BITTNER'S NEW PLAY

At the Auditorium Monday Night.

"In Old Kentucky," With Miss Lovell as Jockey Riding a Thoroughbred.

Since Mr. Bittener took the management of the Auditorium he has proved what none before his time was able to do, that their is a field in Dawson for the ligitimate drama. He has demonstrated this not only to the satisfaction of the general public but also by the more practical and more satisfying test of box office receipts. Of course his excellent company has had something to do with it, but not the least in the factors to success has been the wise discrimination in the selection of plays to be produced and the manner in which they are staged.

In the latter regard what Mr. Bittner would like to do and what he does are two different things, for in the presentation of any modern drama a manager in Dawson is confronted with so many limitations to the proper display of his natural ability. But all these limitations Mr. Bittner has met and overcome some how, and to the satisfaction of his patrons. On Monday evening he will again attempt the seemingly impossible in a reproduction on the stage of the Auditorium of the famous racing scene from "Old Kentucky," with Miss Lovell riding the thoroughbred racer to victory. Probably no more realistic scene has ever been conceived and produced on a stage, and if Mr. Bittner meets with his usual success in this undertaking "standing room only" will be the motto of the Auditorium for the balance of the week after the first presentation. It will be the talk of the town, in as literal a sense as the winning of the great Suburban Handicap.

Miss Lovell, too, in the costume of a jockey, will be a revelation, and will fill the part just as sweetly as if she was born in old Kentucky where the meadow grass is blue. And then Mr. Bittner himself, who is big enough to stand alone in any part, what he will make of the humorous, courtly, tender-hearted old Kentucky colonel, whose courtship lasts for a generation yet never once wavers, who swears off whiskey and horse racing to such an extent that he views the great race through a knothole in the board fence with a bottle in his pocket, and the gentle humoe with which he excuses himself for these awful crimes to his sweetheart. Mr. Bittner has played many parts in Dawson to public satisfaction, but he has never before had a part which affords so wide a scope to his particular ability and which is so likely will be remembered as his greatest success. As to the plot of the play, it is too well known, probably, to need describing. Its very title is sufficient to recall it, and those who do recall it will be certain to remember the stable yard scenes, with the old negro horse trainer and his troop of lazy piccaninnys. Ray Southard takes this character, and he has been training his band of stable jockeys for weeks, so first class negro melodies and all kinds of buck dancing may be expected.

Mail Due Monday.

A mail-laden stage passed Selkirk at four o'clock yesterday afternoon and should reach Dawson sometime Monday.

No mail left here this morning, nor will a consignment be dispatched before Tuesday morning, the mail contractors not having any horses to take a stage out before that time. Their excuse that they are only bound by their contract to take the mail out once each week is probably valid, but semi-weekly trips from now until the ice is unsafe would not more than average up for the long succession of weeks last fall when no mail either came or went and for a similar inactive period that will be experienced by the patrons of the Dawson post-office previous to and during the breaking up of the river. There was nothing said by the contractors about weekly mails last November, that is, not if events are rightly remembered by the people of Dawson.

Seeks Statehood.

Washington, Jan. 17.—At a special meeting of the House Committee on Territories today a hearing was given to a committee of prominent nonpartisan citizens of New Mexico appointed by the Governor of that territory to appear in behalf of Statehood. B. S. Rodey, Territorial Delegate, made the opening argument. He said that New Mexico had been asking admission to the United States for many years and several times had secured favorable action by one or the other House. The territory had a present population of 300,000, as shown by the annual report of the Governor, and the registration of 60,000 voters, and had great mineral, agricultural, stock-raising and other resources. Asked if President Roosevelt favored admission, he said the delegation had three letters from him stating that he would do all he could to secure Statehood for New Mexico.

Elevator Boy a Hero.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—The La Strain Hotel, a seven-story apartment hotel at 3535 Ellis street, was practically destroyed by fire today. Sixty women and children were in the building when the flames were discovered. About half of them were on the top floor at luncheon and they were thrown into a panic. Otto Bola, the elevator boy, however, succeeded in making several trips through the smoke and flames and carried all of them to safety. The last one out of the building was a paralytic, whom the elevator boy carried to his car and later into the air. The loss is put at $100,000.

The fire originated in a shed at the rear of the building. One fireman was slightly injured by falling glass.

Wild Man in Woods.

Eureka, Jan. 18.—In the vicinity of Orick a wild man of the woods has been seen. Sunday Will Babcock, who resides on the Hayes place, hearing an unfamiliar noise in the brush, and thinking it was a bear, fired one shot. He was surprised at seeing a white man emerge from the bushes on all fours.

That night the wild man attempted to force an entrance into Babcock's house. The wild man has twice been seen in that vicinity but who he is no one knows. A searching party has been organized in Orick.

DOG THIEVES NUMEROUS

Many Complaints Being Made to Police.

Probable Intent is to Sell Stolen Dogs to Koyukuk-Bound Voyagers.

Within the past two weeks upwards of a dozen complaints have been made to the police by persons who have lost valuable dogs and although diligent search has been and is being made around town by both the owners and police, none of the animals have been recovered. When a dog is reported stolen a description of the animal is forwarded both to the police station of Fortymile and to up-river stations, but thus far no reports have been received of arrests.

The supposition is that the dogs are being stolen for the Koyukuk trip which many people will make within the next six weeks. It is possible that no intending voyagers to Koyukuk are stealing dogs, but they may be made the victims of arrest through buying dogs of those who are stealing them. It therefore behooves buyers of dogs to be very careful with whom they negotiate a purchase, otherwise honest and well-meaning people may be subjected to all sorts of delay and embarassment when they reach Fortymile. If those who buy dogs from strangers will procure an "o. k." from the police before leaving Dawson for down the river it may save them trouble and possible arrest at the down river post.

South African Hero.

Captain Pelletier, an officer of the N. W. M. P. stationed at Whitehorse, arrived last night on a short visit and is a guest at the officers' mess. The captain has seen much service in South Africa and is one of the heroes of Paardeburg. The present is his first visit to Dawson, he having only arrived in the territory last October.

Will Soon Return

Mr. Justice Craig was heard from on the last mail. Unless his present plans are altered his lordship will arrive in Dawson the first week in March.

WANTED—Solicitor who has had experience in directory work. Address M, care box 967, city.

If your clothes need pressing, cleaning or repairing see R. I. Goldberg, The Tailor, at Hirshberg's.

SETTLED BY HIS HONOR

Small Debts Procedures Heard Yesterday

Judge Macaulay Renders Judgement in a Number of Petty Territorial Cases.

Nearly the entire day yesterday was devoted in Judge Macaulay's court to the hearing of a number of small debts procedures.

The case of King & Co. vs. C. W. Higgins and E. Ogilvie and that of Donaghy & Fortin vs. E. H. Myers were adjourned.

Dan McDonald vs. Joseph Wintestate, George Murphy vs. H. L. Hedger and Evereste Denoncourt et al vs. W. H. Mendham were settled out of court.

Estelle Lemere had two cases up, one against W. S. Anderson and the other against one Leblanc, both of which were dismissed. The latter was a suit for a balance alleged to be due plaintiff's husband on a wood deal in which defendant was interested.

J. Bucei recovered judgment against Charles A. Scurry in the sum of $66.66.

Fred P. Freeman vs. H. Finesilver was adjourned until Tuesday.

James Tate was given judgment against John Vennie for $98, the amount prayed for in his complaint.

In the case of James E. Case vs. W W. Webb and William Maechter judgment was given against the defendant Webb and dismissed as to Waechter.

John K. Condi vs. F. W. Seddon was non-suited with costs, plaintiff not appearing.

The suit of Barrett & Hull vs. S. G. McLennan was tried, the judgment given being a compromise. The claim sued upon was for $56.65 said to be due for two crates of potatoes purchased from plaintiffs by defendants. One of the crates it is alleged was slightly frost-bitten and defendant demanded a rebate, tendering in payment 2.62 ounces of gold dust, a difference of but $14.70. His honor gave judgment for half the amount, $7.35.

Sudden Death of an Editor.

Iroquois, Jan. 17. — Mr. Wm. A. Whitney, editor and proprietor of the St. Lawrence News, died at 9 o'clock this evening. His press was being run by a water power, when a nut loosened, flooding the office. Having no means of stopping the water at the office, he ran towards the power house, but the shock and exertion were too much for his strength. He had gone about twenty rods when he met his son, who had given the word and was returning. He turned with him and walked a few yards, when he sank on the sidewalk and when carried into an adjacent shop life was extinct. Mr. Whitney was born in Grenville county in 1834, was for twenty-five years headmaster of the Iroquois high school, several years classical master of the Morrisburg collegiate institute, and had been publishing the St. Lawrence News about four years.

Skeleton Found.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 18.—On the grounds at the Puyallup reservation school the skeleton of an Indian has just been found by Superintendent Terry. For more than 200 years the skeleton must have lain in the place of its discovery. A large tree had grown over it and the rings indicate that it was of great age. The skeleton was found on the top of a great pile of clam shells. As the ground thereabouts is the only high land in the vicinity these shells must have been deposited there when the sea washed over the lower part of the valley. Over the bones about two feet of fine soil had accumulated and then the roots of the tree took hold and hid them from sight for two centuries.

Last Night's Stage.

Robertson's stage arrived shortly after last midnight from Whitehorse with Frank Mortimer, D. R. Fenis, L. C. Mann and Frank Lagrue as passengers and 1000 pounds of baggage and freight.

For Mr. Saylor.

The reception to be held by members of the Zero Club in honor of Mr. Henry D. Saylor, recently arrived United States consul, is all arranged for and will be, it is hoped, as enjoyable to Mr. Saylor as it is certain to be to his many hosts. Addresses suitable to the occasion will be delivered, followed by an interesting and highly entertaining program. Sociability and general good-fellowship will characterize the latter part of the evening or early part of the succeeding day.

Still on the Creeks.

Mayor-elect Henry C. Macaulay is still engaged in making a tour of the creeks. An effort was made by those having the meeting on Monday night in charge to find Mr. Macaulay by 'phone this morning but proved unsuccessful. It is the intention to ask the mayor-elect to preside at the meeting on Monday if he returns in time.

Notice of Meeting.

A meeting of the Liberal Association will be held at Pioneer hall this Saturday evening at 8 o'clock to discuss the Treadgold Concession and make such representation to the government as may be deemed proper.

All Liberals, whether members of the association or not, are invited to attend.

J. T. BETHUNE,
Secretary.

Meeting Called.

In pursuance of a request by a number of resident miners of the territory, a mass meeting is hereby called to take place in the A. B. hall on Monday night at 8 o'clock to protest against the closing of a large portion of the district to the individual prospector by the Treadgold concession. All are invited. The gallery will be reserved for the ladies.

DONALD MACGREGOR.

Reception to U. S. Consul.

Members of the Zero Club are notified that a reception will be tendered United States Consul Saylor at the Zero Club tonight. All members are entitled to invite guests.

E. J. FITZPATRICK,
Honorary Secretary.
E. B. CONGDON,
Chairman Reception Committee

THREE YEARS FOR MURDER

Is Sentence Given Badgeley of Ottawa.

He Interfered in a Fight and Killed Charles Murray Five Years Ago.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Harry Badgeley, charged with having killed Charles Murray in 1896, was convicted of manslaughter in the winter assizes yesterday, and was sentenced to three years in Kingston by Chief Justice Meredith. The evidence was reviewed by Mr. T. C. Robinette for Badgeley and Mr. H. H. Dewart, K. C., Crown Prosecutor, at the morning session, and the Chief Justice delivered a very fair and impartial charge. The jury returned a verdict of guilty after deliberating for about an hour.

The Judge passed sentence at the opening of the court in the afternoon. Badgeley said that he was innocent and asked for mercy, but the Chief Justice expressed grave doubts of the prisoner's innocence. His lordship said, in part :—

"The jury has most properly convicted you ; they could have come to no other conclusion on the evidence. You not only persisted in denying your guilt, but went into the witness box and made statements which, if you were guilty, must tell against you. Human life is not to be lightly taken; if the person who takes it is allowed to escape there is no punishment for the crime. In looking at your case I find that you behaved in a most cowardly manner. You had nothing to do with the struggle which was going on, but you interferred and struck this man down from behind. The blow killed him, and you have the responsibility of taking the life of another.

"Since this affair occurred you have been a wanderer on the face of the earth. It is not for me to inquire where you have spent your time, but I am sure that you have done nothing which is to your credit. The sentence which I shall impose may not meet the view of the public in regard to this matter, but that is no concern of mine. I shall satisfy my own conscience, and I hope that the leniency which I am about to show you will do you good."

Badgeley was then sentenced to three years at hard labor in the Kingston penitentiary.

New Publication.

"The Miners' Guide" is the title of a neat little vest pocket publication of 96 pages recently gotten out by Malcolm Scarth for circulation in the city and on the creeks. The book contains a world of information of particular use to the miner and prospector and is of a size so convenient that it can be carried about at all times. Mr. Scarth is on the creeks this week taking orders for his publication.

Frost in California.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—The cold wave continues and the temperature in California tonight is about ten degrees below the normal. Heavy to killing frosts occurred generally this morning and are predicted for tomorrow morning.

Reports from Los Angeles say the coldest weather of the winter prev... in Southern California, the temper... tur? this morning going as low as ... degrees. A heavy frost covered ... ground and ice formed in places. ... rus fruit growers had ample warn... of the approaching cold snap and ... the necessary steps to protect ... anges and lemons. No report... damage have come in as yet, but ... ings have been sent out of still ... er weather tonight, which it is ... will be accompanied by killing ...

Notice of Meeting.

A meeting of the Licensed Vict... lers Association will be held in the Annex Club rooms at 4 p. m. to-day, February 16, 1902.

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