

# GROWING COLDER

All Previous Records Broken by Many Degrees Last Night.

SIXTY EIGHT BELOW ZERO REACHED

By the Official Thermometers This Morning.

CREEK WORK IS SUSPENDED.

All Points Reported Show Almost the Same Degree of Cold—No Casualties Occur.

Not content with breaking all previous records, the temperature continues to go on down the line, thereby establishing a new record which may last for a large part of the new century.

Sergeant-Major Tucker's official instrument this morning registered a shade less than 68, about 67.8, which outdistanced Commissioner Ogilvie's instrument about seven tenths of a degree, the latter marking 67.1 below zero. Since Jeweler Sale's thermometer has been given an opportunity for spreading itself by having a basement annexed, it is taking advantage of the opportunities and registered 83 below this morning.

From the creeks come reports which indicate about the same temperature as that of Dawson. Gold Run this morning reported 68; Grand Forks (police station), 67; the Dome 50; Dominion, 67; Sulphur, 65. At Ogilvie 70 below zero was reported this morning.

Reports from all points reached by telephone and telegraph are that business of all kinds is practically suspended and will continue so until the weather moderates. No serious injuries from freezing have as yet been reported further than frosted noses, ears, toes and heels. The report that two men were frozen to death on the ridge road two days ago is wholly without foundation.

## VERDICT FOR \$100.

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O'Brien had though Woodworth guilty, although acquitted. He also remembered the Monte Cristo statement.

O'Brien had said: "I never stole Bank's building," and Woodworth had said, "Go on; you are worth enough money to make that statement."

That closed the case for the prosecution and Thomas O'Brien was called in his own defense.

He remembered the meeting at Gold Run but denied that he had made use of any slanderous language as applied to Woodworth.

On the contrary Mr. Woodworth had attacked him in a grievous manner accusing him of being a grafter and having bought newspaper to further his graft.

Attorney Walsh cited a case here to show that he had a right to bring out this evidence which was objected to by opposing counsel.

The case cited was one between two Canadian politicians and a newspaper article in which one of them was referred to as having been seen in a rendezvous with a colored woman on his arm and a half a barrel of beer on the table.

After some argument in the matter the evidence was admitted and Mr. O'Brien continued. Woodworth had referred to his tramway as an instrument used in his capacity as grafter. He had been referred to as only a saloonkeeper, anyway. Previously he had not spoken of Mr. Woodworth personally. Afterwards he had said that the value of Mr. Woodworth's legal opinion would be sufficiently valuable to be worth something less than five cents.

He had said: "All the grafts I ever had I had to pay for, and with all my grafting I never had tried to defraud a man of his property by the use of another man's name."

It stated that he had tried to take Bank's building away from him by the use of another man's name, and that he had been tried by the courts on a charge

of this nature, and had been acquitted because the evidence was not quite strong enough.

"He called me a liar," Mr. O'Brien's definition of the poetic though somewhat hazy term grafter was, "Getting something without being entitled to it."

Concerning those government permits he said that he did not feel disgraced through holding them. He did not believe he held any permits which were not legally obtainable by responsible men.

Mr. Woodworth had said that he had tried to get one but failed, so he supposed Mr. Woodworth was not considered responsible by the government.

Under cross-examination, Mr. O'Brien admitted that he had meant that Mr. Woodworth had tried to take the house of Banks from him by the use of another man's name; when he had said he had never been in on such a graft as that. He had done this to offset the accusation made by Woodworth that he (O'Brien) was a grafter.

He had never said as a bid for votes that he was the owner of an influential newspaper, and that he was friendly to the government, and therefore, in a position to obtain good results if elected.

Mr. Noel, who had been present at the meetings where the alleged slanderous statements had been made, testified that Mr. O'Brien had said that he never tried to steal the house of Banks or something like that.

"What did you say of Mr. Woodworth at the meeting at Gold Run," asked Attorney Blecker in cross-examination; "did you accuse him of being a criminal?"

"I accused him of being C. M. Woodworth."

"What do you think of Mr. O'Brien's statement concerning the value of Mr. Woodworth's legal opinion?"

"I suppose he weighed it in his mind."

Mr. Woodworth had been defied to read the decision of Justice Craig concerning the Banks-Woodworth case.

With the closing of this testimony, hearing was postponed till 10:30 this morning. The jury was allowed to depart with the usual warning.

The hearing was resumed this morning, with George P. McKenzie, a collector in the employ of the Yukon Sun, in the witness box.

He had been at the meeting at the Monte Cristo roadhouse, and remembered that Mr. Woodworth had referred to Mr. O'Brien on that occasion as a grafter, and spoke of the Yukon Sun as a "dirty rag," used for the detriment of the best interests of the country, and the furtherance of its owner's own private ends.

He remembered that the value of the Woodworth legal advice was placed very low as Mr. O'Brien's opinion.

Mr. McKenzie had reported the meeting for the Sun, but had destroyed his notes made at the time, so spoke in a general way, of legal advice values and grafts, but could not remember the exact phraseology.

Frank Buteau was next called and said that he had taken a large interest in the campaign, and remembered the speech of Woodworth at Monte Cristo. He had referred to Mr. O'Brien most unkindly as a grafter, during an hour and a quarter, during which time he, the witness, had called him to order many times. The whole speech had been devoted to grafts, grafting and grafters.

He remembered that Mr. O'Brien had made the statement that he (O'Brien) had not stolen the Banks building. Weldon Young was called but failed to appear. Court took an adjournment for five minutes at the end of which time the defense rested its case in default of the desired witness.

C. M. Woodworth was then called in rebuttal and denied the statements of Mr. Noel and said O'Brien's statement that he had not referred to himself (Woodworth) in a manner uncomplimentary, were untrue.

Barney Sugrue said that Mr. Woodworth had never referred to O'Brien's personality in an unbecoming way, because he was opposed to that style.

Mr. O'Brien had smiled when spoken of as a grafter.

Arthur Wilson testified that Mr. Woodworth had spoken of the defendant in a way which applied to his public, rather than private character.

That closed the taking of evidence and Attorney Walsh began his argument to the jury. He said that it was seldom that men in public life came into court seeking redress for wrongs such as claimed in this instance, and more seldom still that they were so deeply colored with mercenary motives.

In this case it had not been shown that any damage had been sustained, and it seemed rather the \$25,000 asked for, than a vindication of character, which was the incentive of the action.

He dwelt some time on the danger of expressing opinions concerning the value of legal advice.

He referred to the allegation concerning the trial of Woodworth on a charge of forgery, and maintained that there was no testimony going to show that Mr. O'Brien had done more than allege that the plaintiff had been acquitted, which was true.

A verdict of \$100 and costs for the plaintiff was found this afternoon.

## Mexican Bank Failure.

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 27.—The failure of the well known banking firm of Francisco Martinez Negrete & Sons, of Guadalajara, has created a sensation in this city, where the firm has for many years been identified with its business development. The liabilities are \$235,000, and it is believed by bankers conversant with the affairs of the firm that its assets, if properly handled, will yield a surplus over all claims. The failure is due to the financial stringency.

## Sensation Is Promised.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 27.—The prosecuting attorney believes he will be able to develop all the important features of the sensational murder of the millionaire merchant, Frank Richardson, of Savannah, Mo., at the inquest to be resumed tomorrow. Mrs. Richardson will take the stand, and it is understood she will give testimony that will clearly show the murderer to be a prominent resident of Savannah.

Stewart Fife, the business partner of the deceased, made a statement today showing where he was during the entire evening of the night of the murder.

The funeral of the victim was held here today.

## Tackles the Wrong Man.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 27.—A masked man asked William Callahan, an ex-trooper of the Sixth Dragoon Guards, who has lately arrived here from the front in South Africa, where he served with Gen. French, to hold up his hands and have his clothing rifled at noon, today, on the extension road. Callahan was carrying a heavy loaded umbrella, and he raised his hands and brought it down with sufficient force on the robber's head to knock him senseless.

He then tore off the mask, but could not identify the man. He took his revolver and left the footpad lying unconscious in the highway.

## Woman Beaten and Robbed.

Tacoma, Dec. 27.—Mrs. McManahin, a middle-aged working woman, was sand-bagged and robbed about 10 o'clock tonight, near the Armory building. Her little girl was with her at the time and made outcries that brought assistance. The woman had been at a grocery store and there is every evidence that the robbers followed her several blocks before striking her. She was knocked insensible and is in a precarious condition. The robbers secured \$13.

## Tame Ocean Birds.

The tameness of some of the ocean birds at Santa Catalina, Cal., is remarkable as well as interesting. Every day a fisherman in his Venetian boat with lateen sails brings in his fish and cleans them on the beach, and this is an open invitation for the gulls, which approach within a few feet of the fisherman and fight for the rejectamenta of the catch. Beautiful birds they are, with harsh and discordant tones. At night they roost on the wharf and boats and are extremely tame—in fact, so tame are some of the diving birds here that they at times interfere with the fisherman, this being especially true of the loons. They float gracefully upon the water, occasionally thrusting a long, snake-like head beneath it to note the location of the food supply, then disappear, to be seen again darting here and there, now rushing into a school of sardines, snapping up the small fry or turning from it to course along the sandy bottom, 30 feet or so below.

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## Saw the Four Napoleons.

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distinct recollection. At the time he was on board the Bellerophon there was naturally a very great curiosity felt to see him, and it was understood that at a certain hour, in the afternoon he would gratify that curiosity by showing himself on deck. I think it was 4 o'clock. The public were not slow in availing themselves of that opportunity, and long before the time arrived great crowds of people of all ranks had gathered around the ship, but were not allowed to come quite near, being kept at a proper distance by rowboats. I was then a boy of 7 years of age, and I have a distinct recollection of the scene at the moment Napoleon presented himself at the gangway and received the respectful homage of the thousands, men, women and children, that stood up in their boats and gave expression to their feelings by a subdued roar, not approaching to a huzzah, nor partaking in the least of reproach. I fancy I see him now—short in person, stiff, upright, rather stout. He graciously saluted the assembled crowd, stayed a few minutes, and then retired. This was continued day after day as long as the ship remained in the sound.

The second Napoleon—son of the above—born king of Rome, 1811, on the downfall of his father, retired with the Empress, his mother, to her former home at the court of Vienna, in which city I happened to be in the month of November, 1839, on my way back from Poland, where I had been serving in the Polish army as surgeon in the struggle they had made with Russia for their independence. The exiled prince was known at the court under the title of Duke of Reichstadt, and I was fortunate in being at the theater one evening when he was present. He died the following year, at the age of 21 years, of consumption.

The third Napoleon, with his son, the prince imperial, the fourth Napoleon, I saw in the year 1871 at the seat of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. After the catastrophe of Sedan they had sought a refuge in England, and were then the guests of his lordship. I am, dear sir, yours truly,

JOSEPH MAY,  
In the Westminster Gazette,  
Devonport, Nov. 12.

## Newspaper Man Arrested.

Dixie Anzer, well known in Bennett, where he was at one time connected with the Bennett Sun, and his partner, Jos. Dreyer, have been arrested in Seattle for publishing a sensational paper called the Court News, and held under \$1000 cash bail.

"In the indictment the arrested men are charged, under the state statute, which prohibits the distribution or publication of obscene literature, the

maximum fine for which is three years imprisonment and a cash fine of \$2000. "The particular instance cited in the complaint against Anzer and Dreyer is the publication and distribution of their alleged paper on Saturday, December 15.

"The seizure of men occurred at Piggott & French's printing office. Both the proprietors yielded to the officers of the law without any trouble. The presses were then turned out the lurid tinted sheet, and about 4000 copies, which were printed only on one side, were stacked near the press. Every paper was destroyed that had any printed matter on it."—Whitehorse Star.

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