

# M'CONNELL CASE

Continues to Develop Features of an Interesting Nature.

## MRS. M'CONNELL WRITES A LETTER

In Which Appears the Word "Retraction."

## MAJOR WOOD IS WILLING

To Withdraw His Case on Certain Terms—Gold Commissioner Senkler Will do the Same.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.  
Mrs. Edward McConnell, the lady who has achieved no little fame in connection with the cases instituted against her by the members of the Yukon council, evidently is no exception to the universally accepted rule which concedes to a lady at any and all times the privilege of changing her mind.

On Saturday evening, too late for publication in the Nugget of that day, the following letter was delivered at the Nugget office:

Dawson, Y. T., March 9, 1901  
Editor Klondike Nugget:

Dear Sir—I have just read the following statement in today's issue of the Nugget, all of which is a false statement. You will please make retraction within three days. Very respectfully yours,

MRS. EDWARD M'CONNELL.

The "statement" referred to was in the form of a clipping from Saturday's Nugget, which clipping was pinned to Mrs. McConnell's letter, and reads as follows:

"Up to late yesterday there were four complaints on file against Mrs. McConnell for the same offense, but during the afternoon she sent her husband to Major Wood, also a member of the council, with a verbal apology in the form of a statement to the effect that the letter to the minister of justice was not intended in any way as a reflection on the character and integrity of the major and that she had not had him in view in referring to the members of the council."

What particular variety of vengeance it is which Mrs. McConnell purposes to let drop upon the Nugget remains to be seen at the expiration of the three days in question. The Nugget is just out of "retraction" type and in consequence is unable to oblige the lady in the way desired. It must be said, however, for the sake of historic accuracy that it was not Mr. McConnell who conveyed his wife's requests to Major Wood. That delicate diplomatic mission was entrusted to no less a personage than Col. Donald MacGregor, hero of a hundred public meetings and spiritual adviser to the community in general.

The colonel, in the capacity of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary conducted the negotiations between Mrs. McConnell and Major Wood and has since acted in a similar capacity in endeavoring to smooth over the difficulty as far as concerns Gold Commissioner Senkler.

Major Wood was shown Mrs. McConnell's letter this morning and stated to a Nugget representative that he was greatly surprised at its contents.

"You may say for me," said the major, "that I am at a loss to understand Mrs. McConnell's present position in the matter. After I filed my suit against her, Col. MacGregor came to me and stated that he wished to see me as a representative of Mrs. McConnell. Mrs. McConnell wished him to convey to me the information that she had not included me in her references to the council and that she regretted that my name had been dragged into the matter."

"I told the colonel that I would accept the explanation as given provided the same was placed in writing and over Mrs. McConnell's signature. This has not been done as yet and until it is done my case will not be withdrawn, but will be prosecuted with the others."

Gold Commissioner Senkler was also seen and made substantially the same statement as Major Wood.

"Col. MacGregor came to me," said

Mr. Senkler, "and told me that Mrs. McConnell did not include me in the references she made to the council in her letter and that no reflections were intended so far as I am concerned. I took the same position which Major Wood did and told Col. MacGregor that when Mrs. McConnell made the same statement in writing over her own signature, that I would withdraw my case. Pending that action on her part there is no change in the situation. My case stands with the others."

The following is Col. MacGregor's statement of his connection with the matter:

"In conversation with Mrs. McConnell on Friday last in regard to being summoned to appear in the police court to answer for statements she made in a communication to the minister of justice in regard to the administrative acts of some members of the Yukon council she said that she always held Major Wood in the highest regard and considered his administrative acts above reproach and nothing had transpired as yet to alter her mind in that respect. She regretted, however, that he unfortunately was in mistake in taking part in the proceedings against her in the police court."

"I replied that I did not believe that Major Wood knowingly would do anything that would be an injustice to anyone. I did not believe that he did in the matter of which she complained. If he was legally responsible in any way, he certainly was not morally and that I would be pleased to have him out of it or any other person that was not in the wrong and with her permission I would approach the major with a view of arriving at a better understanding in the matter. Mrs. McConnell replied that I could act my own pleasure as for her she would be pleased to have any misunderstanding cleared but had no apology to make to anyone. Later I approached Mr. Senkler in the same manner as I understood that he was somewhat reluctant in taking action in the matter. I wished to see him out of it. I stated to both Major Wood and Mr. Senkler that if they withdrew their charges I thought I might be able to prevail on her to make some statement in writing to the effect that she had held both in high esteem and respect."

## NAPOLEON CREEK.

James F. French Returns From a Visit There.

Mr. James F. French, of French & Carroll's grocery, recently returned from a prospecting trip on Napoleon creek in the Fortymile district on the American side.

Napoleon creek is situated just over the divide from Jack Wade and the samples of gold he brought back with him is very similar in color and shape to that of Jack Wade.

"We sank four holes," said Mr. French this morning, "and have the pay streak located. We cannot tell just how rich it is but we believe we have a comfortable fortune awaiting us. We did most of our prospecting on No. 6, but we are interested in No. 7 also. This creek was one of the first located in that district but was thought to be so spotted as to be unprofitable to work. The more work there is done, however, the better the prospects appear and it is expected work will be carried on quite extensively there this summer."

## OFF FOR KOYUKUK.

Party Leaves This Morning Via Fort Yukon.

Victor Virgil Lowry and James Cross started early this morning with four first-class dogs to a sled laden with a good outfit of clothes and provisions for the Koyukuk. They will follow the Yukon to a point 15 miles beyond Fort Yukon where they will leave it and cut across the country, a distance overland of about 250 miles. They expect to cover the river trip in from 12 to 15 days. Last year Lowry, who made the same trip a year ago this month, made it to Fort Yukon in ten days, but the trail at that time was in fine condition owing to the Nome travel. They expect a rather slow and rough trip from the Yukon back to the Koyukuk. While there last year Lowry secured a number of claims and is confident that they will yield good returns for labor this year.

## ANOTHER STAMPEDE NOW ON

This Time It is to Eureka Creek

Where a Concession Has Been Thrown Open to Placer Mining—Rush Started Saturday.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.

At 10 o'clock this morning a notice was posted in the gold commissioner's office which opens for location for placer mining about two-thirds of the concession known as the concession of Eureka creek. While the notice was posted this morning, nevertheless a stampede to the locality in question began on Saturday and continued all day Sunday. It is probable that several hundred people left Dawson for Eureka before the posting of the notice at the gold commissioner's office this morning.

Following is the notice published by the gold commissioner which with many other similar documents are hung on the walls upstairs in the waiting room.

Notice.—Re-Edward Ensel hydraulic application of Eureka creek; commencing at a point about one mile below the forks thence extending up said stream and up the right fork for a distance of three miles and in width extending one-half mile on either side of the center of the valley of the said creek thereof any claims the entries for which was granted or which was staked or located prior to the date upon which the ground within the location was closed by the gold commissioner. Now, therefore, take notice that the order of the gold commissioner of the 14th day of June, 1900, is hereby rescinded insofar as it affects any claims the entries for which were granted, or which were staked and located prior to the 14th day of June, 1900, which claims are now open for relocation.

Given at Dawson this 11th day of March, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m.

J. LANGLOIS BELL,

Assistant Gold Commissioner.

Posted in the office of the gold commissioner at Dawson, this 11th day of March, 1901, at 10 o'clock.

J. L. B.

On June 14th last the following was posted, which closed for location the entire concession part of which is now open.

Take notice, that the hydraulic location applied for by Edward Ensel on Eureka creek, commencing at a point one mile below the forks, thence extending up said stream and up the right fork for a distance of three miles and in width extending one-half miles on either side of center of the valley of said creek, is closed for location under the regulations governing placer mining.

Dated at Dawson the 14th of June, 1900.

The recent order, however, does not entirely destroy the above instrument but curtails the amount of territory covered as a new lease has been allowed the holder of the original concession, Edward Ensel. This instrument was framed at Ottawa on the 8th day of February last on which day the claims not embraced in this instrument was open ground, which could be staked upon, notice being posted stating the day set for the same by the gold commissioner.

Following is a description of the property embraced in the lease:

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land situated, lying, and being in the Indian river mining division in the Yukon territory, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post planted on base line, Eureka creek, the same being lower bottom of creek claim 10a below the forks, and a distance of 3364 feet from angle No. 2 of said base line; thence up the said Eureka creek three miles as shown on plan of survey thereot signed by R. J. Jephson, D. L. S., dated the 12th day of October, 1900, and of record in the timber and mines branch of the department of the interior excepting thereot any claims for which were granted or which were staked or located prior to the date upon which the ground with the location was closed by the gold commissioner.

Dated Feb. 8th, 1901.

Eagle City Hopeful.

Mr. W. F. Wilcox, United States mail inspector, arrived in Dawson yesterday afternoon after a ten-days' trip to Eagle City.

"Eagle City," said Mr. Wilcox, "is very quiet just at present, but the people are looking forward to the railroad being built from Valdes which they

think will greatly liven the country. A telegraph line is under construction from Eagle to Valdes, the government having it in charge and starting work on the 4th of this month."

Mr. Wilcox leaves Wednesday on the stage for Whitehorse.

Two Funerals Yesterday.

Two funerals occurred yesterday afternoon, those of Samuel Keyes, who died at the Good-Samaritan hospital on Wednesday last, and John Gschwindt who died of accidental poisoning in his cabin near the Klondike bridge last Thursday morning.

The funeral ceremony of Samuel Keyes was held in the Masonic hall, the beautiful and impressive rites of the order being conducted by Worshipful Master Dr. C. H. Wells.

Gschwindt's funeral was held from Undertaker Green's and was well attended by the Germans of Dawson. At one time in his life deceased had been a member of the German army and on that account yesterday his coffin was in German colors and covered with the German flag.

Both interments were in the cemetery at the top of the hill.

A Challenge to Shoot.

Dawson, March 9, 1901.

Editor Nugget:

It having been mentioned to me that some parties in the Yukon have been boasting about their prowess with a gun and as I claim to be a fair shot myself, and to settle an argument, I hereby challenge any man in the Yukon for a general shooting contest for \$1000, or any part thereof.

J. P. HUBRICK.

Champagne Flowed.

In four hours Friday afternoon and evening Andy McKenzie, first officer at the Aurora No. 1, cracked 240 quarts of wine, the occasion being the "loosening up" of a number of mining magnates, government employes and other men of means and the inclination to put their means into circulation. McKenzie claims the championship of the Yukon on wine opening.

Candid.

"Did you do nothing to resuscitate the body?" was recently asked of a witness at a coroner's inquest.

"Yes, sir, we searched his pockets", was the reply.

## EXCURSION RATES

Were Given Policemen by Madame Renio.

The conclusion of the preliminary hearing of the Madame Renio case, in which she is charged with sorcery, witchcraft and other illegal practices along the line of fortune telling, occurred in Magistrate Scarth's court this forenoon. A number of witnesses were examined, the majority of whom had allowed her to practice her art upon them, their futures having been revealed to them by her through her alleged knowledge of palm reading.

No less than five members of the police force had called upon her to have their futures hung out on a clothes line for their inspection. The madame's regular charge for reading a palm was \$5, but she had given the police excursion rates, having on one occasion when Constables Stevenson, Timmins and Smith called in a flock, cut her rates in half and sold fortunes in job lots, three for \$7.50. At another time she had charged Constable Fisher only \$2 while she had charged Constable Rusen \$3. In addition to charging the latter an extra dollar she had also told him he is married, which allegation the witness said is not true.

Among other things this woman who draws aside the curtain and looks into the future at so much per look, told Constable Stevenson that he would not make a good miner, that he would not make a good gambler; that he had an accident when little and would make a good detective.

Mesdames Watson and Carrie Lowe, both ex-fortune tellers who had gone out of business when warned to do so by the police, were witnesses in the case but appeared to know but little about it.

Chris Sanwickson had paid the madame \$5 to inspect his hand and give a verdict on it, but she had told him very little.

After hearing the evidence the court assured the peruser of palms that it was sufficient to convict her of the charge, but decision in the case is reserved until 2 p. m. tomorrow. In the meantime the woman is out on her own recognizance.

Auctioneer G. J. Gregory was dismissed on the charge of selling four pounds of tea unfit for use.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

# FIVE YEARS

Of Solitary Confinement Is the Sentence Given by Judge Craig

## TO MOLLY THOMPSON FOR STEALING

Gold Dust to Value of \$411 From Geo. E. Nichols

## AT GRAND FORKS ON FEB. 15

When He Bought Her Wine at Her Hotel, The Globe—Will Apply for New Trial.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.  
Saturday afternoon was given to hearing witnesses in defense of Molly Thompson before Justice Craig. All the evidence was in at 5:45 and the court adjourned to reconvene at 7:30 to hear the argument.

Mr. McCaul, attorney for the defense, made a strong plea in behalf of the prisoner, speaking for nearly an hour and a half.

Mr. Wade, the crown prosecutor, answered in one of the strongest and most eloquent addresses ever delivered in this country. He said, in speaking of the past life of which she had so candidly and unblushingly told in open court, that so far as a person's private life was concerned it was not to be interfered with until it became a menace to the public's welfare, and then the law must step in and protect the public. As far as the evidence in the case went he would credit the statement of John M. Sugrue, who was known to be an intelligent honest man against the evidence of all the witnesses of the defense right down the line who were of the lowest type of human kind.

The witnesses of the defense had been contradictory and the story that such an amount of whisky and wine could be consumed in such a short period could not be accredited by any person of common sense.

The argument was powerful and lasted nearly two hours. At about 11 o'clock the case was given to the jury which returned about 12:30 with a verdict of guilty.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Molly Thompson was taken from the jail to Judge Craig's court where she was sentenced to five years solitary confinement in the district penitentiary.

During all her trial the prisoner bore up remarkably well but broke completely down on receiving her sentence this afternoon.

Before sentence was passed Attorney McCaul for the prisoner gave notice that a new trial will be applied for.

Killed by a Tiger.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 15.—Albert Neilson, 15 years old, a keeper of Hombubs at the zoo in the city, met a terrible death today in the cage of a Bengal tiger.

It was Neilson's duty to feed the cubs at 9 o'clock. Instead of opening the door of the cub cage, he absently opened the door of the tiger's cage. The blood-thirsty animal crouched in a corner until Neilson was well inside the door, then it sprang upon him with a roar, and although he made a fearful struggle, the tiger bore him to the floor. His flesh was torn off, and the tiger, maddened by the taste of fresh blood, was about to begin eating him alive, when help arrived.

Keepers hurried to the scene with red hot irons, and while these were applied mercilessly to the tiger's flanks, five revolver shots were fired into the maddened beast's head. Neilson managed to crawl toward the door, and was quickly dragged from the cage. He died in a few minutes. The tiger was not seriously wounded.

Neilson's home was Piqua, Ohio.

Frosty.

He (feeling his way)—What do you think of a man who leaves his friend and goes off to the north pole?  
She (artlessly)—It depends upon the kind of man you mean, you know. You don't mean to say that you think of going, Mr. Bluffer? Well, I hope you will have an enjoyable trip.—Boston Transcript.