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JOHN BLACK

Honorably Acquitted of Charge of Theft by Magistrate McDonell

GRAND FORKS FRIDAY NIGHT

When Magistrate Said There Was No Evidence of Guilt.

CASE PROMPTLY DISMISSED.

Defendant's Brother Had Charge of Defense But Submitted No Evidence—Nothing to Refute.

For the past three evenings Magistrate McDonell has been engaged at Grand Forks in hearing evidence of the prosecution in the case of John Black, clerk in the office of the mining recorder at that place on the charge of theft. When the prosecution had submitted all its evidence, the defence which was being looked after by Attorney George Black of this city, brother of the defendant, declined to submit any evidence in rebuttal on the grounds that the prosecution had failed, even in a remote degree to substantiate the charge and the court, holding that view, promptly dismissed the case, stating that the young man was honorably acquitted, the evidence of the prosecution not showing a shadow of guilt on his part.

The theft referred to was committed between two and three weeks ago when a sum of money and gold dust aggregating in value something over \$1200 disappeared from the office of the mining recorder at the Forks, the money having been taken in for recording fees in and miners' licenses issued from that office. The gaunt finger of suspicion had to point some place and it finally indicated young Black, an employe of the office. His arrest followed some days later, but as evidenced

by the result of the submission of the testimony of the prosecution, a gross mistake was made and for a time an innocent young man was placed beneath a dark and threatening cloud. Young Black has many friends who have never for an instant believed the charges preferred against him and who will rejoice to know that judicial investigation proved them wholly groundless.

NEW RULES FOR BOATS

Cause Scow Men to Wear Bland Smiles.

There are many surmises among river men these days as to the fate of many steamers which are in commission on the upper river for the present season owing to the fact that many new and inexperienced men are in command of boats. Another reason assigned for probable disaster is that, according to an order issued by Superintendent Darling of the W. P. & Y. R. boats, the steamers will at all times be in charge of the master instead of only when at the docks as has formerly been the case, the pilots being in command of the wheel at all other times. As it is said that there are men on the Yukon with masters' papers who can scarcely distinguish between a compass and a roulette wheel, marine complications may follow their increased range of authority.

A story is going the rounds of the waterfront to the effect that Superintendent Darling wired one of his masters here who was among the first to start up the river to flag every point and bar between Dawson and Whitehorse, presumably for the benefit of his inexperienced men. Skippers familiar with the river from Dawson to Whitehorse assert that if Darling's order is carried out there will be no hunting left in Dawson for use on the "Glorious Fourth," and the man that undertakes to flag all points and bars will not reach Whitehorse before navigation closes next fall.

In view of all these reports scow men are smiling blandly in anticipation of lots of business during the latter half of the season.

The Martony is the best place in Dawson to get a square meal. Rooms in connection.

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HATS
The latest and most durable styles.
SHOES
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We have just received the first consignment of

1901 Butter

From Iowa Creameries. We have also in stock the Elgin Butter which we guarantee to be sweet and fine.

THE LADUE CO.

IF YOU BUY IT OF LADUE CO. IT'S GOOD.

KLONDIKE TOLL BRIDGE

Purchased by Thos. O'Brien and Associates Today—Thrown Open to Public Free of Charge.

About noon today Thos. W. O'Brien and others associated with him purchased the toll bridge which spans the Klondike river between South Dawson and Klondike City and now that thoroughfare is as free to the pedestrian as is any sidewalk, street, avenue or alley in the city of Dawson.

No longer need a man sidetrack and rummage through his clothes and possibly take off a shoe in quest of a festive two-bit piece with which to pay toll; no more need ladies who carry their money cached in their bosomy look embarrassed and decide they didn't care to cross the old bridge anyway. The Boosters' Union will commend the purchase. The Yukon council may now cease from wrestling with a knotty and perplexing problem. The residents of South Dawson and Klondike City may now refrain from using up yards of good paper in petitions to the council, and general rejoicing may be freely indulged in.

NEWS OF THE RIVER

All is Quiet and Will be Until Lebarge Breaks.

Steamer Zealandian is reported off the ways at Lower Lebarge where she has been tied up undergoing repairs and is now ready for sailing. Should the lake show any signs of breaking immediately, she will proceed to Whitehorse.

The Leon sails for St. Michael Monday next followed by the Tyrrell on the 12th. The Susie will be in all probability the next boat after that to leave Dawson for St. Michael.

It is the general opinion among steamboat men at Whitehorse that the lake will break on the 11th.

The following was received by wire this morning:

No boats left Whitehorse. Bonanza King passed Five Fingers at 4 this morning going up.

Steamer Bailey passed Selkirk going up at 10 p. m. last night.

The Victorian arrived at Lower Lebarge this morning at 9 o'clock.

The Arctic Queen formerly Emma Nott is reported by down coming raftsmen to be pausing at the mouth of the slough near Swede creek. Whether the crew mutinied or her machinery got tangled up with the steering gear has not been ascertained. She is carrying about 30 loggers to their summer camps on the Stewart.

Southern Gentleman.

"I am a Southern gentleman, sah, and I go cake-walker," declares R. W. Page, ex-drum major of the Twenty-third infantry, to Attorney A. B. Treadwell, to whom he applied to have papers prepared in a suit which he will file in the United States district court, against the Chutes company for \$10,000 damages.

Page claims the Chutes company in flaming colored advertisements held him up to ridicule. Page is over seven feet tall, and, up to the time of his discharge, he was by far the tallest man in the United States army. Since he quit soldiering he has conducted a billiard parlor near the Presidio gates. The Chutes company is exhibiting a giantess, who has been extensively advertised as a freak. Recently pictures have been printed of Page, showing him to be the tallest man who ever carried a gun in the army. Those pictures brought him into prominence and the advertising man of the Chutes combined the pictures of the ex-drum major and the freak giantess and in the advertisement led the public to believe that the two tall people were to dance a cakewalk.

That was more than Page could stand. He says he does not pose as a freak. His home is in Tennessee and he has no time for cakewalkers. As a Southern gentleman his dignity is ruffled by the announcement that he would engage in a negro dance with a freak lady.—Examiner.

Mije, Crettier, of Amsterdam, who climbed the Breilhorn a short time ago, is the first woman who has made the ascent of this steep Swiss mountain in winter time. The peak is 13,000 feet in height.

Canned spring chicken. Selman & Myers.

Case vs. Carr tonight. Savoy theater.

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The toll bridge and the garbage questions have long been knotty ones and if Tom O'Brien or some other Moses will rise up to pilot the latter question out of the wilderness as he has done that of the toll bridge, men, women and children will rise up and call him blessed.

The price which Mr. O'Brien and his associates are said to have paid is the sum of \$4000 for the bridge and all appurtenances, including the toll house.

COMING AND GOING.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lamb of Eldorado and A. L. Smith are guests at the Regina today.

A. J. Stoel and Geo. Ferguson of Gold Bottom and Jack Hamill of No. 6 Eldorado, are registered at the McDonald hotel.

W. E. Ashbel, one of the pioneer meat dealers of the Yukon, is reported on the way in with a band of cattle. He is accompanied by his wife and son.

Mr. Mendenhall of the U. S. geological survey party is spending a few days at the Forks looking over the country and taking pictures of the mining operations.

Freddie Breen is writing a new play for Ed Dolan entitled "A Freighter Gets Away With a South Dawson Bakery," which will be produced in the near future.

At last reports the garbage crew still rests on the bottom of the river at the dock when it should be up and doing business. Thus far no kodak fiends are reported as having visited it.

Sheriff Eilbeck is out today summoning a jury for the O'Brien case which comes up Monday morning. Nearly 30 summonses will be issued out of which the six jurors will be chosen.

Mr. Theodore Schmidt was arrested at Gold Bottom last night on a capias sworn out by Chas. G. Johansson, the sum claimed by Johansson to be due him from Schmidt being \$10,000.

Waldie Jones, a brother of the Dawson Hardware store proprietor, made a record-breaking trip from town to the summit of the hill from which waves Captain Jack's flag last night, covering the distance and having his arms thrown in loving embrace around Jack's staff in 28 minutes from the time of starting. Another young man started with Jones but was out classed before half way up the hill. The strangest thing about it is that Jones is getting around today without the aid of crutches or a brace for his back.

A Peculiar Accident.

A peculiar accident but one which could not altogether be unexpected happened to the one-story building which was only a short time ago erected next to the postoffice on Third avenue. It looked like a very flimsy structure when it was erected and yesterday the foundation which consisted of blocks of wood placed on the ground was washed loose by the water which gathered under the building and caused it to slide off the foundation and fall about a foot. All the goods have been removed today and the building is being raised and a new foundation of a more solid nature will be put under it.

Paid Under Protest.

S. Dinner who left for the outside on the Bailey Tuesday evening and for whom a capias warrant was issued and telegraphed to Selkirk, was stopped at the latter place but only until he could pay the bill when he was allowed to proceed on his way. The warrant was sworn out by B. Levy, the amount claimed being \$100. Dinner paid the amount under protest, claiming he did not owe it, but paid it in preference to being brought back to Dawson. He is hurrying out to the bedside of his sick wife.

Is Not Improving.

Master Finan, Delaney, the 7-year-old boy who was so badly torn and bitten by a savage dog three weeks ago and who for some time past has been at St. Mary's hospital, is not improving as it was hoped he would and today it is reported that hopes for his recovery are less bright even than they were a few days ago. All possible care is being given the little fellow around whom a great deal of interest centers owing to the uncommon and terrible cause of his illness.

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Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the general executive committee on the Victoria day celebration will be held on Monday the 10th inst. in the Board of Trade rooms at 8:30 p. m. The meeting is called for the purpose of settling all matters in connection with the celebration.

DONALD MAC GREGOR, Chairman.

STAMPEDE ON BONANZA

Sour Dough Gulch the Objective Point for 300 People.

Yesterday was a field day for stampedeers. As is related in the tale of Barbara Fritchie:

"All day long, through Frederick street sounded the tread of marching feet." So through the boulevards leading from Dawson to the creeks a constant stream of humanity trickled out all day yesterday and all last night. Some of the stampedeers knew where their destination lay but others had not the slightest idea. They knew they were stampeding and that was about all.

A large number of both classes finally wound up at Sour Dough creek which enters Bonanza on the left limit at No. 67 below Discovery. Sour Dough creek was a good point for the stampedeers to stop. In the first place it is not far from Dawson and in the second place it produces the advantage of having its banks covered with moss very much as Eldorado creek had before the primeval quiet of that creek was disturbed by the pick and shovel of the sacrilegious prospector.

Another important point which caused much satisfaction to the prospective Sour Dough millionaires is the fact that a dead horse, in an advanced state of decomposition is lying in the creek in about the same relative position occupied by a dead moose as was discovered on Bonanza.

These favorable indications gave great hopes to the crowd numbering more than hundreds of persons who clambered up the precipitous sides of Sour Dough creeks in search of a claim.

A good many of the stampedeers were disappointed by reason of the fact that there were not claims enough to go around. The man who staked No. 30 was compelled to drive his stakes literally into the side of the hill where the creek has its origin, and No. 31, if it had been staked, would have brought its owner on the other side of the ridge looking down toward the Yukon. Barring the fact, however, that some 30 people secured claims about 473 failed to do so, the stampede was a social and financial success—particularly a financial success, in view of the fact that each of the 473 parties concerned was saved a recording fee of \$15, making a total sum of \$7095.

In the language of the society reporter, the stampedeers dispersed at a late hour, the feeling being unanimous that the occasion had been a most profitable one—for the roadhouse keepers along the trail.

To Be Sent Outside.

On the first through boat to Whitehorse the inmates of the Insane asylum will be sent to the outside for treatment.

There are now in the asylum in Dawson seven insane people and there are two to come in from the creeks making a total number of nine to go out.

Several of the service in the Yukon have expired and who are going out either to get their discharge or enter another branch of the service will escort them to the outside. A matron will also be sent to attend to the lady patients.

Two of the 670 members of the English house of commons are over 80 years of age. Spencer Charrington is 82, and Sir T. Mappin is 81. Two others are 78, and 19 are over 70.

Wanted.

Good, live solicitor; good money. Apply at Goetzman's.

Perinet E. Pills Extra Sec Champagne, 52, Regina Club hotel.

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DREDGING MACHINE

Floats Down Yukon From Cassiar Bar and Will be Taken Up Klondike

FOR WORK AT MOUTH OF HUNKER

Which Presents Good Dredging Proposition.

OPERATED BY LEWIS RIVER CO.

Former Work of Company at Upper River Points Not Remunerative From Financial Standpoint.

Two big barges fastened together and bearing a lot of heavy machinery, the craft piloted by a small launch, arrived this morning from Cassiar bar, where, previous to last fall when work was suspended, operations had been carried on for two or three years. The outfit is the property of the Lewis River Mining and Dredging Co., and it is proposed to put the big machine at work on the mouth of Hunker where there is no doubt a large tract of land which will not pay by ordinary placer methods, but which is a good dredging proposition.

About 150 tons of machinery belonging to the apparatus is yet to be brought down the river while 100 tons of new machinery for the same concern is now at St. Michael and is expected on the first steamer up the river. The barges which arrived this morning are tied up almost immediately in front of the old postoffice building but will later be lashed or towed up the Klondike to the mouth of Hunker where the machinery will be placed in position and operations will begin as soon as possible. About a dozen men, including members and employes of the company, arrived on the barges this morning.

Dredging for gold is practically a new feature in this section of the country and the results of the operations of the Lewis River Mining and Dredging Company in the Klondike will be watched with interest. There are said to be a number of fine dredging propositions on both the Stewart and Indian rivers.

Heretofore the company has lost a large sum of money in the operation of the plant and after many experiments and continual failures has decided at last to abandon the enterprise. The original cost of laying down the machinery and appurtenances is said to have been \$750,000, all of which has been a direct loss, labor entirely eating up the returns. The scheme of operation consisted of an engine operating an endless chain of buckets—50 on the string—each with a carrying capacity of one square yard of gravel. The amount handled by the machine is about 2000 yards a day. It takes seven men to operate, three eight hour shifts, two men to a shift with an extra man in case of an emergency. A digger is part of the paraphernalia being used when an obstruction is met at the digging point. When this is operating the buckets are removed from the chain and the digger works independently. For the past two seasons Superintendent Hester has been in charge of the work but upon landing in Dawson he is succeeded by another manager.

Send a copy of Goetzman's Souvenir to your outside friends. A complete pictorial history of the Klondike. For sale at all news stands.

Best mixed drinks in town—Sideboard.

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GOING OUT?

THEN YOU WILL NEED
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