Ottawa.

In the furtherance of this work, the Nugget will be found contributing to the very utmost of its ability. The railroad company must be taught to have a decent regard for the rights of the people who enable it to pay dividends, and it is the purpose of this paper to do everything within its power to accomplish the desired end.

MAKING SLOW PROGRESS

Koyukuk Bound Voyagers Find Hard Traveling.

By the last mail from the lower river Rudy Kalenborn received a letter from one of the Lowry party which left here in September for the Koyukuk, expecting to reach Cold Foot on or about October 10th. The letter was dated "about November 1st" and at that time the party had only succeeded in reaching the left fork of the Chandelar and still had nine or ten days' hard travel before them. They were having to chop out their own trail nearly all the way, the rivers being full of running ice and the lakes and swamps not being sufficiently frozen to permit of travel. V. V. Lowry who was piloting the party, having made two previous trips, had fallen into the water and frozen one of his feet quite badly.

At the point where the letter was written the party had met two men coming out from Cold Foot to Fort Yukon for a sled load of moccasins, that article being the only one of which there was a shortage at any of the Koyukuk stations, everything else in the lines of provision and wearing apparel being reported plentiful for the winter and until navigation opens next summer. The letter had been brought on to Fort Yukon by the persons coming out for moccasins.

REOPENING OF STANDARD

Takes Place Tonight With Ray Southard Manager.

Tonight witnesses the opening of the Standard theater under the mangement of Ray Southard, the popular baritone. The house will be conducted strictly as a vaudeville, the program this week embracing such well known people as Ray Southard in songs; Rooney & Forrester, sketch artists; Harry Sedley, in monologues; Leota Howard, serpentine and fire dancing; Noel in impersonations; Carroll on the slackwire and others. The Standard has always been one of the most popular and most successful of the Dawson playhouses and under the new management there is no reason why it should not continue upon the usual high wave of prosperity.

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OLD RECOLLECTIONS REVIVED

By the Death of Richard Liddle at Cincinnati.

Was One of the Most Daring Members of Jesse James Gang—For Love He Reformed.

The death of Richard Liddle, which occurred at Cincinnati, a few days ago, following so close after the liberation of Cole and James Younger from the Minnesota state prison, recalls most vividly those distressful days when the James and Younger gang gathered tribute from express trains and bank vaults, sometimes varying their labors by looting the cash box of a country store or that of the Kansas City Fair association.

Liddle did not become a member of the band until after the Northfield raid. Once admitted, he became a very useful man. He was with Jesse James at Winston, and participated in the Blue cut affair, near Independence. Afterward, for the love of a woman, he gave up train robbing and became an honest man. The story of the breaking up of this band may not prove uninteresting reading at this time.

When news reached western Missouri of the fatal raid on Northfield, Minn., and that all of the band except Frank and Cesse James were either killed or captured, high hopes were entertained that a stop had been put to train and bank robbing in Missouri. For several years it seemed this hope was in full process of realization, but on the night of September 7, 1879, a hold-up occurred at Glendale, six miles southeast of Independence, and fifteen from Kansas City. Every exertion was made by the officers to apprehend the bandits, but proved futile. The year following, however, a man named Bassaham, who had lived in a section of the country called "Cracker Neck," and of which Glendale was the center, was arrested on suspicion of having been one of those engaged in the robbery. It was remembered that Bassham, who was a worthless wight, had left the country within a week after the attack on the train, had returned after an absence of several months, and seemed to be in flush circumstances. Suspicion ripened into arrest, and Bassham was put in the sweat box. Believing that he had been betrayed, he made a full confession, implicating Jesse James as the leader, Dick Liddle, Bill Ryan, Ed. Miller and three others. Bassham was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years, but his written confession remained in the hands of the county and state officials. He was subsequently pardoned, that his testimony could be used against other members of the band.

In 1880 Thomas T. Crittenden was elected governor of Missouri and William H. Wallace prosecuting attorney of Jackson county. Crittenden had announced it to be his intention to break up the James gang. Wallace had pledged himself to do all that could be done in his office to sustain law and order, and punish crime. As if in defiance of the new administration, a train robbery was planned and executed on the 15th of July, 1881, near a small station called Winston, sixty-five miles north of Kansas City, on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad. This was the most desperate and brutal of the hold-up up to that time. Without provocation Jesse James then shot the conductor in cold blood, and one of his pals murdered a passenger. The express car was looted and many people on the train were robbed; but the insolent bandits stopped not here. On the night of September 7, 1881, they again appeared in Jackson county, stopped and robbed a train on the Chicago and Alton road, two and one-half miles from Independence, disappearing from the scene as if the earth had swallowed them up. Indeed, the gang seemed to be stronger and more daring than ever.

Then were the people of Jackson county aroused as they never had been before. It was plainly evident to many that the facility with which these banditti could commit crimes and escape capture was because they had friends living near, by whom they were harbored; that they had spies and confederates in Independence and Kansas City who gave them information of the movements of officers in their attempts to bring the outlaws to justice.

The organization of a secret committee of safety was effected. This committee adopted signs, signals and passwords, and soon had a membership of nearly five hundred determined men, nearly all of whom had served in the confederate armies. For a wholesome effect upon the friends of the outlaws they used for calling emergency meetings a broad red seal, upon which were written hieroglyphics, understood only by the members. These were posted only at night, and not infrequently placed on a front door or gatepost of a known friend of the gang. This gave alarm to these gentry, but as they could not understand the seals, they presumed they were meant to convey a warning. At the same time, covert threats were thrown out that in case of any more robberies within the limits of the county the suspected harborers of the outlaws would themselves be summarily dealt with.

In the meantime, Gov. Crittenden had called a meeting of the superintendents of those railroads operating in the state, and the result was the offering of a reward of $20,000 for the death or arrest of Frank and Jesse James.

Shortly after Wallace became prosecuting attorney, Bill Ryan, one of the most trusted of the James gang, robbed a United States paymaster of several thousand dollars near Mussel Shoals, Tenn. A few days later he appeared in Nashville, and was arrested, charged with drunkenness. Wallace saw the notice of Ryan's arrest, and wired the officials to hold him, pending a requisition from Gov. Crittenden, and Deputy Marshal Whig Keshlear was sent to bring him to Missouri. Keshlear reached Jackson county while the grand jury was in session; an indictment was found charging Ryan with complicity in the Glendale robbery. He made a bitter fight, but the meshes Wallace had drawn around him were too strong to be broken, and he received a twenty-five year sentence. This was the first real important capture, and proved the only prosecution to a successful issue. But other influences were at work; the organization of the committee of safety had alarmed the friends of the bandits, and it became hard to find safe harborage. Besides, the loss of Ryan proved a serious one. Upon his conviction, Jesse James began training Charley and Bob Ford for criminal work.

The Ford family consisted of the mother, daughter and the two above-named boys. Their home was in Ray county, near Richmond, and one of the hiding places of the band, or a part of it. Dick Liddle and Wood Hite often stayed there for weeks at a time. Hite, it seems, was in love with Miss Ford, and, becoming jealous of Liddle, picked a quarrel with him. In the fight that resulted, Hite was killed, and his body was dragged out, thrown into a ditch and covered with earth, stones and brush. Some hogs descried the body, and rooted it out to the road, where it was found by some passers-by. The Fords had long been suspected of harboring members of the gang, and this confirmed the belief. But as Liddle was absent when Hite's body was discovered, no arrests were made.

Soon after this episode Charley and Bob Ford joined Jesse James at St. Joseph, where he was living under the name of Howard.

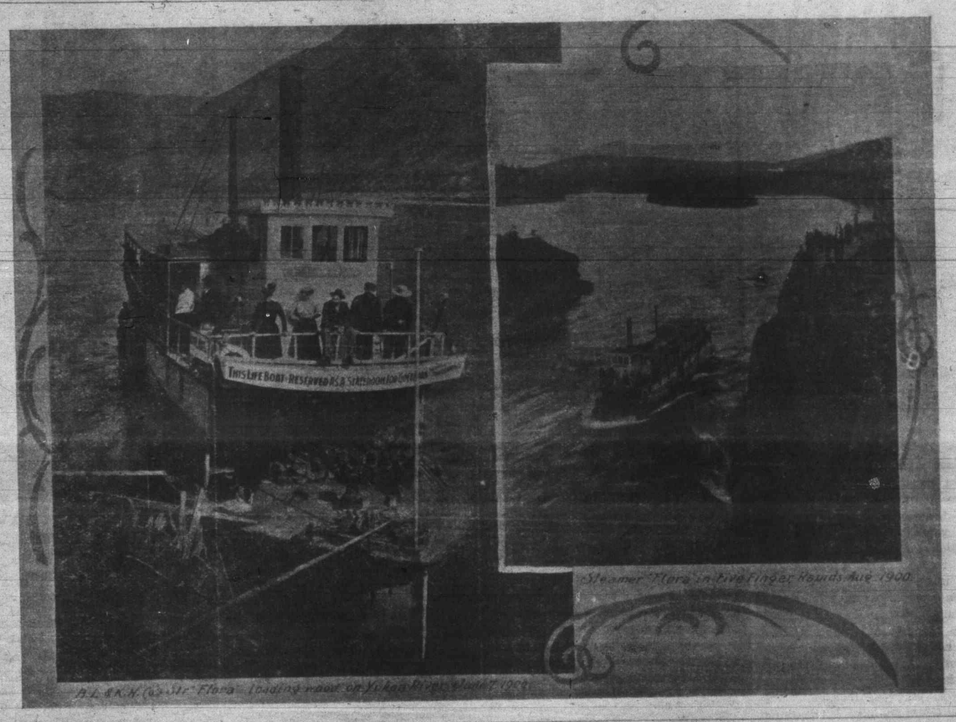
Dick Liddle was in love with one Mattie Collins, who lived in Jackson county, fourteen miles from Inhependence, but while the woman was devoted to him she would not consent to marry him while his life was in continued jeopardy on account of his lawless and murderous deeds. Several years before this a former lover had insulted Miss Collins, and in a fit of rage she shot his dead. She was prosecuted under an indictment of murder in the first degree and her attorneys had a hard time to save her from a long, if not life, term in the penitentiary. Her lawyers were Maj. William Warner, afterwards member of congress from the Kansas City district, and William H. Wallace. It was Wallace's extraordinary defense, however, which secured a verdict of acquittal for the tawney-haired woman, and she was ever afterward exceedingly grateful to him. In her present emergency she paid Wallace a visit. She told him that she and Liddle were sweethearts, also that Liddle desired to surrender and settle down. Wallace counseled her to go see Gov. Crittenden and lay the matter before him, promising to abide by whatever the governor advised.

One day a "veiled woman called at the state capitol and said that she desired a private interview with the governor, and was shown into Crittenden's private office. In an hour she was bowed out by the gallant Kentuckian who had snatched a kiss from the lips of the great Patti. Much speculation as to the identity of this veiled woman was indulged in. One rumor had it that she was the wife of Frank or Jesse James, another thought it might be Mrs. Samuels, their mother. But neither Crittenden nor Wallace would tell, and it was a long time before those less interested than the principals knew.

The next startling thing that occurred was the mysterious placing of a note in the hands of Sheriff Timberlake, of Clay county. The note was delivered so deftly, the bearer made his escape so easily, that his identity was completely lost. Upon reading the note Timberlake found it to be from Dick Liddle, asking him to come alone to a certain place in the woods near Liberty that night at midnight. Timberlake was a man of considerable nerve, but it was some time before he could gain his own consent to attend the tryst. However, it was lame if he succeeded, and a fight if deceived, and he went. Liddle met him alone and unarmed, and offered to surrender and be taken to Liberty a prisoner if assured of a pardon and protection in case he would divulge the secrets of the James gang. Timberlake promised protection and said he had no doubt that the governor would pardon him if he would faithfully aid in breaking up the band. Whereupon Liddle stepped to where his pistols were lying, handed them to the sheriff, and the two were soon at the Clay county jail, where for the first time perhaps in his wayward life Liddle had the key of jaildom turned upon him.

Affairs now culminated rapidly. On April 3, 1882, Bob Ford shot and killed Jesse James in St. Joseph, and in the following October Frank James walked into Gov. Crittenden's office and surrendered. The Ford boys received their reward of $10,000 for killing Jesse James and each went his way. Charley to marry and settle down, Bob to go west and get killed by Ed. Kelley, the keeper of a Creede, Colo., dance house. Dick Liddle appeared as a witness against Frank James, who was indicted for the murders committed at the Winston train robbery, but it availed the state nothing, and James was acquitted. Liddle married Mattie Collins and the two went west and are living somewhere out towards the setting sun.

JAMES E. PAYNE.



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ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT

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Part II.

Bar performance—C. Mason.
Song—Helen Jewell.
"Why Smith Left Home."—Explained by L. Tozier, W. P. P.
Song by Mr. Ray Southard.
Contortion—Mr. Carroll.
Song—Mrs. Tozier.
Magic—Del Adelphia.
Trombone Quartette.
"God Save The King."

Many of the above mentioned were forced to respond to several encores so that by the time the program was completed the hour of midnight had arrived. As entertainers the Eagles are at the head of the list of Dawson's fraternal orders.

...Show Us, Commissioner...

The project is on foot to incorporate the town of Dawson. A splendid idea, that, it sounds fine. But on second thought, what inducement is offered the people for the change. Can we, for instance, have a voice in the affair, or are we to be placed in the position of the Britisher in the Transvaal. Are the people who pay the principal part of the taxes of this territory to be allowed a vote in the municipal affairs. We understand as the law now stands an alien, with certain property qualifications, has that right. Is it the intention of the Yukon council to change the law for the purpose of disfranchising the alien residents of this city? Commissioner, you will make a mistake if that policy is carried out. The best interests of this country can be better subserved by giving to the people more generous laws than in stultifying those which favor us.

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