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A REGRETTABLE INCIDENT.

The decision of the police magistrate, yesterday morning, whereby the right of bail was denied to the men arrested in connection with the affair of the steamer Merwin, was a proceeding unprecedented, we believe, even in this Yukon country, where strange proceedings ordinarily attract little or no attention. The men had been unceremoniously thrown into jail the night before, and, we are informed, did not even know the identity of their accusers. The offense charged against them, when the charges finally became known, was serious enough in itself, but not sufficiently so, in our opinion, to justify the magistrate in remanding the men to prison without bonds, even had the evidence pointed very strongly to their guilt. There are very few offenses which are beyond the limits of the right of giving bonds, and certainly numerous instances can be pointed to where men charged with far more serious acts than were charged in the cases under discussion have been released on bonds pending their appearance for trial.

We are quite willing to concede that the privilege of giving bonds should be granted with discretion, owing to the peculiar conditions which prevail here, chief among which is the opportunity presented to a criminal to escape to the boundary line within a few hours. But this should be considered in determining the amount of bonds, and should not be allowed to affect the general principle involved. Unfortunately, the men concerned in the case are American citizens, and the unusual severity with which they were handled does not tend in any degree to increase the belief that no discrimination is practiced toward aliens in Dawson.

When men are arrested late at night, thrown into jail and left there, in spite of their willingness and ability to give bonds in any amount required, the commission of some serious offense should be shown. Otherwise, there is reasonable ground for belief that they are being subjected to a persecution rather than a prosecution.

It must be said that the administration of the courts of justice in Dawson has been such as to command the highest respect among all classes of people. The people have felt that their rights were safe in the hands of the courts, and that confidence, we believe, has been amply warranted in the past. It is to be regretted that any incident should occur which would tend in any way to lessen the feeling of respect for the courts which has so universally maintained.

ALASKA'S PAYROLLS.

The fact that there are thousands of men employed in the mining and other industries of

Southeastern Alaska and the Upper Yukon valley, today, and still men are in great demand by some of the big enterprises of the region, is a commentary that in itself speaks more than words as to the stability of the institutions of this young country. Where there are a number of big concerns employing labor, it means the distribution of capital through methodical and business means, and where such is done the payroll exists. The word payroll carries with it the idea of business of magnitude.

He who takes into consideration that the payroll of the White Pass & Yukon road, and the auxiliary company that is building its extensions, disburses monthly \$100,000, may admit that surely there is a work of magnitude being done by this road. The distribution of this amount of money every 30 days among an army of men means the filtering of many dollars to all classes of society.

The introduction of hydraulic mining into Atlin will create numerous payrolls, there, and prove a constant source of revenue to the working men of the district and the support of a large population.

The operation of the Treadwell and other large mines in Southeastern Alaska is already supporting towns of no mean population.

The payrolls in the Klondike are constantly increasing in proportion with the increase in the use of hydraulic machinery, treading apparatus and other modern mining equipment, and the population of that region thus insured of a more lasting and stable source of revenue that is to come through the hands of the man who toils.—Alaskan.

A meeting of the committees having the direction of the Fourth of July celebration in charge will be held this evening, and it is earnestly hoped that there will be a full attendance of all who are interested in seeing the day properly observed in Dawson. With the proper amount of energy exhibited by the various committees, the day can be made one which will be observed in a manner that will do full credit to Dawson's reputation, earned by elaborate preparations made for similar occasions in the past.

The number of cases now before the courts, arising from failure of mine operators to fulfill their obligations to laborers, is alarming. If anyone is to suffer by reason of failure of a claim to produce according to expectations, the brunt should come on every other creditor in advance of the laborer. Wages should be made a first lien upon every dump in the country, and the laborer protected against any other encumbrance.

As to Captain Talbot.

The erstwhile skipper of the steamer Merwin has probably shaken Dawson dust from his feet forever, and from the odor he left behind, Dawson will not be looser by his actions. His alleged combination with Quinn to smuggle passengers on the boat without the knowledge of her agents and managers was indeed a very low order of high rascality.

Previous to Major Perry's departure for the outside Capt. Talbot was before him in police court in the capacity of witness in a wage case in which a laborer was suing for wages due on a claim on which Talbot had been foreman and timekeeper. The latter had given the man a time check for a certain number of hours; but after delivering the check to its owner, Talbot changed the figures in his own book, thus materially lessening the number of hours which the timecheck showed the man to have worked. A hasty inspection of Talbot's book showed that altera-

tions had been made in it in various places. This style of bookkeeping was not in line with Major Perry's ideas of honesty, with the result that he took the timebook into his own care for the purpose of looking over it and making a few additions, only the figures in the totals having been altered.

In the meantime the case was settled out of court and nothing more was heard from it; but those who chanced to be present in police court that morning could not form other than the opinion that the big steamboat captain had a system of bookkeeping that would not stand the searchlight of investigation. Capt. Talbot's latest venture is in keeping with and along the same line as altering figures in a timebook.

Brady Is Denounced.

The Alaska Republican convention met in Juneau on May 18th. The evening after the first session the following correspondence was forwarded to the Daily Alaskan:

"There is a great anti-Brady feeling here among the delegates of the Republican district convention, now in session in this city to elect delegates to the national convention.

"It is expected strong resolutions will be passed denouncing the governor and recommending that he be not reappointed.

"It is conceded John G. Price, of Skagway, will be the choice of the convention for national committeeman.

John G. Heid, of Juneau, had made a strong fight but early in the day recognized his defeat and made a complete surrender. He is one of the committeemen on resolutions, which is anti-Brady beyond doubt, and if he should be willing to sign the resolutions drawn by that committee denouncing the governor's course, it is likely he may be chosen as one of the four delegates to the national convention, but he will be first compelled to declare against Bradyism.

"The convention was called to order by John G. Heid, of Juneau, at 2:30 p. m. today. Twenty-five delegates were present. Price, of Skagway, placed in nomination for temporary chairman, Fred Page Tustin, of Wrangell, who was elected without a dissenting voice. On accepting the chair Mr. Tustin made an appropriate address on the great importance of the convention.

It is very evident that Alaska is thoroughly tired of her missionary governor, who, it is said, as a Seattle paper once remarked of Sheldon Jackson, has been with the Indians at Sitka so long that when he goes east he takes a piece of dried salmon with him to rub over the faces of female relatives in order that their kisses may remind him of home. His constituency have nothing against Brady as a teacher of Indians, but as governor of the rapidly growing district of Alaska, he is considered conspicuous for his inability, and ridiculous for the old foggy, narrow-minded ideas which control his actions while on the bridge of the ship of state.

Rich Ore on Lake Bennett.

General Manager Hawkins, of the White Pass road, has a sample of fine ore which he obtained a few days ago while in Bennett which came from along the lake. The ore assays \$60 to the ton, he learned, in gold and silver, but he did not learn the particulars as to the property. The lead is eight miles down the lake from Bennett City, and opposite Camp B.—Alaskan.

It has been about a year since a stream in the same locality was reported to contain gravel yielding \$15. A number rushed to it from Bennett and Skagway, but it proved to be a false alarm, only a few colors being found. However, it would be in keeping with the proverbial luck of the W. P. & Y. Ry. Co. to fall into such a "cold turkey" trap as would be the discovery of sections of rich ore bordering its right of way.

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