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BOYS WITH POWER TO USE GUNS.

A Juvenile Ordinance and How it Works in Dawson.

"Kids" for Special Constables—A Newsman Interrogates Everybody—A Valuable Insight into "How it Works."

There are gigantic wrongs to be righted on the Klondike, but there are minor ills so irritating and exasperating as to call for an immediate and unequivocal remedy. Probably the sorest spot on the body politic today is the "Dog Pound Ordinance"—an ordinance enforced nowhere in the world except in metropolitan centers during the "dog days" of the heated term. In all well-regulated cities of America, during the months of July and August, dogs found at large are muzzled or impounded and shot. The reason of such action is plain to all and the fear of rabies justifies the act. But, with the thermometer registering from zero to 40 below, and with the entire country dependent upon dogs for their hauling and freighting, the dog ordinance as now operated, is an unmitigated evil and flagrant in its position.

On Monday a steamer representative made the rounds with a view more especially to size up the operation of the dog ordinance. That night there were 38 dogs in the pound. During that one day the following gentlemen were forced to appear before a magistrate and "dig up" in order to secure their dogs:

R. H. Ennis \$2.50
B. A. Mawlin 8.50
C. Paulson 2.50
J. L. Gray 6.50
W. H. Avery 10.00
T. Anderson 2.50
F. M. Robertson 9.50
H. H. Bourne 9.50
W. A. Hamilton 9.50
D. G. Christ 1.75

Not so bad for one day's imposition upon people. But this is not a revenue measure, as will be seen, simply a "divvy up" for those actually concerned in the carrying out of this really juvenile emanation from the governing council. The magistrate presiding in these cases was interviewed and the reason for the unusual activity displayed in catching and impounding dogs was readily brought to view. Captain Belcher was found up to the ears in business at the station where dog cases are now heard. He replied to interrogations with courtesy and military promptness.

"Captain, I am here with a view to finding out for the public what disposition is being made of the moneys collected from dog owners."

"To tell you the truth there is little being collected outside of the city. Take the last two cases, for instance. I have just let them get their dogs upon payment of \$1.75 each. The men were just in from White River, I believe, and did not know of the ordinance which compels trying up the dogs."

"What becomes of the \$1.75, Captain?"

"Why, the pound-keeper gets a dollar for each dog and seventy-five cents for each day's keep."

"In the case of the larger amounts, where does the money go, Captain?"

"I presume the dogs are lodged in the pound. Then, there are other costs allowed. I think the court costs are \$5."

"Will you kindly tell how the \$3 is divided?"

"The magistrate is allowed two, the constables in the case three and, I believe, the other dollar is for paper and other expenses."

The foregoing will give our readers a very good idea of where the funds go when a man recovers a dog the same day he is lost.

Fine, \$1.00; paper, etc., .10; magistrate, \$2.00; constables, \$3.00; pound-keeper, .50; dog-watcher, .50; dog's board, 75c. Total cost to dog-owners, \$8.75.

How pretty it works!

But by far the worst feature of the situation is the dangerous reputation of authority to boys of uncertain reputation—who are the only citizens of Dawson that can be had to accept the position.

"Captain Belcher, what authority has he or his dog-catching boys to do this thing?"

"They are sworn in as special constables."

"I have heard that they have the powers of life or death—that is to say, are empowered to carry arms and use them."

The captain smiled and shook his head. "Oh, no. If I heard of them doing that, I'd—"

"It is their prerogative, is it not?"

"Oh, they might, I suppose; but—"

"As special constables these boys can lawfully carry guns; can't they?"

"Yes; I suppose so."

"And could use them, if interfered with, couldn't they?"

"If interfered with in the performance of their duties, they certainly could."

"So, boys under twenty-one can lawfully carry arms and use them if a man forcibly objects to something they are doing?"

"I'm not sure they are under twenty-one. I don't know either, that a special constable has to be twenty-one."

The foregoing needs no comment. The knight of the pencil thanked the captain for his information and proceeded to the outer room. He had not been advised of who the special constables were but saw three young fellows appearing to range in age from 17 to 20. From certain knowing winks and grins they ex-

changed the scribe concluded they were the "specials." He turned back the coat lapel of the nearest and found a silver shield bearing the legend "Dog Pound Keeper." The next one resisted but the coat was turned and bore another shield. The third the same way.

"What authority have you boys got?" was asked the first. The pencil pusher was told that each carried his warrant as special constable in his pocket.

"Do you carry a gun?" was asked. The first special shook his head, smiled and looked very knowing. Not at all assured of that fact the copy maker seized the "special" and hurriedly went through each of his pockets. He had no gun. In spite of resistance the other boys were summarily treated in the same way but neither had a gun with him at that time, though it has been repeatedly intimated at this office that they do carry guns.

Captain Starnes was next seen.

"Captain, we've heard you had a dog in the pound and didn't have to pay a fine either to get him out; is that fact?"

"Oh no no no no; You see— Let me tell you— Why, I haven't got a dog at all. My wife has a little dog— Well, it isn't her dog either, but— Well, you see it belongs to a friend but stays with us and— Why, the dog was taken, I believe, right out of the square here. He never goes out without his mistress and these dog catchers have several times tried to take him away from her on the streets. They got the dog and when she went to the pound they gave him up."

"Did you order them to liberate the dog?"

"Oh, no, no, no."

"Did your superior issue an order?"

"No sir."

"They simply gave up the dog upon demand of the lady?"

"Yes; she went there herself and they turned him loose."

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kirk were next visited and were asked for an explanation of a street scene at 8 p.m. in which a kid dog-catcher, "Key Diamond" had appeared in a leading role. The dog is a small black cocker spaniel and had been turned out of doors for a couple of minutes. He was sitting on the doorstep when "Key" saw fifty cents offering and proceeded to tie a rope round the pup. On being led off the dog began to cry and was heard by his mistress. The little dog being a great pet, there was a rush for the door and the situation was seen at a glance. Diamond was leading away the pet and two other dogs to their doom. What followed is an indistinct blur upon the sensitized film of memory.

The lady was excited and the dog-catcher determined. Well, the dog was not taken to the pound and the "special constable" says he got punched to a standstill. A bystander brought the melee to a close by drawing a knife and liberating the dog in the dispute from the cord which held him.

Several hundred bystanders witnessed the affair and cheered the lady to the echo. The decision of the referees is that the "special" did not get nearly all he deserved.

More upon the dog ordinance later.

A Fine Entertainment.

One of the best entertainments that has yet been given by the Wondroscope Co. was given last Sunday evening at the Monte Carlo theatre.

The audience was taken by the speaker from Seattle to Dawson City over the Byea trail, showing all the places of interest between the two cities including Sitka, and the famous glaciers of southern Alaska. The audience was completely carried away by the beautiful and realistic views thrown upon the screen.

Mr. Fred N. Tracy never sang to better advantage and his increasing popularity was shown by the numerous encores which he received.

Little Margie Newman carried the audience by storm and sang for encore "You Did That."

The moving pictures, however, were the greatest surprise of the evening's entertainment. Every picture was perfect, and when the "Black Diamond Express" came tearing right down into the audience, the cheering and yelling and stamping of feet could have been heard for two blocks away. The program was not allowed to continue until it was shown, again. Mr. Sparks showed his ability as a moving picture manipulator by reversing the train and bringing it on again at lightning speed.

Next Sunday evening an entirely new program will be given, and among the special attractions will be Prof. Trennamar in his great flashlight scene.

A Fashionable Society Event.

Next Tuesday evening will witness the greatest society event ever occurring on the Yukon. It is the Elks' social and is to be given at the New Family Theatre, corner of First street and Second avenue, and for which invitations have been already issued. Mr. D. W. Sempie is to be chairman of the social session and an evening will be spent socially such as probably few of those attending have ever enjoyed. The most prominent officials of the territory, civic and

Funeral Expenses \$300.00
One Bottle King's Cough Syrup 2.50
Amount Saved \$297.50

KELLY & CO.

Druggists, First Avenue.

military and citizens of the highest standing in the community will be there to grace the occasion. Society circles are on the qui vive in anticipation thereof. The committee on arrangements are Col. O. V. Davis, Capt. Jack Crawford, W. M. Wilson and J. D. Jordan. Reception committee, James Donaldson, Dr. Everett, Samuel Yuede, W. M. Wilson and Augustus Seiffert. Committee on entertainment, D. W. Sempie, Geo. A. Noble, Jas. Donaldson and Robert Bier.

From the Official Observatory.

The official weather reports for the first seven days of the month shows a gradual rising temperature, and an increasing wind. The high wind which destroyed the rink was several days after the last of this report:

	Minimum	Maximum	Wind Miles per hour
Thursday	11.0	18.8	5.6
Friday	2.0	19.2	4.0
Saturday	2.5	17.2	3.9
Sunday	5.0	17.2	4.3
Monday	9.0	17.2	4.4
Tuesday	8.3	11.0	2.7
Wednesday	32.0	25.6	9.0

Fruit Cakes for Dawson.

Dawson's epicures will not be without an opportunity to satisfy the delicate palates with real genuine Christmas dainties this year. Among other varieties that have been noticed are a number of choice fruit cakes, especially prepared for Dawson's Christmas celebration.

The cakes were brought in by Mrs. Barlow who has them on sale at her cosy little establishment in the Seattle Yukon Transportation Co.'s building. It is needless to say that the toothsome dainties will not last any great length of time as Mrs. Barlow was able to bring in only a limited number.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. W. Rogers on Monday last consummated the purchase of the interests of Messrs. McConnel & Payson, his former partners, and is now the sole proprietor of the Monte Carlo. Mr. Rogers is a business man enjoying the confidence of the public and will continue to make that popular place more popular than ever.

J. W. Lewis came in from Forty-mile Tuesday night, having made the trip in four days. Mr. Lewis will be on the outside about the 24th. He reports good trails on the way up and that when he left there a strike had just been made on Stonehouse creek, a pup of Chiklen, which comes in at No. 2 above discovery.

LOCAL BEYOND.

The late mail brings bad news to Ensign Elbery, of the salvation army, for she learns that her aged father has been dead and buried these past three months.

At the last business meeting of the volunteer fire department the rules were suspended and M. C. Eschwege was summarily voted out of the brigade for dishonorable conduct.

Last Sunday Gusden Smith was injured in a deep shaft on Gold Hill by the bucket falling and striking him on the outside about the 24th. He reports good trails on the way up and that when he left there a strike had just been made on Stonehouse creek, a pup of Chiklen, which comes in at No. 2 above discovery.

Wm. Stocker, an ex-member of the Chicago police force has just returned from Thistle creek. He was interviewed by the reporter and complimented very highly. Recorder A. E. C. Green who is the recorder at Stewart river. The very courteous treatment of prospectors and miners at Stewart is in marked contrast with the reception given visitors at the recorder's office in Dawson.

The fire department is prepared to make a good start in case of a blaze in or near the business part of town. Down from the foot of Third street, on the river side, has been erected a substantial tent with a large smoke stack. In the tent is kept an open well and the steam fire engine can be run in 10 to 15 very short ords. With the engine enclosed upon every side there is no danger at all but it will work as effectively as it would in the tropics.

The Nugget is in receipt of a letter from Frank J. Dunleavy, dated at Vancouver, B. C., enclosing clippings from various papers on several most interesting matters. Dunleavy is holding meetings out there and telling of the reticence he met against whom he, while Lester W. Haworth, ex-editor of the Midnight Star, is just as industriously appearing before the Chamber of Commerce and in the public prints as the champion of the very officials the government is deposing as rapidly as they can get people to take their places. The devil himself has defenders so that there is really nothing surprising in Haworth's action.

Notice.

All persons wishing to send mail or have me transmit any business for them on the outside will please perfect arrangements on or before the 14th of December as I will leave early on the 15th of December. JAKE KEENE.

Wondroscope at the Forks.

Mr. George Vogel, manager of the Wondroscope company will give an exhibition at the Forks on next Wednesday night, Dec. 17. The entertainment will be under the auspices of the reading room society. A great many of the Bonanza and Eldorado creek miners have witnessed the exhibition in town and a crowded house is assured the company at the Forks. Mr. Tracy, the popular artist, will be present and singing.

Don't forget the great Dawson Minstrel on Christmas night, December 24th. It is for the benefit of St. Mary's hospital and the gentlemen are already devoting themselves to rehearsal in a most creditable manner and with an enthusiasm which will guarantee a thoroughly good show.

The skating rink, torn so badly in the late wind storm, is being rebuilt and with higher walls and more substantial rafters. It will again be open to the public as soon as the electric lights can be laid in, which will be in about four or five days.

IN THE HANDS OF A RECEIVER.

The Joseph Ladue Gold Mining and Development Co.

Passes into the Hands of a Receiver—Suit Brought by the Harper-Ladue Townsite Co. A. H. Whitney is the Receiver.

The Joseph Ladue Gold Mining and Development Company no longer continues to handle its own interests, having passed into the hands of a receiver on Thursday last by an order issued from the territorial court on that day, which reads as follows:

(COPY.)
IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT, YUKON TERRITORY.
Between
JAMES WILSON, an Executor of the last will of Arthur Harper, Deceased, and Joseph Ladue, Plaintiffs,
and
THE JOSEPH LADUE GOLD MINING AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, Defendant.

Order
Thursday, the 8th day of December, 1898, before the Hon. C. A. Dugas, Judge of said Court, in Chambers.

Upon the application of counsel for the plaintiffs in the above-entitled cause, and upon reading the affidavits in said cause of James Earl Hansen, Samuel McLean Craft and Thomas Martin White, and good cause appearing to the court therefrom:

It is hereby ordered that the writ of summons and citation of claim in the above-entitled cause may be served upon one T. H. Cooke as the representative of said defendant, under the provisions of subdivision 111, of section 1031 of the Civil Justice Act of the North-west Territories, and that such service upon said Cooke shall, in all respects be as binding upon said defendant, as if the same were made upon its president or other head officer of said company.

(Signed) C. A. DUGAS, Judge.

Corresponding with the above date is the order of His Lordship, Judge Dugas, who immediately appointed Mr. Albin H. Whitney, receiver upon furnishing a bond of \$5000, and who has entered into his duties as such, assuming charge of the Joseph Ladue Saw Mill, The Ladue Store, and the many mining interests in which the Joseph Ladue Company is interested.

It is understood that this was done for the best interests of all concerned and the complaint itself will probably explain better, anything else, why the action was brought, which is given herewith.

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JAMES M. WILSON, as Executor of the last will of Arthur Harper, Deceased, and Joseph Ladue, Plaintiffs,
and
THE JOSEPH LADUE GOLD MINING AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, Defendant.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

The plaintiff, James M. Wilson is Executor of the last will of Arthur Harper, deceased, and the Plaintiff, Joseph Ladue is a merchant, and both of said plaintiffs are temporarily absent from said territory.

The defendant is a foreign corporation and is engaged in business in the operating of a saw mill and in the mining and other interests, real estate, and in the general mercantile business.

1. During the summer last past and up to about the 24th day of November, 1898, the management and control of the business and affairs of said defendant, has been vested in the said Walter B. Lyon, who, as such manager has collected and received large sums of money, gold and gold dust, the property of said defendant.

2. Within one year last past, the plaintiff above named, at the special instance and request of the defendant, have paid, paid out and expended for the defendant in payment of the running and operating expenses of the business of said defendant in Dawson, a sum amounting to \$20,000 more or less, which sum, as also all sums paid out by plaintiffs for defendant, the said defendant promised and agreed to pay to plaintiffs.

3. Had prior to the commencement of this action the plaintiff demanded payment of said sum of \$20,000, and of all sums paid by plaintiffs for defendant, and of defendant's interest of and from the said Walter B. Lyon, but said defendant refused and refused, and still refuses, to pay said sum or any part thereof.

4. Said demand was made by the plaintiffs of and from the said Walter B. Lyon, as such manager aforesaid, and of and from one Doctor T. B. Cooke, who is in charge of a portion of the business of said defendant and said persons not only refused to comply with such demand, but also asserted that the said Walter B. Lyon has since left Dawson with a view to proceeding to the United States of America.

5. Plaintiffs are informed that the said Lyon has taken with him the money, gold and gold dust of the defendant so by him collected, as aforesaid, amounting to a sum in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

6. Plaintiffs are also informed by the said Lyon that there is no one left in the Yukon Territory to manage, conduct and control the business and affairs of the said defendant and that the only person in said territory who, in any way, is connected with said defendant, is the said T. B. Cooke, who has charge of the mercantile branch of said defendant's business.

7. By reason of the facts hereinbefore stated plaintiffs believe and so state the fact to be that the defendant above named intends to cheat and defraud these plaintiffs out of the said sum of \$20,000 so due them as aforesaid by selling and disposing of all the property and effects of said defendant and concealing in all debts and accounts due to said defendant and placing the same in a position where they cannot be reached for the purpose of satisfying any judgment that may be recovered by them in this action.

Wherefore plaintiffs pray for judgment against defendant:

1. For the sum of \$20,000 and their costs and disbursements in this action.

2. That an injunction be issued against said defendant, restraining it, its agents, servants and employees from in any manner dealing in or with or disposing of any of the property or effects of said corporation.

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