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HOW IT IS DONE

By Papa Bolton, Uncle Hawkins and an Unknown Notary Named Kellum.

BOLTON DOESN'T KNOW HIS OWN TENANT.

But Records a Rich Claim for Him All the Same.

The Strange Case of Palmer and Dare—Staked in a Strange Handwriting—Dates Changed on Bill of Sale—Dare Apparently a Puppet—Looks Bad for Recording Office—Could Not Secure an Abstract—The Matter Now in Gold Commissioner Senkler's Hands.

Some day a volume of the crooked doings of the recording office will be published and yet that volume will contain but a fractional part of all the duplicity which has been practiced there in two short years, for its extent and effectiveness in wresting the results of their toil from the honest prospector and miner is beyond the limits of ordinary language and ordinary books to tell. Day by day cases follow one another through the gold commissioner's court in which the fine Italian hand of the ringers is seen, and the discomfiture of the "gang" at one point only results in a more energetic onslaught at another, while the cases resulting in compromise outside the court, or which result in a complete surrender by the deceived and cajoled prospector are simply legion. The following case of imposition and fraud is but one of the many which crop up each day, and was the evidence given by any but the most unimpeachable and transparently honest men, the story might be taken almost as the added ravings of the insane. But listen to the story as unfolded before the gold commissioner by sworn testimony on Monday last, and one will exclaim with the prophet of old "How long, O Lord, how long?"

Having found sufficient ground for a claim, on December 8, R. H. Palmer staked his claim on Gold Run in the presence of witnesses. The ground was valuable and no time was lost in reaching the office. Accompanied by a brother and M. McConnell application was made at the inquiry window for any information which the office contained concerning the ground in question. Mr. Martin assured the boys that no application had been recorded between the two dates mentioned on the creek and volunteered no further information in good faith that they could not be secured even if applied for. The three gentlemen then crossed to Bolton's window and the curtain went up on the first act of the drama. They asked to record, Bolton was interested. Where was the ground. They told him. Was there really enough for a claim? Certainly or they would not have applied for it. Well! Well! Well!!! He would look into the matter for them and they could call again. This was on the morning of December 12.

The second act of the dramatic comedy opened next day, December 13th, when the three men applied again as per instructions. Then the cloven hoof showed itself. An application for the ground had been filed the evening before by one George Dare, so they were too late. It was unfortunate but could not be helped. They were simply too late. The inquirers refused to walk away and drop the matter and even had the temerity to ask who this Dare was. Bolton assured them he did not know the man. Then they asked to see the application and a document was spread before them sworn to before one Kellum, a notary public, and signed by Dare. Then Bolton was asked if it was not the rule of the office that applications should be made in person, and then only at the recording office—in the present case the applicant, George Dare, not even having brought the document himself to the office. Bolton assured them that the making of applications outside the office was permissible. Then the inquirers asked who this Kellum was as they desired to find out the ins and outs of the mysterious application. Mr. Bolton could give them no information upon that score, as he did not know Kellum. Then Palmer grew suspicious at the withholding of information on every point, as was being done and remarked rather forcibly that the whole thing looked "fishy" to him and he saw that it meant a fight. Bolton attempted pacification and finally agreed to try and find Kellum or Dare or both and try and get the application withdrawn. The men retired with this promise in their ears. Next day they called again. Bolton could not accept the application but assured them he had got track of this mysterious Dare. Strange enough the story refused to go down any longer for the Palmers had discovered that this very George Dare was all this time an occupant of Recorder Bolton's cabin. Later it developed that Dare was in the hired employ of Surveyor Hawkins—Bolton's uncle. In court it still further transpired that when to protect from a group of men by Palmer the claim was conveyed

to an innocent purchaser (?) the check never reached Dare but for a moment to receive his indorsement and was immediately returned to the pockets of Hawkins. Recorder Bolton's uncle, and by him was turned over to Surveyor Bolton, who is Recorder Bolton's father, and the whereabouts of the check is at present unknown though supposed to be in Papa Bolton's possession somewhere in the outside world.

Meanwhile Recorder Bolton puts off the Palmers with various promises and finally agrees to send someone over to survey the ground and see if it was really there. For this purpose Uncle Hawkins is dispatched to the creek. Uncle Hawkins finds that there lacks but two feet of being a full claim, so that it is permissible to record it to an applicant. Hearing of the survey, on February 6 Palmer filed a protest with Recorder Bolton, and to keep track of events at the latter end of February applied to Fortune's clerk for an abstract. Palmer was assured that no such ground had been recorded to anyone. This raised their hopes that all "skulduggery" had been dropped, but before the case could be brought to trial it was found by application to Mr. Senkler that the ground had been recorded February 6 by George Dare, and more than this had been transferred to one Brokington with the bill of sale on record and dated February 4th. Why an abstract could not be secured showing these things until after March 1st, by the special interposition of the gold commissioner himself is one of the mysteries of the office. Another unsolved mystery is why the date of the bill of sale was

changed to February 4th, as unmistakably was the case, and what was the real date?

All this time it must not be imagined that the staking of the ground in dispute had been neglected. R. H. Palmer, J. C. Smith, P. Hartle and J. Kyle all witnessed the staking by Palmer, and swear the stakes contained no notice of Dare's. A few days after Palmer informed Recorder Bolton of the existence of the vacant and valuable ground Dare's notice was found upon the same stakes. By an odd oversight, which even the shrewdest of men will sometimes be capable of, the Dare notice on the lower stake is found to be upon the fresh blaze made by Palmer in staking, thereby establishing conclusively its subsequent instead of prior origin. Again, the signature in neither case was Dare's. Again, it was found that the same Kellum, whom Bolton did not know, and who had made out the application of Dare, was also the same gentleman who made the alleged transfer to the innocent (?) purchaser Brokington. At the trial the writing upon the Palmer blaze was explained by one Thabold, who swore to putting it there some time after the Palmer staking, the original writing having been erased. The same Thabold claimed the writing of Dare's notices to be his own, both dated two days prior to the Palmer staking, though Dare held the tip of the pencil while the signature was appended. Why this was done when Dare could append his own signature in a good legible hand to the application, to the bill of sale, and to the alleged check, is an unsolvable mystery. But such little unexplainable things are not for the public, and why that public remains skeptical when it ought to swallow these little discrepancies without too close questionings is one of the things the "gang" cannot understand.



GOOD G—D! MUST I COME TO A DECISION? WHY DO YOU COME TOGETHER? I COULD DECIDE FOR EACH, ONE AT A TIME.

such sub rosa transactions as we have described. Let each applicant at the various windows of the recorder's office stand up like men and demand their rights; and do not crawl on their bellies and supplicate for the crumbs which fall from the official table. How many would have filed a protest, as Palmer did, against the influential circle of Bolton's? Scores drop their claims at the first intimation that officials are desirous of their possession. Such actions cannot but encourage the very thing it is the interest of the public to stop. Ringers and rings thrive by the fear they can inspire as much as by the possession of governmental secrets, records and clerks. Let every honest Yukoner resolve that from and after this date there shall be no more fearful catering to the "gang." Let every prospector and every miner speak out his mind in no uncertain tones, and it will be found that such a hailstorm will be precipitated about the heads of these ringers that for a time, at least, frankness and truth shall prevail at the recording office, and even the most non-influential miner shall receive what is due him, and shall remain unmolested and unafraid in possession of his own.

Look a Hoeder.
Little Frankie Oakley met with a painful accident Thursday while attempting to jump across the drainage ditch on Seventh street, his feet slipping and precipitating him head foremost into the water, which was six inches deep. He remained with his head under the water until some companions pulled him out, and held him in such a position that the water he had swallowed was partially degenerated. The little fellow was considerably bruised by his contact with the frozen earth. Several other persons of more mature growth have also taken baths in the ditches.

Let the Poor Indian.
Rev. Bowen, of St. Paul's church, has received advices of the safe arrival at the Fortymile mission of Bishop Pumps. He has also been advised that the mortality amongst the Indians there has increased at an alarming rate, owing, he believes, to the fact that the aborigines have forsaken to a large extent the foods to which they and their ancestors had been accustomed and substituted the foods of the civilized races, added, of course, to the evil results of whiskey drinking.

Go to Dr. Rystrom for first-class dental work Chisholm block.

SENSATION IN THE SUPREME COURT

Laura Dupauv Charges Her Sister With Conspiracy.

Admits That She Perjured Herself—Placed Under Arrest and Sent to Jail—Francis Goes to Keep Her Company.

A genuine sensation stirred the crowd of spectators gathered in the Territorial court on Friday to hear the trial of Emil Rodenbach, who is charged with having obtained from Hermine Dupauv, his former mistress, by fraudulent pretenses the sum of \$10,700. The case was given preliminary hearing before Justice Harper and the defendant held for trial before the territorial court. It was presumed, as a matter of course, that the evidence produced before the lower court would be repeated before Judge Dugas; but when the second witness, Laura Dupauv, took the stand she sprang a sensation by stating that all the testimony she had given at the preliminary trial was false. The story against Rodenbach, she said, when quiet had been restored, was a put-up job on the part of her sister Hermine, who had forced her to take the stand and swear falsely after schooling her on the testimony she was to give; that Hermine never had a large sum of money at all, and that Rodenbach did not make Hermine drunk with drugged wine and then induce her to give him her money and jewelry, as witness and Hermine had both testified before Justice Harper. Witness said she had been much troubled of late over the affair, and had decided to make a clean breast of it. Hermine, she said, tried to intimidate her the night before, and she was afraid of her.

This revelation was unexpected by all, Attorney McKay, who is conducting the defense, and Crown Prosecutor Wade included. The latter was quick to grasp the gravity of the situation and he suggested that the witness be placed under arrest for perjury. This was at once done and Laura was escorted to the barracks by an officer. A charge of subornation of evidence was then made against one Francis Penning, who was also placed in a cell to await an investigation into the perjury of Laura Dupauv. Penning is said to be closely associated with Hermine Dupauv, and that he was instrumental in suborning the evidence of Laura. The police and court officials will make a sweeping investigation of the affair and if other arrests are made it will surprise no one.

Other witnesses testified that Hermine had no money or jewelry to speak of when she came to Dawson.

The case will be continued this [Saturday] morning.

Skin Side Inside.
He killed the noble Mudje-Kivis: With the skin he made him mittens—Made them with the fur side inside; Made them with the skin side inside; He, to get the warm side inside; Put the inside skin side outside; He, to get the cold side outside; Put the warm side fur side inside; Thus he made them outside inside; And could see the seam side inside; Then, he turned them seam side inside; Thus he wore them outside inside.

Fire Department Matters.
The volunteer fire boys held an interesting session at the regular meeting on Wednesday evening at which a resolution was worked in the by-laws and \$1,000 taken from the sick fund and transferred to the general fund. Of this amount \$800 was set apart for distribution among the members of the department pro rata, according to length of membership, at tendance at fires and general utility. Stinner, Lyon and George were selected to distribute the money which was weighed out to the members on Thursday evening.

Joe Jourdan was elected an honorary member. A committee of five was selected with full power to act to arrange for the dance to be given by the department on the evening of the Queen's birthday.

Chief Fletcher was chosen as requisition officer, without whose written order supplies for the volunteer department cannot be secured from merchants. During the meeting a letter was received by Chief F. J. Fletcher from Delmonte, Cal., expressing him of the death of John T. Watson, a half-brother, and a highly respected and much loved member of the community. A resolution of condolence was unanimously passed by the department.

No More Mail.
A small mail, largely from the States, arrived in on Wednesday night, and the police in charge reported that another was supposed to be on the trail, two days behind them. Owing to the advanced stage of spring the local post office authorities have decided not to risk sending out any more mail.

Exchange of Mail.
A batch of American mail, outbound from Circle city, arrived in Dawson Wednesday and was taken in charge at once by N. L. Siegel, who left without loss of time for the outside. A mail was also made up for Circle city, which was dispatched on Thursday in the care of William McDonald. Siegel will not return until the opening of navigation, and no more American mail will be received until that time except such as is now en route through Canadian channels.

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