

COURT HELD AFTERNOONS

Only Until March 1st on Account of Cold Weather.

From 1:00 until 6:00 p. m. Will be the Working Hours in the Territorial Court.

On account of the extreme cold weather experienced during the past few days, there was rather a concerted movement on the part of the bar yesterday at the close of the Woodworth-O'Brien suit, in Justice Craig's court, to get a vacation pending a change in the weather.

Attorney McCall addressed the court in support of the proposition, but the justice thought that in view of the fact that there were many cases on the calendar awaiting trial, and that there had been considerable comment of late upon the slowness of the courts, that it would be hardly fair to the public on one side, and the government on the other to close the courts altogether so long as it was possible to keep them open. He would meet the gentlemen of the bar as nearly as possible, however, by agreeing to begin each day's sitting at 12 o'clock and sit until 6.

Crown Prosecutor Wade then took up the question and asked for fewer hours, and it was finally decided to open court at 1 p. m. each working day from now on till the first of March, and sit till 6 p. m.

Justice Dugas is confined to his home by illness, and Justice Craig had to leave the bench during the afternoon on account of a violent headache.

Before he left, however, Attorneys McCall, Davies and Stackpool had ranged themselves opposite to Attorneys Wade, Smith and McKay at the long table, and the \$32,000 damage suit of T. S. Wilson against the C. D. Co. was taken up by the argument of Attorney McCall for leave to change the defense.

The case is one growing out of failure on the part of the defendant to deliver goods shipped from Victoria last year, according to contract claimed by the plaintiff.

The goods were shipped by one H. J. Pitts, a grocer of Victoria, to the Canadian Bank of Commerce with certain drafts attached to the bills of lading. These drafts were payable by Wilson, and the defense argued by Mr. McCall contends that until duly notified of their arrival and payment of the drafts by Wilson, the goods were not his.

Mr. Wade replied in opposition, and after some argument Justice Craig decided to allow the Justice Craig defense, but for a change in the defendant to a new commission for the taking of further evidence in Victoria, now by all the evidence before the court. In the case was taken on commission in Victoria, which is rather expensive, and will pile the costs up for some one, should the plaintiff avail himself of the right granted. When the foregoing point had been decided court adjourned till 1 p. m. today.

Debating Society.

The Klondike Debating Society, Salvation Army Cabin, Klondike river (left limit), below ferry.

Editor Nugget: It may interest some of your readers to now that the above society has been formed, and held its first meeting on the 8th inst. The debates take place at the above address on Tuesdays at 7:30 p. m. All lovers of debate are cordially invited to attend.

The resolution for next Tuesday's (22nd inst.) discussion is as follows: "Resolved, That Socialism is the Offspring of the Present System."

Thanking you, etc. I am yours faithfully, R. GREENBAUM, Secretary.

Much Needed Organization.

The Canada Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, of which Dr. J. N. E. Brown of this city, is the vice-president, forwards to him a letter from provincial general secretary of the association at Toronto, accompanied by the draft of a constitution which is submitted to the doctor for his opinion. The object of the association is best described in the preamble of the constitution, which is as follows:

Generally to combat and prevent tuberculosis in the Dominion of Canada. To enlighten and educate the public with regard to the disease and the principle of cure and prevention.

To encourage the reception of sanatoria within reach of the people, and the passing and enforcing of sanitary laws.

To take means to arouse sufficient in-

terest until governments, municipalities and people are brought into such systematic co-operation as to make full provision for the whole of the people.

School Attendance Light.

This morning the public school attendance was lighter than at any previous time this winter.

In Miss McRae's room a careful count of juvenile noses showed that an even dozen seekers after knowledge, most of them little girls, had braved the rigors of the frost king and were in school.

In the room below stairs there were 14 who had also chanced frost bites and were at work.

Thus far no accidents have been reported as resulting from attending school either from mad dogs or freezing, although the teachers are of the opinion that there should be a vacation during such weather.

COMING AND GOING.

The damage suit of Wilson against the C. D. Co. is on before Justice Craig in the territorial court this afternoon.

Mrs. Hull is among those who are waiting for the goddess controlling the weather to smile before starting for Seattle.

Fires such as that for which an alarm was sounded this morning, are thought to be largely due to the habit of lighting fires with kerosene.

W. C. Dawson, manager of the Yukon Iron Works, notwithstanding the present cold weather, started for the outside with a horse and sleigh this morning.

Frank Hall, who recently came to Dawson with a load of perishables, will start on his return trip to Whitehorse with a load of passengers as soon as the weather moderates.

Mrs. Cummings, who met with the misfortune of being burned out a few months past, will start for her old home in Los Angeles as soon as the cold spell is passed.

A paragraph taken from the Whitehorse Tribune states that W. V. Somerville is languishing in jail there because of the service of a capias warrant upon him. So far the sheriff's office is not in receipt of any information on the subject.

Slorah's Application Refused.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon Judge C. A. Dugas delivered a decision refusing to grant to James Slorah, convicted and sentenced to death on the charge of murdering Pearl Mitchell on the 24th of last October, a new trial. Slorah is condemned to be hanged on the 2d of March. An appeal to the minister of justice will probably be taken.

Kissing the Cat.

Peasants of the mountains of Montenegro have a peculiar Christmas custom. After the Yule log has been lighted the head of the house and the son who acts as the shepherd of the sheep flock go to the stables and with candles and light each corner of the interior alternately. Then they return to the door, and as each holds his candle high the animals are driven in one by one. The household wife then sprinkles a little wine over the oldest female of each of the different species of live stock and, having done this, kisses the animal on the head. This is a unique Christmas practice, and antiquarians have been able to find no reason for it nor have they been able to set the time when it began.

The kissing ceremony over the family "clucks" like a hen and "cheeps" like a chicken. This is said certainly to insure a plentiful increase of the fowls during the coming year.

It should have been said that before the fire is lighted the iron shovel and the poker are hidden away. The Christmas fire must be stirred only with a piece of wood. As soon as a piece falls from the end of the burning Yule log one of the sons of the family picks the bit up in his teeth and at the imminent danger of being burned carries it thus into the yard and there drops it. Now of a certainty no witches can get in during the Christmas festivities.

The carcass for the Christmas feast—sheep, pig or goat—is roasted whole. In carving it no rib of the creature must be broken. Otherwise a dire calamity is in store for the family. A cake is baked on the hearth, and as soon as the spot where it was cooked is cool each member of the family puts his bare foot on the place and is thus insured against blistered feet for a year.

When writing of Saxon Christmas legends and odd Christmas ceremonies one writes in the past almost wholly in the Black mountains region the old time customs are the customs of today, and time seems to have been unable to change their infinite variety.—Ex.

Ten varieties fresh vegetables at Meeker's.

Fine fresh meats at Murphy Bros., Third street.

The fire never touched us. We are doing more business than ever. Murphy Bros., butchers.

A SOUR DOUGH ODDITY

The Teeth of His Hair Comb Chattered With the Cold

The Potatoes Shed Tears and Flames Froze Solid in the Stove — The Sour Dough Dead.

"Cold enough for me? Well I should say it was," said the sour dough addressed, who is a curiosity, inasmuch as he is positively known to be the only one living who will admit that the weather is not like a drowsy summer day as compared with what it was when he came to the country.

"Last night," said he, laying his hand upon his mad dog pick handle, so as to be in readiness for the first sign of incredulity on the part of his hearer, "I waked up and although the fire appeared to be burning brightly, I noticed that it made no noise, and it was awful cold in the room.

"Unable to understand this, and suffering with the cold, I hopped out of bed and made an examination which showed that the flames had frozen solid, retaining their shape and color exactly. I was awakened from the trance of pure astonishment which this threw me into by a peculiar sound, or combination of sounds from the other room, and opening the door I discovered a queer state of affairs.

"The knees of the table legs were knocking together, and from the eyes of half a dozen chechako potatoes were streaming tears of silent misery. My hair comb was making a peculiar noise and upon examination I found that the poor thing's teeth were chattering in a heartrending way.

"A bottle of Perry Davis' pain killer sat on a shelf groaning and uttering the direst threats imaginable concerning the breaking of the bottle if the cork were not removed.

"I went back to bed and froze solid."

"Say," said the long suffering chechako, who had heard every form of sour dough perpetration concerning the weather and thieving dogs, during the last year, "if you were frozen solid how comes it that you got out of it all right?"

"I didn't," replied the sour dough solemnly. "I froze then and am dead now."

"These are piping cold times," said the chechako, as he ducked through the door, just in time to avoid the mad dog pick handle which whizzed past his head.

Sol's Reappearance.

Old Sol made a desperate effort to break through the fog that envelops the town this morning, but failed owing to a lack of strength, caused by his recent long sleep. His efforts show that his heart is in the right place and that he still has some consideration for us poor mortals, and while he was only able to reach the top of the hills this morning, we may expect to see him smiling at us again within a few days.

C. J. Dunbar Recovering.

Out in the Harper street private hospital, bolstered up by pillows, his hands swathed in linen, and lying helplessly by his sides or extended stiffly before him, his face covered by a white medicated mask, lies C. T. Dunbar, the victim of the fire of Monday morning.

It was feared at the time of his mishap that Mr. Dunbar had inhaled the flames or air sufficiently hot to result fatally, but beyond a slight cough, now nearly cured, and the burns, he is none the worse. At the time, his suffering were materially increased by his having fallen in the snow immediately after being burned, thereby setting up a counter irritant and chilling himself to such an extent that it was exceedingly painful to either remain away from the fire or go near it.

He is doing nicely now and his ultimate cure is only a question of a short time.

Money Panic in Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 21.—While the press of Mexico is doncommittal it is believed a serious money panic is now on there. Geo. W. Hilsinger, manager for the El Paso and Juarez branch of the Banco Miner, the strongest bank in Mexico City and Chihuahua, says that the panic is becoming serious and that the government is about to let out the reserve amounting to \$40,000,000 to relieve the situation.

Railroad for Dawson.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The Vancouver, Westminster, Northern & Yukon Railway Company will apply to parliament next session for an act declaring the works which the company is, by its act of incorporation authorized to con-

struct, to be works for the general advantage of Canada, extending the period within which the company may complete the same, and authorizing an extension from its northern terminus in a northerly direction to Dawson City in the Yukon territory, thence onwards along the Yukon river to the boundary of Alaska, and giving power to the company to construct and operate such branch lines as the governor-in-council may authorize, and to operate the telegraph and telephone lines, bridges, warehouses, steam and other vessels, ferries, timber lands, wharves, roads, water rights, water powers, etc.

Seriously Ill.
Alex Matheson in the employ of the Dawson Water Co., was taken to St. Mary's hospital yesterday, suffering from pneumonia. He was reported this morning to be in a critical condition, but with a chance in favor of his recovery.

All Games Off.
Owing to the prevailing cold weather the hockey and curling rinks are deserted.

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