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From Wednesday's Daily, SWIFT AND SURE.

While the Yukon has been the scene of several cold-blooded, apparently unprovoked murders within the past year, it is gratifying to know that the law of the land is not slow, neither is it too hasty, in the work of meteing out to its violators their just deserts.

Only sixteen days ago the Nugget contained an account of a most cowardly and cold-blooded murder up the Yukon a few miles when, without a moment's warning, a man in the full vigor of life was ruthlessly shot to death by a man who had become irritated over a small matter for which his victim was in no way responsible.

Fortunately for right and justice there were two witnesses to the tragedy, and they did just what any other sensible men would have done under similar circumstances; they conciliated the murderer as best they could and thereby not only saved their own lives, but succeeded in turning over to the minions of the law the slayer of his fellow man. Due and deliberate preliminary investigation resulted in the holding over to the higher tribunal the accused man and yesterday he was put on trial for his life by a jury of his peers and before a duly qualified judge. The two eye-witnesses to the tragedy again told their story of the affair as they first told it to a representative of this paper, again at the coroner's inquest and later at the preliminary investigation. The whole trial was heard and thoroughly heard in less than three hours. The prisoner was ably defended, but had not a vestige of ground on which to base such defense. It required the jury but seven minutes to reach a verdict which read "guilty, as charged."

The prisoner stood up and in a few well-chosen and impressive words Judge Craig performed his solemn and painful duty by imposing the death sentence, giving the condemned two months and two days in which to make peace with his God and prepare for death.

The speedy retribution provided in this case is timely and just, and will no doubt have a salutary effect upon such residents of the district as may be inclined to value the lives of their fellows too cheaply. When the sentence of the court has been carried into effect and when Alexander King shall have paid the penalty of his crime by giving up his own life it may be truly said of the representatives of the law in the Yukon "Well done, good and faithful servants."

It is bad for the future of legitimate sport in Dawson that its devotees should be mulcted of their money as was the case at the Palace Grand fiasco last night. A man who has no claim to greatness in a certain direction other than that he came from a country that produced one man great in the same line, should not attempt to foist himself upon a people or community. Such misrepresentation only works an injury to those who possess the capabilities for furnishing legitimate amusement. This sort of fake entertainment is in line with the practice of having licensed men on the river who speak of the "gee" and "haw" sides of the boat.

By a telegram published elsewhere in this paper it will be seen that the United States is not the only govern-

ment to whose head the Chinese powers have applied for mediation of the present trouble. England, France and Germany have also been honored with the Mongolian confidence. On the whole, it looks very much as though China is sparring for time and is only palavering with the various governments to hold them at bay until her own forces can be further mobilized.

Rumors of the capture of Aguinaldo, the chief of the Filipinos, are becoming frequent and those who relish this kind of news may expect a large stock of it from now until the presidential campaign in the United States is over. As election day draws near a great many captures of terrible insurgents and a general smashing up of the insurrection in the Philippines may be anticipated. If they want to prolong their innings it behooves the administration at the bat to stop a few Filipino curves. — Whitehorse Tribune.

The Board of Trade cannot be too aggressive in its determination to put fire protection regulations in force and in this connection the organization of a volunteer fire brigade ought to be taken up at once. One spark and a good wind might reduce more than a million dollars' worth of property to ashes before the people would have time to realize what had happened. — Whitehorse Star.

A million dollars, did you say?

Joke Gained His Point.

Not long ago Congressman "Hank" Smith, of the Second Michigan district, worked a joke off on the house committee of pensions. It should be explained, says the Chicago Chronicle, that this committee is not the one which has charge of the pensions which grew out of the civil war, says a correspondent. Its functions appertain to the granting of pensions to the widows and veterans of the Mexican and Black Hawk wars and other ancient unpleasantness. It should also be pointed out that one of their rules is that no widow's pension shall be larger than \$8 a month. This proceeds upon the theory that any widow who survives a veteran of these wars must be a comparatively young woman and that she must have married the veteran in his dotage to get his pension.

The new member from Michigan appeared before the committee at its last meeting and in an incidental and smiling way alluded to the rule.

"That is a fine rule," said he in a guileless sort of way. "I sympathize with its purpose and believe it should stand. But just to show good faith I am going to propose an amendment. I move that it be amended so as to read 'except in the case of widows over 100 years of age.'"

The members of the committee are always in favor of a joke and the proposition was adopted with a unanimous laugh.

And thereupon "Hank" produced from his pocket a bill to grant a pension of \$12 a month to Mrs. Hixon, of Clinton, Mich. She had just passed her 100th year. It was not necessary to explain that her husband had served to within one day of the time requisite to get a pension in the regular manner. The committee reported the bill favorably.

Successful Airship.

The Railway and Engineering Review tells of the trial trip of the Zappalin air ship on July 2, when it made an ascension from Lake Constance, Germany, with five men on board. The vessel rose 3500 feet in the air, sailed easily in any direction with regard to the wind, and made a speed of 20 miles an hour. It descended 35 miles from the starting point. Its complete dirigibility was established. This vessel cost \$250,000 and is 420 feet long; it contains 17 distinct compartments, with a total capacity of 10,000 cubic metres. Its framework is of aluminum, and a gas engine revolves the aluminum propellers.

New Church at Whitehorse.

Mr. G. Johnson is engaged in erecting a place of worship in Whitehorse for members of the Church of England. It is located on Elliot street and Third avenue, is of logs with gothic roof, and is 25x50 feet in dimensions, with an extension for vestry room. A log parsonage will also be erected in a short time.

Rev. R. J. Bowen, late of Dawson, will assume charge on his arrival from England, which will be in the course of the next ten days. — Star.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN

The Stroller is in receipt of the following letter, which was dated at Grand Forks, July 28:

Dear Sir: Having noticed your very excellent advice to political candidates a short time ago, I address you, at the request of a large number of the unfortunate man's neighbors, regarding a resident of one of the creeks near this place. The object of general solicitation is in a bad state of both mind and body, and it is for advice concerning his case that you are asked. The circumstances are these:

A young man who, up to last fall, possessed a light running domestic, self-rolling disposition, and who, when he sunk a hole to bedrock without finding a color, would only laugh and say "Well, I'll be gol darned," fell madly in love with a woman who was cooking on an adjoining claim. The woman reciprocated the young man's affection in that she accepted several large nuggets from him and smiled on him most bewitchingly when no one else was in the cook house. After the cleanup the woman came to Dawson en route to the outside. The young man took a layoff and accompanied her. After reaching here he spent a couple of months' wages on her and even insisted on paying for her ticket to Skagway, which he was allowed to do. Four weeks later he received a letter from Seattle stating that she had arrived safely. The letter closed by saying: "My husband selected the prettiest nugget you gave me and is wearing it for a watch-charm. Goodby, you poor, silly boy."

Since the receipt of the letter the young man has refused to be comforted. He has gone back on beans, declines to wash his face, swears like a deep-water captain, gets up and nammers on the dishpan at 2 o'clock in the morning and has twice tried to drown himself in a sluice box; he wears one boot and one shoe and in many other ways shows his utter disregard to the conventional rules of life and etiquette. Can you suggest anything that will restore him to his former happy self?

As the Stroller once spent three weeks picking bird shot out of himself for advising a heart-broken young man to rub the effected parts with goose grease, he has some hesitancy in prescribing for the young man's case. If his friends, however can get him interested in the coming election, and even prevail on him to become a candidate, it might serve to draw his mind away from the thought that his heart has been cruelly monkeyed with. If he does not take kindly to politics, it might be well, as a last resort, to bring him to Dawson and run him up against the slumber brand of home brew. That would give the dishpan and neighbors a rest for at least one night, and he might possibly never awake. If he went either enter politics or come to town, shut the sucker up in an old prospect hold for a week or strap him down in a sluice box and turn on the head. — a man that has no more sense than he has, anyway. Kill him outright if he don't behave himself.

"The next time Frank Slavin gets up a benefit for himself he must pick up a kangaroo that can at least stand straight on its hind legs. The people enjoy being fooled to a certain extent, but last night's affair was so one-sided as to make it look silly on the part of both men."

And the speaker who had paid \$7.50 for a stage seat, closed his remarks by venturing the opinion that "Manson should never go up against anything stronger than an onion breath."

The Stroller is pleased to see that his honor Judge Craig is one of those who dares to set a day other than Friday on which to perform a hanging. For many years, in fact, back until the memory of man runneth not Friday was always the day of the week set for legal hanging, with the result that to Friday was given the name "Hangman's day." Thus it came about that a superstition became attached to the sixth day of the week and many persons believe that to start on a journey, move into a house or consummate a transaction on Friday will be followed by misfortune.

Of late years many judges in the States have declined to name Friday for the date of hangings for the reason that they do not think it right that any one day of the week should be stigmatized as hangman's day. The day named by Judge Craig for the hanging of Alexander King is Tuesday, October 2nd.

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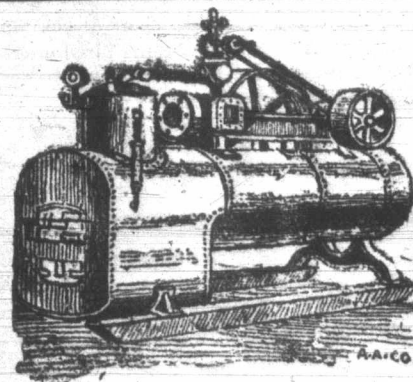
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