

FIRST STEPS ARE TAKEN

Organization of New Political Party.

Be Known as the Yukon Party Past Political Affiliations Wholly Ignored.

The first steps for the re-organization of the Yukon party were taken at a meeting held at the Nugget office. Mr. Prudhomme called the meeting to order and Dr. Ferguson was called to the chair. Mr. Prudhomme acting as secretary. There were many present as the room was comfortably accommodated and was remarked by one of the speakers at his address that they were actually the same as formed the party, which had carried to the polls Messrs. Prudhomme and Wilson.

Mr. Prudhomme made a little speech of welcome and an explanation of the purpose of the meeting. He said we did not know how soon an election would be held and it was therefore necessary to be prepared for the coming day. They had at present no organization to fight against the kind of administration we have been getting in this territory, while, on the other hand, the administration had a party organization and lots of money and had spared no efforts to defeat the people of the Yukon. They endeavored to strangle our liberties as much as possible, and it was necessary that the people of the Yukon should stand shoulder to shoulder to make the issue clear that the people were determined to have good government. It was not only the action of one or possibly two members of parliament they had to look toward to, but also elections in the Yukon council.

Speeches were made by Messrs. Prudhomme, Woodworth, Davison, Ferguson, Black, Thorburn, Condon, Wilson, Shepherd, Gibson, J. Langford, Bell, J. McKinnon, Beddoe, Slavin, Col. McGregor, Dr. Burke, and others.

The tenor of these speeches was that the new party should be formed out of both parties who were willing to abandon their political affiliations as Liberals or Conservatives and vote only for the Yukon and its best interests. The men who supported should be prepared to abandon all party affiliations and pledge themselves solely to the new party, and a determination should be made and carried out to elect only the best men for representatives, irrespective of whether they were Liberals or Conservatives.

The president appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Davison, Ferguson and Robertson, who drafted the following resolution:

That we hereby organize as an independent party, to be known as the Yukon Party, the policy of which shall be the advancement of good government of the Yukon territory, and the members of such party shall set aside and abandon all party politics when dealing with the people of the Yukon.

This was carried and the president appointed a committee of twenty to draft a constitution and bylaws. It was proposed to make it a territorial party and not a local party, and to have branches at every other point of population in the Yukon.

John Gardner's Boy.

John Gardner was received yesterday by Frank Gardner, the well known prospector, who left some time ago for Coldfoot. It was dated at Fort Yukon, February 6, and conveyed the information that all was well with Gardner and party and that they expected to reach their destination in six days from their present stopping place. The day preceding their arrival at Fort Yukon they had a run of 40 miles. The trail, however, is bad and rough in places. Those arriving from the Koyukuk have made new discoveries having been recently. Billy Thomas, who had been in Dawson some weeks before the party, was overtaken at Fort Yukon. He left for Coldfoot yesterday morning the letter was written.

Mrs. Black is Guilty.

Mont., Feb. 13.—A special to the Inter-Mountain, from Bozeman, Mont., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Black is guilty of poisoning her husband, H. H. Black. That was the verdict of the jury which arrived at a conclusion this morning. The verdict classifies the crime as manslaughter and sent

ence will be passed on Mrs. Black Saturday morning. The whole of yesterday afternoon and until 9 o'clock last night was taken up with the arguments of the counsel.

In the crowd this morning were many women. Mrs. Black made a brave display of coolness. Although at earlier stages of the trial she gave evidence of extreme nervousness, she was calm and collected, and even smiling, while the attorneys were making their arguments. Apparently she was well satisfied with the evidence and expected an acquittal.

Shortly before 10 o'clock the jury notified the bailiff that a verdict had been reached, and Mrs. Black was brought into the court room and the verdict was read. Mrs. Black was the coolest person in the court room when the verdict was read. She gave no evidence of concern whatever.

The Black murder case stands alone in the annals of the Montana courts, and has attracted much attention. Black was a well-to-do rancher of the Gallatin valley, and was somewhat advanced in years. His wife was comparatively a young woman.

Direct From Koyukuk.

"The trail from here to Koyukuk is fairly good," said James Palmer this morning. He arrived here yesterday from Coldfoot and said he had made it in 19 traveling days. "The trail is good, but there are already bad places. At the mouth of the Chandelar the water overflows the ice for some distance. I had to wade and got one foot frozen in consequence.

"I heard on the way that there was going to be a rush over the ice from the coast soon. Quite a number of soundoughs are going from Circle and Eagle. Everything in the Koyukuk looks encouraging, and there is any amount of country up there that has not yet been prospected. There are enough provisions for the present population, but if a great rush comes without any corresponding addition to the stores I don't know how it might be."

Took Oath of All-giance.

New York, Feb. 13.—Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, took the oath of allegiance as a citizen of the United States in this city today.

Cheap Logging Rope.

A quantity of inch and a half logging rope amounting to over 1500 pounds and formerly the property of Patterson, the logger, was sold under seizure yesterday by Acting Sheriff Ellbeck in satisfaction of a claim in the suit of H. Hawkes vs. Patterson. The rope was bid in by Wm. Furnival for \$60. New it was worth about ten times that sum.

ANOTHER CAPIASED

Sulphur Creek Operator Wanted.

Tom Rockwell, Defendant in a Suit for \$2,577 Brought by McLennan & McFeely.

Acting Sheriff Ellbeck yesterday morning issued a capias for the arrest and detention of Tom Rockwell, who is supposed to have gone down the river for the American side of the line. The officers hope to apprehend him at Fortymile, but to last night he had not yet put in his appearance.

The capias is the result of a suit brought by McLennan & McFeely against Frank P. Slavin and Tom Rockwell to recover the sum of \$2577.30, said to be the value of goods furnished the defendants for use in operating a claim in which they were interested. Rockwell is an old timer in the Klondike, where he has been operating for a number of years, the last two or three having been spent on 3 above Sulphur. His friends insist that in his quiet departure down the river his desire was not so much to evade his creditors as it was to escape facing the difficulties arising out of a couple of years continuous hard luck. He is thought to be headed for the Koyukuk.

Today it was learned by wire from Fortymile that Rockwell left there early Sunday morning. He is doubtless in American territory, where a Dawson capias has no terrors, long ere this.

Later—A wire was received from Fortymile today stating that Rockwell had passed there at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. He gave out the information that he was bound for the Koyukuk.

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JACK KIRK MURDERED

Killed With a Hatchet While Asleep.

Awful Tragedy Committed at Nome by Lulu Watts, a Dance Hall Woman.

Word was received yesterday by mail from Seattle of a shocking tragedy that occurred at Nome this winter by which Jack Kirk, well known in Dawson, had lost his life at the hands of Lulu Watts, a variety and dance hall woman with whom he had been living for some time.

From the meagre account received it is learned that the murder was committed with a hatchet while the unfortunate man was asleep, his skull being split open by the infuriated woman. There are a number in the city now who were in Nome last summer, who express but little surprise at the tragedy as it was freely predicted that unless young Kirk broke away from the woman she would eventually kill him. She is said to possess a fiendish temper combined with an unmanageable jealous disposition and several times before had made similar attempts upon his life. Upon one occasion last summer she attacked him with a razor and both were severely cut before he succeeded in disarming her. She had tried suicide two or three times but had never been able to make the bluff good. At one time she jumped into the sea from the rear porch of the second story of the Gold Belt dance hall at Nome, but was pulled out after swallowing a quart or two of salt water. Kirk was married to a variety performer by name of Ruth Laverne, but had not lived with her since the summer of '99.

His death has been a severe shock to his mother, who has been a resident of Dawson for nearly three years, and also to his sister, Mrs. Theo. Eggert. It is not known what disposition was made of the murderer or when her trial is to take place but the general opinion is that the affair was of a particularly cold-blooded sort and that when brought to justice she will be given the full penalty of the law.

The Laborer's Hire.

William Launder brought before Judge Macaulay this morning a suit for \$185 for wages, against Michael Stiefovich, who is supplying wood on No. 2 Eldorado. Mr. Ripley appeared for the defendant and offered no defence to the statement that the money had been earned, but put in an order for the amount for which plaintiff had given a receipt in full. This order was on Emil Stauff, and was presented on the 16th. Mr. Ripley put in a garnishment made upon the amount due the defendant on the part of Freeman & Kennedy, which defendant was now fighting in the court.

The court could not see any way out of it but to give judgment for the plaintiff for the full amount, upon which Mr. Ripley asked for thirty days grace before execution was issued. Defendant was asked if he could furnish security, but failing to show any, an execution was issued.

"Ole Marsh Heard From."

By the last mail John Mulligan received a letter from "Ole" Marsh, the well known wrestler. At the time of his writing he was travelling through Iowa with "Farmer" Burns. They had issued a challenge for a match for \$2500 a side with Yousef, the Terrible Turk; and Rooney, his wrestling companion, but had been unable to come to any satisfactory agreement. Marsh says he expects to visit Dawson again this year and will probably arrive over the ice some time in April.

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LEFT FOR COLDFOOT

Fortune Waits Arrival of Mike Dean.

Half Owner of No. 2 Union Gulch Where Famous Nugget Was Found Last Fall.

Mike Dean and John Hill are two sturdy prospectors who with their wives left Monday for Coldfoot and the Koyukuk. They left here with a team of six dogs and one sled and are going in light, having but 300 pounds all told in their outfit. They had proceeded down the river only as far as Twelvemile when it was decided that with the two ladies riding, the loads could be better carried and better time made if the team were divided. A stop was made and Mr. Dean returned to Dawson yesterday for another sled, going back again last night.

Dean's departure from the city, where since '98 he has been engaged in running the Miners' laundry in South Dawson, is somewhat different from the average musher who has determined to try a change of luck in the Koyukuk, in that a fortune is there for him already discovered and awaiting his arrival. He is a half owner with Gillespie in the claim on Union gulch in which the \$639 nugget was found last fall, the largest piece of virgin gold ever discovered in the interior of Alaska. Gillespie in two days rocked out \$900 and in a letter to his partner telling him of his good fortune and advising him to lose no time in joining him, says he considers he has one of the biggest things ever struck. About a year ago Dean staked Gillespie for his trip to the Koyukuk, furnishing him with dogs and an outfit. The claim upon which the big nugget was found was No. 2 Union gulch. They also own 7 on Miner gulch and 1 on Nugget gulch.

Dean and his party are going in by way of Fort Yukon and the Chandelar and as their dogs are in good condition and they are travelling light they expect to reach Coldfoot within three weeks.

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DECISION RENDERED

Title to Lower Dominion Bench Claim

Survey Ordered Set Aside and Ground is Given to the Plaintiff Mercier.

Gold Commissioner Senkler last Monday rendered a decision in a case involving a bench claim on the right limit opposite 245 below lower, Dominion, which has attracted more than the usual attention. The plaintiff in the action was Anable Mercier and the defendants Adelaar St. Laurent and Adelaar Trinquet. The judgment was as follows:

"The question to be determined in this case is the original position of the up stream location post of the Mercier claim. The plaintiff's case is based upon the evidence of the plaintiff himself, Levetque, Percy Reid, Campbell and Breaulieu. Levetque helped Mercier to stake, and they both swear positively that the original position of the post is at the point marked 'F' on Mr. Cote's plan, exhibit 'B' filed herein. Mr. Campbell swears he saw Mercier place his post at the point marked 'F,' and Percy Reid, the mining inspector, saw this post about five weeks after the staking at said point 'F,' and the post is still standing there.

"The defence brings evidence to show that several hill claims were located adjoining one another, of which Mercier's claim was one; that they were staked in a straight line and the down hill posts of the claims struck about the center of a small lake about 200 feet below the Mercier claim; and that there was a blazed line running from the lake through the St. Laurent location, about 60

feet from its up hill line, and certain posts with no writing on them were seen along this blazed line. One witness for the defence (Felix Bordenieu) states that Campbell showed him Mercier's up stream down hill post on this blazed line. The defence also brings evidence to show that the location notice of Mercier on post 'F' must have been written recently, that it could not have retained its distinctness so long.

"I must come to the conclusion that the post marked 'F' is the original position of Mercier's up stream post. The evidence of the defence is not of such a character that it would upset the evidence of Levetque, Campbell and Percy Reid.

"The defence raise the point that creek claim No. 243 below lower, Dominion, staked by one Wait in 1898, included the Mercier claim within its boundaries, and being a subsisting location at the time Mercier staked, his location was invalid, as the creek claim side boundary lines extended to the base of the hill, the regulations at that time not confining the side boundary line of creek claims to 1,000 feet from the creek. This creek claim (Wait's) expired on January 27th, 1900. St. Laurent did not stake his bench claim until March 7th, 1901. On May 19th, 1900, Mercier renewed his claim, said renewal to run from August 26th, 1900. Although the ground was occupied when Mercier staked his claim in August, 1899, the ground was not occupied by any other person when he obtained his renewal in 1900. Mercier worked his ground under that renewal up to the time that St. Laurent obtained his grant. I think Mercier is entitled to hold the ground under said renewal grant, and that it was not open to location at the time St. Laurent staked.

"The survey of the St. Laurent bench must be set aside. The plaintiff is entitled to his location as shown on Mr. Cote's plan exhibit 'B'."

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