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WALTHER DIVORCE

Seattle Court Awards Complainant Decree and \$10,000 Alimony.

ALSO, CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN

Of Which There Are Three, Aged 9, 7 and 5 Years.

A DAWSON FORTUNE DIVIDED

The Husband Was Not Present to Contest the Suit—Judge's Opinion.

The following from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of April 28th, will be read with interest here where the parties to the suit are well known:

"The trial of the divorce suit brought by Mrs. Nellie W. Walther against W. J. Walther was ended yesterday afternoon in the equity department of the superior court when Judge Moore awarded to the plaintiff a small fortune as alimony, together with the custody of the three minor children, and \$500 attorney's fees. The court severely criticized the treatment to which Walther is alleged to have subjected his wife, and stated that he desired the court records to show the court's opinion of a husband guilty of the acts attributed to the defendant.

"As was published at the time the complaint in the case was filed, the Walters were former residents of Port Townsend, where Walther married his wife about ten years ago. In 1898 the couple removed to Dawson, where a fortune was accumulated. The complaint alleged cruelty and inhuman treatment of such a nature that the plaintiff de-

murred at citing specific instances unless required to do so in a bill of particulars for the court's satisfaction.

"When the case was called for trial yesterday afternoon Mrs. Walther took the stand and related, in a modest but very impressive and simple manner, how her husband had treated her. She said that after they had moved to Dawson city he had frequently beaten her without provocation.

"Mrs. Walther told the court that since going to Dawson Walther had accumulated a fortune variously estimated to amount to between \$25,000 and \$40,000, made principally out of his portion of the profits of the Yukon Iron Works, in which concern he is said to own a one-fourth interest. At one time, the witness stated, she had in a trunk in their apartments \$10,000 in gold, which she afterwards paid over to her husband to use in the purchase of additional machinery for the iron works.

The witness told, with tears in her eyes, how her husband had declared that he would never consent to her having permanent possession of her three daughters, aged 5, 7 and 9 years, respectively.

"He told me," said Mrs. Walther, "that my mother-in-law was entitled to my children, although my conscience tells me that I have been a faithful mother and done everything that is in my power to mold their characters rightly."

"Attorney Charles F. Munday, who appeared in the case for the defense, here raised the question of the plaintiff's bona fide residence in this state, claiming that witnesses would swear she had said that her home was in Dawson. Several witnesses were examined to prove residence, by both the attorneys for the plaintiff and defendant.

"The taking of testimony was concluded shortly before 5 o'clock, and the court immediately rendered his decision. Judge Moore decreed that Mrs. Walther was entitled to \$10,000 of the community estate, the custody of the children, together with \$500 attorney's fees to defray the cost of the action. The court also expressed his opinion, in scathing language, of the defendant in the action, in view of his alleged treatment of his wife.

"Let the record show the court's opinion of this man," said Judge Moore. The case was brought to a close with this remark.

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SERIOUS CHARGES

Preferred By D. G. McTavish Against Gold Commissioner E. C. Senkler.

ACCUSED OF FRAUDULENT CONDUCT

Regarding the Disposition of Fractional Claims.

DR. SIMPSON IS MENTIONED

As Being a Partner of the Gold Commissioner in Unlawful Transactions.

The minister of the interior at Ottawa has taken cognizance of serious charges which have been preferred against Gold Commissioner Senkler by D. Graham McTavish. The accusations involve malfeasance in the conduct of official business, and relate to illegal grants of fractional claims which have been issued to Dr. Simpson and other persons. Mr. McTavish asserts that Commissioner Senkler is a silent partner of those individuals to whom such unlawful grants have been given. Justice Dugas has been appointed to investigate the charges, and after an examination he will report his determination to the proper official at Ottawa.

Gov. Ogilvie received by yesterday's mail the following communication respecting this matter, from the federal department of the interior:

Ottawa, April 11th, 1900. William Ogilvie, Esq., Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Dawson, Y. T.

Sir: I am directed to inform you that a commission has been issued under the provisions of chapter 115, R. S. C., to the Hon. Justice Dugas to inquire into and report upon certain charges preferred or to be preferred against Mr. E. C. Senkler, gold commissioner, by Mr. D. G. McTavish of Dawson. A copy of a letter which Mr. McTavish addressed to the minister on the 8th of January last, and which caused the issue of the commission, is inclosed herewith for your information. I am, sir, your obedient servant,

P. G. KEVES, Secretary.

The following is a copy of Mr. McTavish's letter:

Dawson, January 8th, 1900. To the Honorable Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada.

Sir: Being a Canadian subject, having been born and raised in Blythe, in the province of Ontario, Canada, I take this liberty of presenting to you a few facts concerning the fraudulent recording of fractional placer mining claims in the Yukon district. In the first place has the commissioner the right to record fractions now or since the law went into effect stopping the locating, staking, and recording of fractions?

Commenting on this, will state that of my personal knowledge one Dr. Simpson together with four other persons and another whom I believe to be the commissioner himself have had fractions recorded since the law has been changed all of which fractions are good. The way they do this is by overlapping other claims, thereby causing litigation, and as you may well believe a poor man has very little chance to fight before the commissioner when he himself is a party to the profits to be derived from the sale of or cleanups from these various fractions. These parties have 21 fractions which they have secured through the efforts of the commissioner himself, and mainly by this Dr. Simpson who was in collusion with said commissioner.

To give an example of this securing of fractions will state that one Hobson staked a claim on the benches of Last Chance creek; there was some mistake in recording and after he discovered it he went to the commissioner's office and made known the facts. The commissioner said you can stake anything else on the hill you can find. "Will that be satisfactory?" He said "Yes." There was a fraction near by but at that time said Hobson did not care to locate it. (At this time the law was in effect in reference to not staking fractions.) Hobson then left without staking and returned a few months later and concluded he would stake the fraction he had found. When he went to stake the

fraction he found that it was recorded by this Dr. Simpson. Hobson accosted the commissioner in my presence on the public highway in the city of Dawson about this and the commissioner said in substance that "he would not consider Mr. Hobson at all." Mr. Hobson procured an attorney and was then informed that he (Hobson) or anybody else was not allowed to locate fractions.

When I use the name or expression Dr. Simpson, I mean this party who is headed by this doctor, fictitious names being used on the books.

Now, as a Canadian subject, I would like to know whether this state of affairs can exist or be permitted. I am a man of little means, but do not care to make a public fight, but were I a man of means, I would expose this entire gang here. I take this means of notifying your government of the doings here and would be glad to receive a reply from you in reference to the query I have presented. Hoping to receive an early reply, I remain, very respectfully

D. G. McTAVISH.

Mr. Senkler, when questioned in regard to the charges, said:

"I do not care to discuss the matter now, indeed, it would be quite improper for me to anticipate the investigation."

Justice Dugas was asked concerning the text of the commission which has been issued to him. He replied: "I have no official information respecting the affair of which you speak. No commission has been received by me, and consequently, I am not in a position to speak for publication."

The commission will probably arrive in Dawson with the next consignment of mail, and then the time and method of the official investigation will be disclosed.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Magistrate Primrose's court this morning a large number of people were present, but little business was transacted.

The first case was one against M. Marion for creating a disturbance at the Orpheum last night. He pleaded guilty and the arresting officer gave the details of the offence. It was brought out that Marion, having looked upon hootch when it was red, became quite noisy and when the officer warned him to desist, he became even more obstreperous and used language not recherche in well regulated society. Marion was given the option of paying \$10 and costs or of exercising his physical force in the royal fuel refinery for a period of 20 days. He was not long in accepting the former alternative, and if he lends his presence to the "greatest show on earth" at the Orpheum tonight he will probably behave himself.

The remainder of the forenoon was occupied in the hearing of wage cases instituted by Messrs. Dutton, Jones, Suggs and Watson against Harry Cribbs for labor performed on the latter's claim on Sulphur, the amounts ranging from \$250 to \$310.

A Family Party.

A family who for some time past has lived about a mile up the Klondike and which consists of a man, woman and four children, the youngest being but five weeks old, left yesterday in a small boat for Nome. The bulk of the cargo taken was a combination of confidence, grit and foolhardiness. The inference to be drawn is that this particular family is very desirous of changing its location.

Second Avenue Innovation.

The high sidewalks on Second Avenue on both sides of First street, are now connected with the ground by new steps, and it is possible for people to travel that side of the avenue without carrying a step ladder with them for the purpose of getting on and off the walks at that place. A box drain is also being put in leading from Second Avenue to the river.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 69.5 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 39.5 degrees above.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

WILL ACT AS OF OLD

Congress Will Receive Boer Peace Society, According to Precedent

ESTABLISHED MANY YEARS AGO

When Lafayette, Kossuth and Parnell Came.

PUBLISHERS ASK FOR AID

In Washington and Ottawa—Tupper Talks on Yukon Affairs—Alaska's Judge.

Washington, May 12, via Skagway, May 17.—The Netherlands Peace Society has addressed an appeal to President McKinley in behalf of the Boers to the end that the present British-Boer trouble may be arbitrated. A meeting was held at the house of Congressman Gulzer, which was attended by many members of both houses and at which it was decided to accord to the Boer delegates similar receptions to those which are recorded as having been extended to Lafayette, Kossuth and Parnell, which means that the delegates will be accorded the privileges of the floor in the house but it is not likely the reception privileges will be extended that far, as it is on record that on several occasions Gulzer has been declared out of order when he has attempted to introduce resolutions of sympathy for the Boers on the floor of the lower house.

High Priced Paper.

Washington, May 12, via Skagway, May 17.—Newspaper publishers today presented a petition to congress in which the statement is made that the price of white paper has been nearly doubled. Congress is asked to investigate and make inquiry of the paper makers as to the reasons for the exorbitant prices now being charged by them.

Canadian Publishers Kick.

Ottawa, May 12, via Skagway, May 17.—The question of removing the duty on white paper was brought up in parliament today; also the question of removing the postage on newspapers transmitted through the mail. There is a great scarcity of white paper in Canada and publishers complain of the great increase in its cost.

Tupper Talks Yukon.

Ottawa, May 12, via Skagway, May 17.—On yesterday in parliament Sir Charles Tupper spoke for four hours on Yukon affairs.

Alaska's Judge Arrives.

Skagway, May 17.—Melville C. Brown, newly appointed judge from the district of Alaska, arrived here last night.

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