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TRAGIC DEATH

Of Man and Wife at the Hands of Haines' Mission Indians.

SHOT DEAD WHILE CAMPING OUT.

Converted Indian Gives Details of the Tragedy.

WERE KILLED FOR REVENGE.

U. S. Marshal, With Posse of Citizens, Arrests Five of the Conspirators.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Skagway, March 16.—Details of one of the saddest tragedies recorded in the history of Alaska have just come to light here through the confession of Jim Hanson, a Haines Mission Indian. Hanson has informed the U. S. marshal of the killing of Bert Horton and his young wife in October last at a point in Lynn canal 15 miles south of Haines Mission.

The Indian who has lately been converted by the Salvation Army of Skagway says that Horton and his wife were killed in revenge for the death of two Indians who were supposed to have been shot by white men.

The Indians came upon Horton and his wife who were camping on the shore of the canal, and both were shot and killed before they became aware of their danger. Yesterday Hanson accompanied a posse of citizens under charge of a U. S. deputy marshal, and assisted in the capture of five Indians who, he says, were implicated in the murder. Five others are named as having been concerned in the crime and all will be arrested. Horton formerly kept a restaurant at the summit of White Pass and was well liked and respected by all who knew him. He had been married but a short time, his wife being a mere girl.

(Aside from the Stik tribe of Indians the Chilkats at Haines Mission and for 30 miles back on the Chilkat river, are considered the most treacherous and cruel hearted of all the many Indian tribes of Southeastern Alaska. Two prospectors who were en route to the Porcupine country from Haines in the late fall of '98 were shot at, presumably by Indians in ambush, but luckily were not harmed. They dropped their packs and fled, and on returning for them, found they had been stolen. A dozen Chilkats were in jail at Skagway several days last summer for destroying a fish trap and other property belonging to a white man. Among people familiar with their treacherous habits it is not considered safe for white men to venture up the Chilkat river even on the most peaceful pursuits, unless they go in numbers of not less than from five to eight or more. The missionary and teacher at Haines Mission, Rev. Warren, has no influence over his flock for the reason that they claim to have taken him in the act of selling government supplies to a local merchant and of pocketing the money received. As the minister was never able to square himself, an investigating officer was ordered to Haines Mission by the government, but with what results the writer is not informed. But it is possible that the Chilkats think all white men are like their "tender shepherd" and therefore not entitled to longer encumber the earth.—ED.)

Oom Is Tired

London, March 11, via Skagway, March 15.—The newspapers today announce that the government has received messages from Kruger and Steyn written in Dutch and asking that terms be offered whereby a cessation of hostili-

ties can be secured. The message was filed in Bloemfontein before the departure of Kruger and Steyn for Pretoria. On the 7th inst. the cabinet met to consider the message and although no authoritative statement has been issued it is pretty generally understood that an uncompromising reply was returned. However, the absence of news indicating any important movements, on the part of the British forces is giving rise to the belief that the government is convinced that the war is pretty well over. It is understood that the government does not consider that the time has arrived for the issuance of a statement as to the terms upon which peace will be granted.

Flakeling Relieved.

London, March 10, via Skagway, March 15.—The dispatches today state that Col. Baden-Powell has been relieved at Mafeking. The report lacks confirmation. Gen. Roberts reports that he is slowly advancing and that several minor successes have been gained. The Boers are gradually collecting their forces and returning toward their interior, but contesting every foot of the way.

Cable Ship Nero Arrives.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 21.—The cable ship Nero arrived today under command of Lieutenant Commander W. H. M. Hodges, who in nine months has made a complete survey for a Pacific cable. Though no facts are given out, it is understood that he has found a feasible route, and that a cable to Honolulu and the Philippines will soon be laid. The Nero left here April 22 and arrived at Honolulu May 6. From there she started a survey to Midway island which is 1100 miles Northwest. From Midway a line was run to Guam, a distance of 2500 miles. From Guam to Luzon a route was found which was 1350 miles. Between these two latter points the deepest soundings ever known were made—5250 fathoms. From Luzon the ship sailed to Yokohama and surveyed a line of 1300 miles from Yokohama to Guam. In all the Nero covered 30,000 miles. For 123 days she touched at no port, and all hands had to live on canned food.

Copper River Prospectors.

Yesterday the N. A. T. & T. Co. engaged Mr. Harris and two other men to prospect its copper properties in the copper river country. The miners left Dawson with good dog teams, and will travel up the Yukon as far as White river. They will follow the White river until they reach its headwaters, and will then cross the country until they reach the copper river district. The N. A. T. & T. Co. have several locations in this district, and proposed to prospect them thoroughly.

Dominion Creek Social.

Recently a very pleasant time was enjoyed at a social gathering, which was given in August Sutherland's cabin at No. 74 below lower discovery on Dominion. Among those present were: Messrs. Sutherland, Ross, McIntyre, McLeod, James McDonald, Johnston, Babcock, Curran, Milne, Edward Gouvan, sr., Edward Gouvan, jr., Hunt, Atchenson, Smith, Stevens, George Pendergast, William Pendergast and Dan McDonald. Many of the guests displayed remarkable skill on various musical instruments, and a number of vocal selections were well rendered.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The present warm spell of weather has rendered traveling and freighting on the creek trails rather difficult.

An infallible sign of spring is the removal of storm doors from the front of entrances to the business houses.

A policeman is stationed on the bank of the river in front of the A. C. Co.'s store for the purpose of enforcing the garbage ordinance.

The California Packing & Teaming Co. has opened on Second avenue, near Second street. They will engage in a general teaming business.

Commissioner Senkler is removing his office to the new building, which has recently been erected directly to the rear of the recording office.

Sheriff Bilbeck will probably be supplied with a 40 foot steam launch, when navigation opens, for the purpose of enabling him to serve legal papers on persons who endeavor to escape to the American side.

A. B.'s Meet Tonight.

The regular weekly meeting of the subjects of "Her Iciness," the arctic queen, will be held tonight at McDonald hall, when upwards of a dozen candidates already elected to membership will receive the initiation and many new applications will be considered. It is desired that there be a full attendance of all the members.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

FREIGHT RATES

On Consignments to Forks Will Jump From 4 to 10 Cents Per Pound Monday.

CREEK CHARGES IN PROPORTION.

From Fifty to Sixty Teams Embodied in the Combine.

POORER TRAILS THE CAUSE.

One Firm With 18 Teams Refuses to Join the Combine and Will Go It Alone.

With the advent of warm weather and the rapid disappearance of the snow, the rising of the water and approaching bad condition of the trails comes the natural sequel, namely: A material jump in the schedule of prices charged for hauling freight from Dawson to the Forks and to hundreds of different points on the various creeks.

The fact that the mild weather of the past few days has very much lessened the availability of the up river roads as to the transportation of freight, the various transportation companies in the city, one excepted, have combined to advance the rate of transporting to freight from Dawson to Grand Forks from the present rate of 4 cents per pound to 10 cents per pound, the new schedule to take effect and be in force on and after Monday, the 19th. A complete schedule covering the various creeks has not as yet been completed, but will be all arranged and a copy placed in the hands of every team owner in the combine between now and Monday morning.

It is not exactly known but it is estimated that from 60 to 70 teams will be included in the arrangement, their owner in every case binding himself to adhere to the terms of the rate schedule.

One man, however, who will have control of 18 teams, has refused to commit himself with the others and will make an effort to "go it alone" in the matter of arranging the rates which will be charged by him. This man is Dick Brown who speaks for himself and Lieut. Adair, and between them they have the number of teams, horses and mules, above mentioned. Brown stated to a Nugget representative this afternoon that he is prepared to contract for the safe and speedy delivery of 100 tons of freight to any point on the creeks at rates very much less than those which will be named on the new schedule of the combine. While in conversation with the reporter Brown was approached by another freighter who wanted to buy hay and as Brown replied that he has a large amount for sale, it is evident that he is prepared to do business and feed his stock for some time to come.

It is estimated that there are now in Dawson 200 tons of freight for shipment to various points on the creeks, and today the stores are filled with claim owners, boarding and roadhouse proprietors from the creeks who are buying heavily in order that they may have their supplies freighted out at once. There is no doubt but that there will be plenty of work for all the teams in the city for some time to come; and there is also no doubt but what rates for hauling freight through mud should be several times in advance of those charged for hauling the same weight over smooth snow and ice.

Territorial Court.

Justice Dugas has decided that Thomas Forrest may be released on \$10,000 bail, pending the judgment of the supreme court of British Columbia, to which tribunal the case has been referred. A personal bail of \$5000 is required of the prisoner, and \$5000 from two sureties.

The action of Merryman vs. McDonald is to be referred to a referee, who is to determine if there has been any mining on the property in litigation, and if there has been any mining, the referee is to estimate the amount of gold extracted. The referee will be ap-

pointed by the court on Monday, if the parties to the action cannot agree upon a suitable person.

The defendant in the case of the Red Cross hospital vs. Johnson has been discharged from the writ of capias issued in the cause.

In Frons vs. Shepovitch, the plaintiff secured judgment so far as the property in the hay is concerned. A difference as to the amount of hay cut exists between the plaintiff and defendant; but it is ordered that five and a half tons be delivered to the plaintiff upon payment by plaintiff of the cost of cutting and bringing the same to Dawson. Each party must pay their own court costs, including the fee of the referee, taxed at \$100, which must be shared equally.

A motion for a receiver was made in Durand vs. Graves et al. Decision reserved.

In Hawkins vs. Wright, an application was made for the money to be paid into court. The delay which was granted in this case, has been enlarged for one week from date.

In De Journal vs. Wilkins et al, it was decreed that the defendant, having appeared by counsel, is regularly before the court. The hearing on the motion, made in the action, was adjourned to Monday.

The motion in Crawford vs. Adams stands till Monday.

In Ashelby vs. Fay the hearing on the motion was continued till Monday, and the plaintiff was peremptorily ordered to produce his affidavits at that time.

In Woodworth vs. Harvie et al., an application was made to have the matter referred to the gold commissioner, in order to ascertain the amount due.

In the matter of the estate of James McLarty, deceased, Attorney Ridley was appointed guardian ad litem, and the motion, made in the matter, will be argued Monday.

The defendant in Wile vs. Brock was ordered to file his defence within four days; and the plaintiff's motion for judgment has been postponed till the defense is filed.

Dawson Water Company.

Col. Word, manager of the Dawson Water Company, reports that the company is preparing to open its well, and that as soon as possible the pumping machinery will be started. It is impossible to state when water will be run through the pipes to the various hydrants, distributed around town; but within a short time the company's tank near the Klondike river will afford carriers and others an opportunity to secure pure water at a moderate charge.

The Sugar Market.

As stated in the Daily Nugget of Tuesday there was a report among the merchants to the effect that a quiet effort was being made to make a corner on the Dawson stock of sugar in trade. As nothing was heard of the matter yesterday it was thought that there was no truth in the report. This afternoon, however, it is authoritatively stated that ex-Merchant Silas Archibald, a former Second avenue grocer, is making a mighty effort to secure all or nearly all the "sweeten" in Dawson, with, it is said, the object in view of running the price of that commodity up to the notch reached here in previous years and to where it would demand 40 and 50 cents per pound.

It gives the Nugget pleasure to state that the efforts being made by Mr. Archibald are not being crowned with the success usually attendant on the display of such activity, and that there is no danger of the price of sugar to the consumer being materially increased by his efforts.

A number of merchants were seen this afternoon by a representative of this paper and they, as one man hooted the idea of a corner on the sugar market when that article is so plentiful and well distributed among the dealers as it is; but they each admitted the knowledge that Archibald is working hard with the view to becoming Dawson's sugar magnate until the opening of navigation would spoil his snip.

One merchant remarked that there are 20 tons of sugar on scows between Dawson and Se'kirk and that none of it is so far up the river that it can not be hauled down at a profit, where 10 cents per pound is charged by the freighters, and that even if Archibald could succeed in his wild dreams of a corner that it would take but a few hundred sacks from up the river to cause him to go "flewey."

L. A. Harrison.

A telegram received this morning by Lieut. S. E. Adair from W. W. Short-hill, Skagway, asks for information regarding his brother-in-law, L. A. Harrison, who is supposed to have reached Dawson over the ice a week or two ago, and who was reported to his wife at Skagway as having reached here in bad health. Anyone knowing of Harrison will confer a favor on his anxious family by calling on Lieut. Adair at his office in the A. C. building.

COUNCIL MEETING

At Which Very Little Business of Importance Was Transacted.

A PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR DAWSON.

D. A. Mathieson Applies for Incorporation of Fire Company.

SANITATION WAS SAT ON.

Light & Power Co.'s Communication Is Referred—Klondike River Roads Are Discussed.

The council met at 4 p. m., the commissioner presiding.

Present: Messrs. Ogilvie, Clement, Girouard, Senkler, Dugas, Perry.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A petition was received from the residents and citizens of Dawson asking for the establishment of the town of Dawson into a public school district.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Senkler.

Resolved, That this petition be referred to the municipal committee.

A communication was received from Mr. D. A. Mathieson in reference to the application for incorporation of the Dawson City Water and Fire Company, Ltd. Referred to the committee on private bills.

A communication was received from the manager of the Dawson Electric Light and Power Co. calling attention to their copy of notice of application of that company for the passing of an ordinance to ratify and confirm their letters patent issued in October, 1898. Referred to the private bills committee.

A communication was presented from the Board of Health reporting on the question of a dumping place for refuse and other questions of sanitation.

Moved by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Girouard.

Resolved, That no further action be taken in this matter.

Mr. Justice Dugas gave notice of motion respecting the relationship to the commissioner of federal matters and the responsibility of the council thereto.

A report was presented from the engineer of the alternative routes along the Klondike river to connect the city of Dawson with the present terminus of the government highway situated near the lower ferry. Referred to the committee on public works.

Mr. Clement, from the committee on private bills, presented an interim report of that committee.

Police Court.

For the first time for a number of weeks there were no cases up for hearing this morning in police court. A number of cases are pending the arrival of clients and witnesses from up the creeks. Mike Conlin, the man whom Chas. J. K. Nourse accuses of selling an "overripe" turkey, is out on the creeks and that case is also pending trial. Wage suits are being entered every day, and present indications are that Major Perry will have a busy spring in his court.

Placer Claims Recorded.

Joseph D. Clarke received a grant for creek claim No. 2 below lower discovery on Dominion. This claim is about 202 feet in length, and was purchased by Mr. Clarke for \$1300 from the Canadian government at the auction sale of Dominion creek claims, which was held at Ottawa last fall.

William X. Wright was permitted to record a fractional claim of about 10 feet, designated as 41a on Gold Run. The grant was given in lieu of a claim which Mr. Wright lost in a contest case. Immediately after receiving the grant, Mr. Wright transferred to R. J. McDougall a half interest in the property.

Water Rights.

Yesterday the mining recorder issued three years' grant to J. A. Gerow for 60 inches of water, to be diverted at a point about 1000 feet from the mouth of the pup, entering Dominion on the left limit, at 21a below lower discovery. Said water is to be used for mining purposes on creek claim No. 21 below lower on Dominion.