

THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Harry Davis Shoots and Kills Maud Roselle.

MURDERER JUST BACK FROM CIRCLE CITY.

Was Around Town During the Night Spending His Money.

Dawson's List of Tragedies Continues to Grow—Jealousy Apparently the Provocation—Was Witnessed by Blanch Lamont.

Maud Roselle, an actress at the Monte Carlo theater, was shot and instantly killed at 7:10 this morning by Harry Davis, her lover. Her slayer then put a ball into his own brain. The tragedy occurred in Blanch Lamont's room, on

it. Later on Davis began to drink and spent much time about the theater.

At about 4:30 this morning, Davis and the woman went into one of the boxes, where they had a long talk, presumably in relation to their personal affairs. What was said is not known, but when they parted it was in apparent good fellowship. He was next seen by T. W. P. Smith, a friend, to whom he imparted the information that he had been drinking hard and had "made a fool of himself."

Miss Roselle also drank considerable during the course of the night and when last seen alive she was somewhat under the influence of liquor. At about 7 o'clock she went up stairs intending to retire, and a few minutes later the house rang with a shriek, followed by the two fatal shots.

Miss Lamont stated immediately after the tragedy that Davis was in Maud's room when the latter entered, Davis having his hat and coat off. The two began to converse and Maud was heard to tell Davis that she was going to leave him. He pleaded with her and the two exchanged kisses, but Maud was evidently determined in her course and tried

each case. The revolver used was of 38-calibre, and both bullets lodged in the brain.

The room where the tragedy occurred is the same one in which, only a few months ago, Dave Evans murdered Libbie White and then took his own life.

Davis was a very popular young man of about 30 years, whose family reside at Emporia, Kan. The woman has a husband in the states and a sister lives at Tingley, Ia. She was about 25 years of age, of a happy disposition, exceptionally bright and possessed a quick, keen humor that made her a favorite on the stage. Her maiden name was Maud Ross.

The tragedy cast a deep gloom over the establishment where it occurred that was reflected on every hand about town.

The remains were placed in the care of Hobbs & Smith.

Moose Creek to the Fore.

C. F. Taylor, a bright and hustling young miner from the Forty-Mile district, is sojourning in the city. He brought out several hundred dollars in dust from his claim, No. 3, on Moose creek, a tributary of Forty Mile coming

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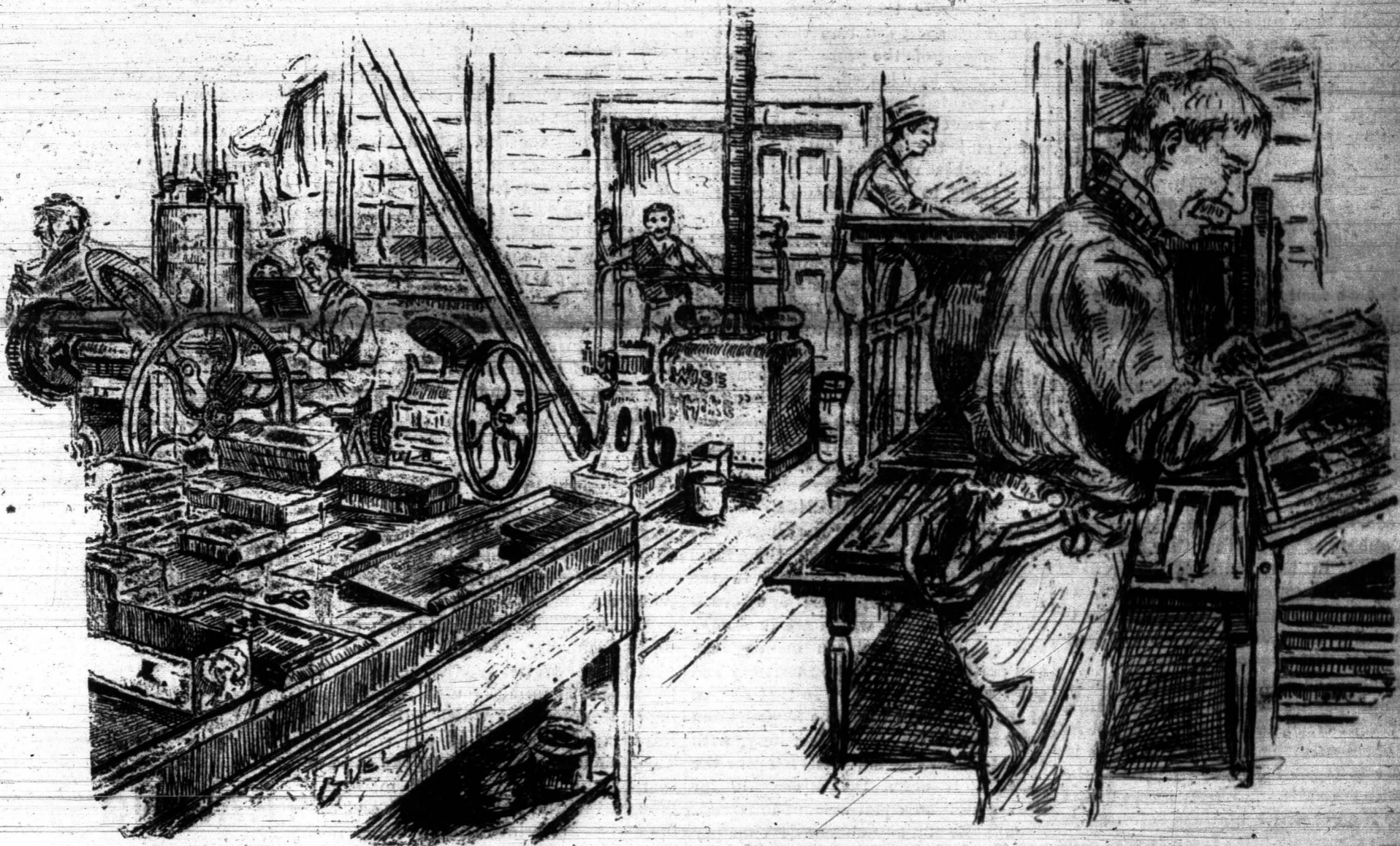
A Citizen Thinks He Has Been Shamefully Abused.

If the Facts Are as He States, He Seems to Have Good Reason for the Protest He Makes.

John Leinns and about 15 other parties, who until recently have occupied cabins on the Klondike bank, report an action on the part of the sheriff's office which seems to call for a protest.

Some time ago all occupants of the Klondike water front were served with a notice to vacate the premises or suffer eviction, it being the intention of the authorities to clear the ground, as had been done with the down-town water front.

In compliance with this order, Leinns and the others who owned the cabins proceeded to pull down their buildings, preparatory to moving the material from the ground.



INTERIOR OF THE "NUGGET'S" MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.

the second floor of the theater, and that young lady was a horrified spectator. The two had been lovers, and the terrible crime was doubtless induced through the efforts of the woman to break off the relationship. Indeed, it is said she had formed an attachment for a certain prominent young citizen in whose company she had been much of late.

Miss Roselle was a resident of Dawson last summer, at which time she was one of the most popular women on the stage. She went outside in the fall and only returned to town about three weeks ago at once returning to her position at the Monte Carlo.

Davis was the A. C. Co.'s agent at Fort Yukon in 1897 and was a cashier in the office here in 1898. His last employment was as weigher for the Novelty theater, and when that place was shut down a few weeks ago he went to Circle to look after some mining interests. He only returned to town yesterday, and not long after his arrival, meeting Billy Thomas, he told him that Maud was trying to shake him. Billy tried to cheer him up and thought no more of

to dismiss Davis with a promise to meet him in the afternoon. Davis, however, got up and locking the door, said "No, you won't; you will see me now and you will never leave me."

Whether it was because of the tone in which he spoke or whether he pulled his revolver there is no knowing, but Maud became frightened and ran into Miss Lamont's room, the door to which was only covered by a curtain. Davis hurried after and caught Maud as she reached the door leading to the corridor.

He threw her violently to the floor, and without the loss of a moment, placed a revolver to her head and pulled the trigger. Then, standing erect, he put a ball into his right temple and fell a corpse over the bleeding body of his victim. Several people down stairs who heard the scream and shots ran up, but both spirits had fled.

Captain Stearns was soon on the scene and, after learning the circumstances, decided that an inquest would be unnecessary. Dr. Thompson, the barracks surgeon, examined the wounds and declared that death was instantaneous in

in on the right limit, 26 miles from the mouth. Though opened up only this spring, Mr. Taylor says Moose creek is one of the most promising sections in the district outside of Jack Wade. At No. 4 above, \$50 a day to the shovel is being taken out. So far the gold found is in the creek bed, as little prospecting has been done. The paystreak is 20 feet wide and 18 inches deep, but no one has yet reached solid bedrock. The soil is all loose, too, obviating the use of the pick and making sluicing an easy matter. The known deposit is in Canadian territory.

Mr. Taylor says that Poker and Davis creeks have also paid well, but operations there were suspended six weeks ago owing to the scarcity of water. As high as \$70 to the shovel has been secured there. The gold brought out by the gentleman is exceedingly dark in color, but assays high.

McCaughey Bros. got another consignment of liquor through on Saturday, consisting of 400 cases of whiskey and 450 cases of beer. It was part of the large consignment held up by the revenue officials at Bennett, but which was shown to have been in transit on April 13, the date of the regulation cancelling liquor permits.

Leinn's cabin was a frame structure, 12x28 feet, and in addition he had some three cords of wood piled on the lot.

On last Tuesday, at 1 p. m., no previous notice of sale having been served, Corporal Carter, acting as deputy sheriff, appeared on the scene and, according to Mr. Leinn's statement, proceeded to sell everything in sight.

Leinn was absent at the time, and when he returned he found that his three cords of wood and the lumber from his cabin had been knocked down under the hammer for the munificent sum of \$12.

Notice was given the purchasers at the same time that the ground must be cleaned by Monday next, or the lumber and whatever else remained would be again sold.

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