

# LAND IN DISPUTE

Thomas O'Brien and T. C. Healy  
Each Claim Second Ave.  
Property

AND ENFORCE CLAIM BY STRENGTH.

Each Faction Holds Saturday  
Night Services

BUT TAKES LAYOFF SUNDAY.

Hostilities Resumed Last Midnight—  
Police Interfere Until Court  
Decides.

(From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.)  
For two years the 50-foot lot on the west side of Second avenue between Second and Third streets, occupied by Germain's restaurant and the log cabin in which the Yukon International Association of Engineers made their headquarters, has been in dispute. In fact each of the disputants has been in possession of one-half of the lot and collecting rents therefrom.

Mr. Thos. O'Brien has been in possession of that part of the lot occupied by Germain's restaurant, and Mrs. T. C. Healy has been collecting the revenue from the log cabin. The dispute as to the title has been carried on all the time, each side claiming the entire lot, but no effort either through the court or by force was ever attempted by either party to gain entire possession until last Saturday about noon, when open hostilities began.

The tenants of the log cabin moved to other quarters and while the cabin was unoccupied Mr. O'Brien sent a force of men to the place and the door being unlocked they entered and took possession. It being a very expensive proceeding to keep sentinels posted on the ground at a dollar an hour, a council of war was held in which it was decided that ownership could be shown by tearing the cabin down. This was done, the cabin was completely demolished and the logs removed from the premises. Thinking that everything had been done to establish ownership and that the enemy had been conquered, the hosts disbanded and returned to their homes. A reckoning with the enemy, however had been overlooked, and no sooner were the forces of the Healyites aware of what had taken place than they assembled from far and near and proceeded to rebuild the cabin. A courier was immediately sent to the homes of the O'Brientes and they were summoned at double quick. A charge was made on the Healyites and by the force of superior numbers succeeded in demolishing the cabin again. However, the Healyites stood their ground. At 12 o'clock Saturday night a truce was declared, it being unlawful to engage in open hostilities on the Sabbath day.

Sentinels were posted by both parties and the armies of the opposing forces retired to their homes to recuperate their strength for the reopening of the conflict on Monday. Promptly at 12 o'clock Sunday night the opposing forces were again on the field and a general engagement took place. The Healyites endeavoring to rebuild while the O'Brientes were as intent on tearing down.

A force of policemen was on the ground but there being no resort to blows, took no active part in the engagement. This morning both sides were resting on their arms with the Healyites claiming possession of the disputed territory, having the logs on the ground and a force of men watching over them to prevent their removal.

At 10:30 this morning the fight was declared off and by order of Capt. Starnes Corporal McPhail, with a detachment from the town station, was put in charge of the disputed territory and the ownership will be decided by the court.

There is a rumor circulating around town today that several concessions have been thrown open to staking. An inquiry at the gold commissioner's office this afternoon was met by a prompt denial of the rumor.

# STR. CITY OF MEXICO

Left Seattle With First Klondikers  
Four Years Ago Today.

Today marks the anniversary of the first trip of the steamer City of Mexico with a full to overflowing passenger list, from Seattle to Skagway and Dyea. The News of the big strike on the Klondike was just beginning to be rumored about. Men were still skeptical as to its truth but on the statements of Frank Kellisman and party and Wm. Cowley who made the trip out over the ice, a meeting of some of the citizens was held and Joe Barrett and others were appointed to make inquiries as to the truth of the rumor and also to charter a boat to make the trip. The result of the committee's work was the chartering of the steamer City of Mexico and at 10 a. m., on the 25th of March, 1897, amid one of the worst storms ever known on the coast, the good ship with between six and seven hundred passengers and loaded to the guards with their outfits, made the trip from Seattle to the head of Lynn Canal and landed the passengers at Dyea.

Among that first party there were a number of well known men and some who by reason of their good fortune have since become famous.

Judge John F. Miller, C. F. Treat, Ron F. Crawford, Capt. Simms, and the Elliott boys who have made their fortunes on Gold Run were also aboard. Black Sullivan brought in his first big supply of whisky on that trip.

Four days were spent in lightening the cargo from the boat to the beach and then that terrible tramp, tramp over the pass began. Very few horses were aboard and most of the outfits had to be packed over.

It is needless to go into detail of the hardships endured nor of the difficulties which the early pioneers had to overcome in cutting a trail for themselves and those who were to follow. The story has been told over and over again and there is a large percentage of the population of Dawson and vicinity who were among those who followed that first party, in the mad stampede which occurred in the months of July, August and September of that same year, after the arrival of the treasure ship Portland.

The first parties from the Mexico's trip reached Dawson on May 16th and on the 28th of May Ron M. Crawford and C. F. Treat arrived. The others came stringing along and all summer the population was increasing.

Had anyone at that time been bold enough to make the assertion that in the space of four short years Dawson would develop into such proportions as she now enjoys, that a line of railway would be established from Skagway to Whitehorse, that a magnificent line of steamers would be plowing up and down the Yukon, and that \$20,000,000 would be turned out of the mines in a year, he would have been looked upon as a lunatic and would probably have been a subject for the asylum. However, such is the case and the Klondike region and Dawson have far out-reached the highest estimation ever placed for them.

## Died Yesterday.

Charles Forget (pronounced "Fosha") died at St. Mary's hospital yesterday after a lingering illness from lung trouble. The body was taken in charge by Undertaker Green and will be buried tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock after funeral ceremonies at the Catholic church.

Deceased was 57 years of age and previous to being taken sick was in charge of the Ottawa restaurant on Second avenue for Joseph Cadieux. He came here from Quebec. A son and two daughters of the deceased reside in Dawson.

## Cloudburst in Arizona.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 8.—A destructive cloudburst visited Maricopa county, south of Tempe this morning, carrying away five miles of track of the Maricopa & Phoenix railroad. A large force of men was put to work to repair the track, but it will be a week or two before train connections are made.

Mr. Charles Bechtel, son of John Bechtel of the Regina, surprised his father last night by arriving on the C. D. stage the latter thinking him to be footing it down from Whitehorse on account of the stages being overcrowded. The young man is an expert assayer, having been for many years in an office in Salt Lake city, his former home. He lately returned from a two years' campaign in Manila.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

# BEGINNING OF THE END

River Trail Is Rapidly Melting  
Away.

The river trail which for nearly five months past has been held in winter's relentless grasp—is now beginning to elude the clutches of Bory under the influence of the now almost perpendicular rays of the noonday sun.

One more week of sunshine such as yesterday and today will render almost impassable the road leading along the east side of the Yukon from Dawson to Moosehide, as yesterday evening there were large pools of water lying thereon. The trail on the west side of the river will be fairly good yet for three or four weeks to come, although the signs of dissolution there are even now apparent. Where the trails have been much used the snow melting away has left them almost as hard for travel with sleds as is a bare road owing to the amount of trash and refuse with which they are littered, the accumulation of the entire season.

Should the weather continue to remain clear the effect of the sun will be such that travel on the river after April 10th will be through a large amount of surface water.

# ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Dawson Aerie, No 50, F. O. E., Celebrated Last Night.

One year ago the Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was organized in Dawson with about 35 names on the charter membership roll. The order has grown with great rapidity and in celebrating their first anniversary last night it was to a number of members exceeding 350.

From 9 o'clock until nearly midnight the air was full of their screams in honor of the occasion. Eagles generally are supposed to make the air hideous with their screaming but the Eagles which grow in the cities are of altogether a different specie from their brethren of the hills, and the most harmonious sounds are the result of their cantations.

President Leroy Tozier occupied the chair and introduced the different numbers on the program. In opening the meeting Al. Hart rendered a March on the piano. President Tozier made a very eloquent address on "Eagledom" and spoke in the highest terms of the fraternal principles of the order and its remarkable growth. Al. Clark and Harry Palmer rendered a duet and was followed by Billy Onslow in a song. Miss Dollie Paxton sang two choice selections and Fred Breen amused the audience with the "Days of '97," and responded with "My Money Always Gives Out." Miss Madge Melville and Frank King in solos were heartily applauded and compelled to respond to encores.

During an intermission in the program an elegant lunch was served by Messrs. Ferguson, Hurdling and Gorbam, after which a recitation by John Timmins, violin solo by Prof. Freimuth, which elicited an outburst of applause, a story by M. Gorbham, a song by J. H. Hearde, recitation by Julia Walcott and songs by Mrs. Tozier, completed the program. The occasion altogether was one long to be remembered.

## By His Own Hands.

The coroner's jury which was impaneled by Magistrate Wroughton last Saturday to hold the inquest over the body of Jack McPherson, who was found dead in his cabin Saturday morning, returned the following verdict last evening:

"Jack McPherson came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by himself while in a state of despondency."

The jurymen were: Alex McFarlane, foreman, R. L. Cowan, E. E. Tiffin, J. T. McMurray, J. A. Mackay and E. E. Devereux.

## A Long Sentence.

Peoria, Ill., March 5.—Samuel Moser is sentenced to 21 years in the state penitentiary as punishment for the murder of his wife. The jury returned its verdict in the Tazewell county court in Pekin at 9 o'clock this morning, having deliberated ten hours. Moser shot and killed his wife and three little sons on Sunday evening, May 13, of last year. Moser's defense was insanity. The conviction is on the indictment for the murder of his wife. The three indictments for the murder of the children still stand against him. Attorney T. N. Green has entered a motion for a new trial.

# GLACIER GROWING

Many Cabins on the Hill Now in  
its Embrace.

The glacier which only six weeks ago began to make its presence known on the hillside east of the A. C. trail is slowly but surely embracing more territory and now covers several acres of land as within the past week it has been oozing out of the hillside back of where the outer row of cabins is located.

Many who own property and reside in the locality are making efforts to protect their homes by turning the water away by means of ditches, but as it is liable to gush forth from the ground at any place, these efforts are of but little avail. A peculiarity is noted in the cabins which are now from half to two-thirds full of ice in that it evidently freezes and is then gradually pushed up from below as in the cabins mentioned the furniture is located on the top of the ice. In one cabin even a stove has been lifted up until the top of it touches the ceiling or roof of the cabin. The ice at the thickest place on the glacier is now from 12 to 14 feet and is increasing every day.

Besides rendering that portion of Dawson uninhabitable, the glacier will have the effect of rendering the trail leading to the cemeteries impassable during the summer unless a large drain and series of culverts are constructed thereon, as the summer's sun will keep torrents of water continuously flowing from the mountain of ice.

From the standpoint of curiosity the glacier continues to be a great drawing card, hundreds of people having visited it yesterday.

# PREPARING FOR SPRING

Water and Power Co. Getting  
Ready to Expand.

The Dawson City Water & Power Co., Ltd., have teams and a gang of men hauling to Dawson the four miles length of pipe and fittings they brought in last fall by scows and landed at Klondike City.

Some of the pipe will be distributed along First and Third avenues where new mains will be installed, the balance of the pipe will be piled on the company's vacant ground, Third avenue. When all this pipe is laid the first three avenues and cross streets will have mains so that anyone may connect with same and have a tap on their own premises.

Pipe will also be laid and the water carried away back to the base of the hill that the whole population of Dawson may be accommodated by the service.

The expense of getting pipe in so late last fall was very heavy and the cost of installing the same will be large, but the company will not allow that to interfere with giving the citizens as good a water service as is maintained in any similar sized city on the outside.

At Whitehorse the company have part of the plant on the ground to put in a water and electric light plant there.

## Salute Capt. Scarth.

Inspector William H. Scarth, one of the pioneer police officers in the Yukon who a month ago telegraphed to Ottawa his willingness to go to South Africa in defence of his country, was last night made happy by the arrival of a captain's commission in Baden-Powell's police, and is today receiving the congratulations of his host of friends who, while averse to having him leave Dawson, recognize that active service is more suitable to his temperament than is the prosaic life of the police inspector in the Yukon.

The only blot on the bright page now open before the intrepid young officer is that no provision is made for his expenses in reaching Ottawa from Dawson, but even if this is not later provided for it will not deter Capt. Scarth from taking a hand in the ultimate finish of Botha and his guerillas.

Owing to his knowledge of the O'Brien case the captain will not be able to get away until that trial has been held and the chances are that it will be the latter part of June or first of July before he can leave Dawson. His career on the field of action will be of special interest to his Yukon friends.

A notice is posted this morning by the C. D. Co. that only four more stages will be sent from here to Whitehorse, the last one leaving Saturday, April 6.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

# COURTING WAIVED

By Edward Moury Who Falls  
in Love With Victim of  
Wreck

OF MAIL STEAMER RIO JANEIRO.

They Were Married and Are En  
Route to Dawson.

CARNEGIE'S PURSE STILL OPEN

Contractor M. J. Heney Will Build  
Piles of Railroad at  
Cook Inlet.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.  
Skagway, March 25.—Edward Moury is here en route to Dawson, having won with him his wife whom he wooed and won under circumstances of the most romantic nature. She was Miss Gabrielle Lehoueron, a French lady, returning from Manila on the steamer Rio Janeiro which was wrecked on entering Golden Gate. She was in bed when the rock was struck, and, not having time to dress, was carried down. By some means she was rescued on coming to the surface and was carried in her night clothes to San Francisco, where she was cared for and where Moury first met her. It was love at first sight and two days after meeting they were married. The woman was moneyless, friendless and almost clothesless when she met her fate in Moury.

Among the many persons leaving here lately for the interior are Humboldt Gates, Mrs. Clayton and United States Geological Surveyor Schrader. The latter will go to Koyukuk and work from there through to the Arctic coast.

Capt. A. E. Snyder has arrived and gone on to Whitehorse to relieve Inspector Primrose. He was accompanied by Inspector McGinnis who will be police magistrate at that place.

## Carnegie Again.

Kewanee, Ill., March 19, via Skagway, March 25.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$50,000 for the establishment of a free library at this place.

## Windsor on the List.

Windsor, Ont., March 19, via Skagway, March 25.—Twenty thousand dollars has been offered this town by Mr. Carnegie towards establishing a free library.

## Hosher Found Guilty.

Seattle, March 19, via Skagway, March 25.—In the superior court yesterday the jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Hosher charged with embezzling \$20,000 from H. J. Torrence. A recommendation for mercy accompanied the verdict which is a sort of vindication for Torrence. Application for a new trial was made, pending which Hosher will remain in jail unless he can provide bail in the sum of \$10,000.

## Cook Inlet Railroad.

Seattle, March 18, via Skagway, March 25.—M. J. Heney who constructed the White Pass road from Skagway to Whitehorse and who has lately returned from a trip to Europe, has been awarded a contract for building 100 miles of railroad at Cook Inlet, Alaska. A. B. Lewis, the locating engineer, is now here en route to the scene of action. Men are being employed for the work.

Richard Lowe of the Forks, Mr. Mrs. G. H. Byrne, of 35 Bonanza and Mr. W. White are registered at the Donald hotel this morning.